

Interview with Gail Murray, West Brunswick High School Class of 2008 - CIS Scholarship Recipient

1. What are you studying to be?

I am studying Business Administration at Catawba College in the Ketner School of Business. After school, I plan to take my degree and go into banking. I am not exactly sure of what job I hope to have, but I believe my education here will help me figure that out.

2. What are your favorite classes?

My favorite classes are Principles of Economics I and the required First Year Seminar (FYS). My FYS is American Slavery, and although history of any sort is not my favorite subject, the teacher makes the class very fun and helps make connections between things that may seem unrelated. Economics is very fascinating to learn because it pertains to what is going on right now in our economy, and the teacher is also very skilled at keeping the subject intriguing.

3. How did the scholarship help?

The Communities in Schools scholarship made it possible for me to go to college with very little payment of my own put forth. This is, of course, desired of any college student, but was particularly helpful in my case because I was coming from a single-parent home, which made the cost all the more difficult to afford.

4. What would tell other Brunswick County students about college?

In my personal opinion, going off to college is one of the most fun, life-changing events that a person could ever have and everyone should take advantage of it. Going off to college enables you to meet so many people and opens your eyes to not only greater knowledge, but new and more insightful ways of looking at what you already know and what you will learn. It is obvious that many students dread going off to college because the thought of at least four more years of school sounds terrible, but it truly is so much fun. Living at school has been the most fun and amazing time of my life. I have learned so much about myself and have grown in several ways already.

5. What would you say to those thinking of donating scholarships?

To anyone who is considering donating scholarships, providing a student with that help is a blessing in such a great way and shows the student that people in the community do recognize their needs and their abilities. To a prospective student, a scholarship could mean the difference between choosing school and beginning a job out of high school. College is the ideal choice and to make that option more attainable is a huge gift.