

Form Summary

Name	Brandon Dunson
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Birth date	11/24/1993
Age	27
Please Check All that Apply:	African American/Black
High School:	Trotwood High School
High School Mailing Address:	4440 N Union Rd, Trotwood, OH 45426
High School Guidance Counselor:	N/A
High School Contact Phone #	937-854-4908
GPA:	3.5
Class Rank:	N/A
Graduation Date:	June 2013
College Name:	Wright State University
Intended Major/Field of Study:	Computer Engineering
Church Name/Pastor (if member):	Victory In Power Ministries/Bishop Ted Willis Jr
Community Service and/or Extra Curricular Activities (if any):	Sinclair Community College Guatemala Study Abroad Community Service Mission Trip Achieved the goal of being the Vice President of Sinclair Community College Brother to Brother Chapter
Honors and Awards (if any):	Sinclair Community College National Society of Leadership and Success Dayton Ohio Chapter National Engaged Leader Award Recipient of the Choose Ohio First Grant
Please list below the names and amounts of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the coming school year: Name of Award: Amount: Granted/Pending:	Leber Family Fund Sch \$1,916.00 Choose OH First Sch - CS \$4,000.00 Transfer First Scholarship \$500

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Please share your educational and career goals/aspirations and how you plan to move toward greatness:

Growing up on the west side of Dayton was not easy. Every day presented a new obstacle for me to overcome: leaking roof, no heat during the winter, my neighborhood being affected by the drug epidemic, and devastated city schools. My mother has been working two jobs and for many years having to take care of me and my brother by herself. In addition, I was constantly judged by stereotypes, as a young African-American male.

While attending high school, I struggled. I got into an altercation, which changed my life. I was expelled from school, almost not allowing me to graduate. The altercation left me with two broken jaw bones, and I spent days in the hospital, causing me to get behind in my credit hours. It left me with an injury that causes me both mental and physical pain—pain that I must endure for the rest of my life. The injury left me no other alternative but to attend a school that was able to help me get back on track and help me deal with the injury. During that process, I had to spend long hours at school for me to catch up on all the assignments which I fell behind in completing. I was determined to graduate with my class, and nothing was going to stop me. I caught up on my studies and was able to graduate with my class as scheduled. After graduation, I was the first in my family to go straight into college. Which the college of my choice was Sinclair Community College where I was accepted. I also had to sign up for Accessibility Services. That allowed me to receive special services to accommodate my needs of learning.

My current GPA is 2.64. As an Electronic Engineering student, my professor Mrs. Watts explained to me that I should go on the trip to Guatemala in 2017 through Sinclair College. I felt that I would not be able to attend because I didn't have the resources and my financial situation was not good, but I took a leap of faith and went anyway, and it changed my life for the better. In the short time I was in Guatemala, I made strong connections with my fellow Sinclair classmates and faculty. They became like a family to me, allowing me to have a wonderful experience studying abroad for the first time. I was humbled seeing the poverty level, realizing how blessed I am, but also seeing similarities between their situation and my own.

My academic goal was to finish my college education. I graduated in Spring 2021 from Sinclair College with associate degrees in both Computer Engineering and Electronic Engineering, and then to this point I have transferred to a four-year institution for a B.S. degree in Computer Engineering which is Wright State University and will start in the Fall of this year 2021.

My long-term career goal is to work in an aerospace company in the Dayton area and eventually, I want to become the CEO of my own engineering cybersecurity company. To this end, I am also developing my leadership skills. I want to mentor others like I was mentored and inspire them to learn and to study abroad. I believe my experiences from growing up in a poverty-ridden area can show people that no matter where you come from, you can achieve anything in life.