

In this week's Alumnae Spotlight, we feature Brionne Thompson, from the Class of 2012.

Brionne came to Providence as a seventh grader and stated that, since becoming a student, Providence offered to her a sense of home. Brionne excelled in middle school and continued on through her high school years, becoming very active within the school community. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society), Marian Choristers, and a member of the Varsity Basketball, Volleyball and Track & Field teams.

Following graduation in 2012, Brionne went on to attend Baylor University in Waco, TX. In 2016, she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Medical Humanities. After earning her undergraduate degree, she came home to attend the University of the Incarnate Word. This past May (2018), she earned her Masters Degree in Biomedical Science. And, just last month, she was accepted into

the University of the Incarnate Word- School of Osteopathic Medicine, where she will likely attend medical school for the next four years.

Brionne believes that Providence greatly prepared her for college. Providence challenged her and helped to push her limits- academically, socially, mentally, physically and spiritually. Had she not gone to Providence, she believes that college would've potentially been harder. Providence taught her to be disciplined and responsible, so she didn't have to struggle later in college and in life. Providence showed Brionne that she has so much to offer, and helped empower her as a woman.

She is currently working for Proscribe, LLC, a medical scribe company. Each day, she works alongside physicians, physician's assistants, nurse practitioners, and other medical professionals to document and chart their patient-doctor encounters. In doing so, healthcare providers are able to spend more time with their patients and focusing on their needs, rather than having to sit and document. She was recently promoted to the role of Implementation Trainer. In this role, she will travel across the country, implementing new scribe programs into healthcare facilities.

Brionne's decision to become a doctor was highly influenced by Providence. She stated that Providence emphasized her passion. By being a community dedicated to helping others, Providence engrained the ministry of service into Brionne's life. Hence, she has chosen this vocation, so she may dedicate her life to serving others, in following Jesus' example.

Not only did Providence foster Brionne's academic growth, but it also fostered her spiritual growth. Brionne recounts originally being nervous to enter Providence because she's Baptist. However, she quickly learned that there was no reason to be nervous, as both denominations shared similar beliefs and the community was accepting of all denominations. She was surrounded by like-minded people who loved God just as she did. Furthermore, she was grateful for the opportunity to take religion classes at Providence, stating that this element enhanced her education and helped her to become a well-rounded

individual. Her faith was fostered, especially, by faculty that taught her to be strong in faith and to never forget how Provident our God is.

When asked what advice she'd give to current Provets, Brionne stated "Focus on school, set goals, and study hard, but also have fun, enjoy life, and make lasting memories...Life is short, so live each day to the fullest". She stated that her high school years went by so fast and prepared her for where she is in life now. She enjoyed her high school experience, and is thankful for all it prepared her for, along with the friends she made, some of whom she is still friends with today. Lastly, she stated, "I am grateful to be where I am, and I know I would not be where I am had it not been for Providence. There have been times when I felt like giving up, or when I felt as though I was not good enough, but the strength, discipline, and perseverance instilled in me at Providence, kept me going."

Congratulations, Brionne, on all of your accomplishments. We are so proud of all that you have done, and of all that you will continue to do. You truly exemplify what it means to be a Providence woman. Good luck in all of your endeavors.