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Dear Friend,

My name is Elmer, and I am proud to be a student at Christian Brothers High School. I hope you’re thinking about making a gift to help with CB’s tuition assistance. **I’d like to tell you a little about my story so you will know the kind of difference you’ll be making in someone’s life when you do.**

I live with my grandparents who are raising me, and I call them my parents. Like any mother and father, they have always wanted the best for me. But because they never had the chance for a quality education, their opportunities for financial success are truly limited. My father is one of the hardest working men I know. But, because he has no education, it seems like he works twice as hard for half the gain. **We’ve faced hardships, but from my father I learned the value of hard work, dedication and humility.** He’s always told me to stay in school, learn and go to college.

When I was in eighth grade, I visited CB’s open house with my best friend. I liked the people and the feel of the school. But in my heart I knew there was no possible way I could go to Christian Brothers. It was so far out of our reach, I didn’t let myself think seriously about attending. Even when I was accepted, in my mind I knew I wouldn’t come here because I knew we couldn’t afford it.

When I got a letter saying that I would receive a full tuition scholarship, it hit me...

I can’t waste this chance!

I love it here. And I am doing everything I can to take advantage of this opportunity. I’m in the Scholars Program, taking Honors and AP classes and keeping my grade point average high. Last year, as a sophomore, I took Honors Math Analysis – a class that normally juniors and seniors take. Mr. English is my favorite teacher and he is the smartest man I know. There’s a reason he is a legend!

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I went to public elementary and middle school. While I had been raised Catholic, as a teenager I began straying from my faith. Then I became a part of this Catholic community. CB has helped me grow stronger in my faith. **It feels like CB is bringing me home.**

At school I meet a lot of new people. But I'm also meeting myself. I'm learning who I am and what's important in my life. Sometimes teenagers don't like school, but CB makes it easy to like it. There is so much going on that it's easy to find something, or a lot of things, that you love. The teachers are really involved. And because everyone is doing something they love, there's a really joyous feel to the environment.

I want you to know, the scholarship I receive has had a huge impact on my life. It's liberating to know that my tuition is covered. Without that worry, I can focus on school and doing the things I need to do. It helps me appreciate my education even more.

I believe that when you are given the gift of education, you have a responsibility to do something with it. I plan to become a doctor, possibly even a surgeon.

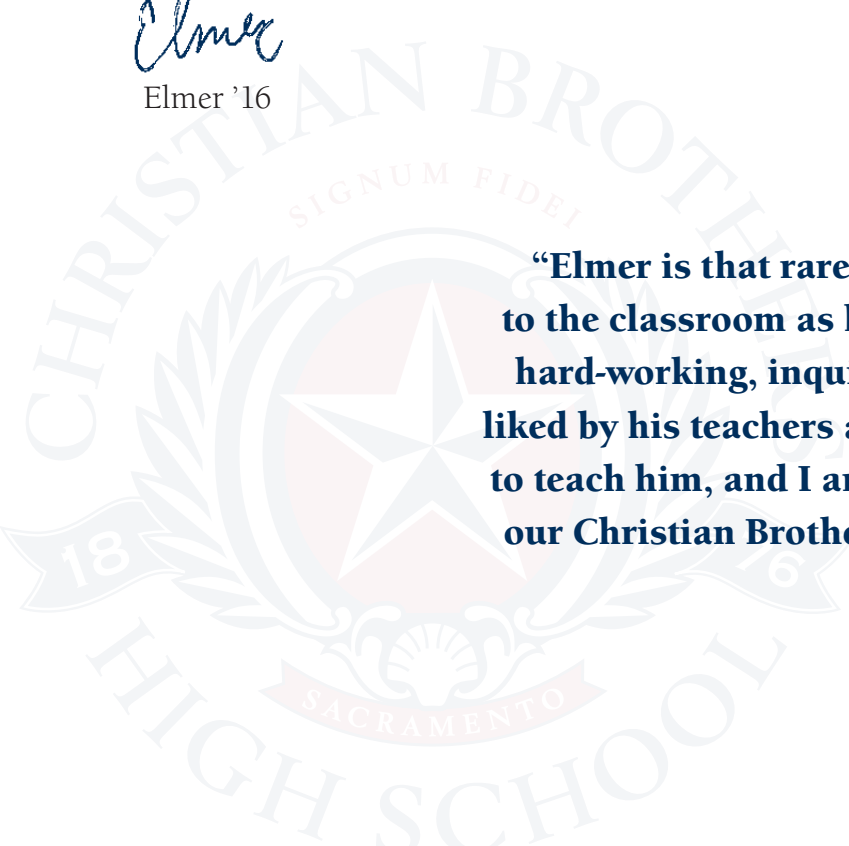
I will stay connected to CB for my entire life. That's the beauty of the Christian Brothers community. And someday, when I am practicing medicine, I will do my part to help a kid just like me have the same opportunity I was given.

If you've made a gift to Christian Brothers, thank you!! Your generosity has given me the opportunity to succeed and make my father proud.

Thank you,



Elmer '16



“Elmer is that rare student who brings as much to the classroom as he takes from it. He is bright, hard-working, inquisitive, appreciative and well-liked by his teachers and his peers. It is truly a joy to teach him, and I am grateful that he is a part of our Christian Brothers High School community.”

- Tom English