



At CB,

*I've learned to set high goals, to work toward them...
but most of all to believe in myself. If I can do it, I
know other students can, too!*

Dear Friend,

My name is Evdokia, which may be hard for you to pronounce. Friends call me Ev or Evi and you should, too. Because I consider you a friend.

My name in Greek, has the root of "Eu" which means "genuine" or "true".

And I am genuinely and truly grateful to you for your support.

Thanks to you, I am a student at Christian Brothers. I love coming to school, and I love what I have gained here. Not only an education, but confidence in myself.

I have a small, loving family. I am the second of two daughters, and live with my mother in Sacramento, where we moved from Greece in 2010. My older sister attends college and returns as often as she can. I love when she is home!

It's hard to imagine the changes that have happened in such a short time. Here, I've learned to consider that the impossible is possible, and to work toward what might seem hopelessly out of reach.

I'm so glad I came to CB during Shadow Days. I hadn't thought that this was the right school for me. My sister encouraged me to have an open mind, and I decided to give it a try. I was so surprised! Everyone was warm and helpful. I was able to be myself.

So that was the first time with CB that I kept an open mind, and tried something new. That's something important that I've learned here: to keep an open mind and to try new things. Not just try but to work toward them.

My teachers here have made a huge impact on me. They encourage me to set goals and to focus my energy on them.

Mr. Delgado said at the very beginning of his biology class that we shouldn't limit ourselves. He said to make goals outside of what we students think is possible and never to underestimate ourselves.

So I made an 'impossible' goal - to get into honors biology. I made it! I never would have thought that I could be the student who is in honors and AP classes. I had encouragement, good teachers and I gained confidence in myself!

Without the scholarship I have at CB and generous alumni like you, this wouldn't have happened. Because I would have been so worried about money. Or I wouldn't even be here to begin with. I'd be at another school, and I wouldn't have these great teachers.

The thing I like most about my teachers is that they care not only about how we do in class, but how we are doing overall. There are teachers like Ms. Chadbourne who don't even have me in class, but who still notice me and ask how I am. The teachers are really interested in how we are as people.

And that makes this school a very special place for us to learn and to grow.

CB is not an easy school. It has a rigorous curriculum. Initially I didn't think I could handle the load, but I've gotten used to it. We learn more than the subject matter. I have gotten real tools like critical thinking and especially writing skills that will help in all of my life.

Writing is the most difficult for me. But Mrs. Wankett said something very important in class: don't write what you think you should write about; write what you need to write about.

So today I am writing to thank you and to tell you that you have really helped me with this scholarship. And that it is going to make a lifelong difference for me and for many other students. It matters very much. I felt like you need to know that.

This year, I'm the Senior Class President and so nervous about the speech I will give at graduation! I am also excited for the future. There is much I look forward to, like studying in a big city and later a career in the Arts.

And I am excited to share with you the impact you have made on me. **Because of donors like you, I was given a scholarship to CB, and it has changed everything for me!** I am so grateful. I think it's important for me to show other students that they, too, can achieve more than they might think. I'd like to encourage others to believe in themselves and to set 'impossible' goals that they can actually reach with focus. If I can do it, so can they!

You may ask yourself, why give? How does it matter? It matters a lot! We receive more than education here. We receive a community. You really are helping students' lives. We may not always know how to communicate it the best but we students are really benefiting and are very grateful.

When you make a gift to CB's scholarship fund, you are helping kids just like me. You are making a big difference in our lives. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Evi '19

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- Senior Class President •*
 - Wants to pursue a career in Visual Arts •*
 - Hobbies include film photography •*
 - Favorite teacher is Danny Delgado '79 •*
 - Attends CB because of a scholarship •*



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