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Class of 2023

Q: Tell us a little about yourself:

A: I am a part of the softball team at my school and have played softball since I was four. I love reading and walking my dogs. I am a part of several clubs at Bradley such as National Honors Society, HOSA, Student Council, Beta Club, and Link Crew. I am Vice president of the National Honor Society and was Vice president of Student Council for two years then President for my other two years.

Q: What have you done since or do you plan to do after graduating from high school?

A: I plan to continue with my job at the Boys & Girls Club this Summer, then in the Fall I plan to attend Lee University.

Q: What accomplishment are you most proud of at this point in your life?

A: I was recently awarded the competitive Gold Rymer Scholarship. This along with other scholarships that I will be receiving will help me financially with my college expenses. I am planning to attend Lee University in the fall. Getting accepted into Lee is also something I am proud of as well. Throughout high school, I managed to complete 18 college credits that will transfer to my university. I am graduating with honors from Bradley Central as well.

Q: What impact did GEAR UP TN or your GEAR UP TN site coordinator have on you?

A: GEAR UP helped prepare me for this chapter of my life, applying for college and applying for scholarships. With the guidance of my site coordinator, I was able to complete my FAFSA and apply to some colleges free of charge.

Q: Of all the activities and services GEAR UP TN provided, what was the most meaningful/helpful for you?

A: I once attended a GEAR UP TN event the summer before my freshman year. We got to stay in actual college dorms, learn more about getting prepared for college, and had a lot of fun. This helped get me connected with my counselors more too. They got to know my interests and the goals I set for myself when it came to college.

Q: What advice would you give a current high school junior or senior?

A: Pay attention to the deadlines, and what your counselors have to say. They are here to help and guide you. Also, no question is a dumb question when it comes to something you want to know about your future, so ask it!