

I am a **Brumley-GRAD** Scholar...

I am defeating the odds that have been placed upon me. I recognize my remarkable ability to move forward, even when going backward seems easier. I am a Scholar in every essence of the word, I carry myself in manner that evokes intellect, respect for myself and for others. I know the value and richness of my cultural background while appreciating and valuing that of others.

I know that my personal success is bigger than my personal benefit, for I represent and am responsible for a community, a nation, a world. Thus, I know it is my obligation to prepare my shoulders so others can stand, as I am standing on those who came before me. I carry myself in a way that shows my undeniable appreciation for those who have helped me in my educational journey and personal development.

I am role model, a student, a mentor, a leader, a scholar. I am the better tomorrow thought of by the slave, fought for by the civil rights protestors, and prayed for by every citizen who knows the beauty of equality access, and justice.

I understand my responsibility and I am committed to my education. I do not take it for granted. I know I am young, talented, and beautiful beyond some people's understanding. I am aware that with diligence, commitment, willingness to serve, and with the humility to be served, every educational and career aspiration is within my reach. I know the world is mine and I decide my role in it.

I am constantly evolving. I stand proudly and boldly in my gifts, my talents, and my intellect. My educational, personal, spiritual, and professional developments are vital to my self-love and to my service to others.

I come from greatness, I am greatness. I defeat and learn from obstacles. I know the key to my upward mobility is educational attainment. I am a student. I am a leader. I am valuable asset to my community. I am the dream of some, the hope of others, and the product of the work of many.

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