

*Let me introduce you to...*



***Shawna N. Dixon***

Clyde E. Blocker 2010-11 Alumni Association Scholarship

Hometown: Lancaster

Campus Attending: Lancaster

Major: Practical Nursing

*“Receiving the Alumni Association Scholarship was a blessing. I am so thankful to the alumni because it’s a struggle to find the money to stay in school. Now I don’t have to worry about it. It’s amazing that complete strangers are willing to pitch in and help me out. Their faith in me drives me to do my best this academic year.”*

Shawna is a survivor. Over the years, she has met and conquered many life challenges. She grew up in poverty, battled substance abuse, and struggled to provide for her three young sons. Shawna started taking classes at the Lancaster Campus in 2008 to make a better life for herself and her boys. “My education is crucial to me right now. My life and my kids depend on it,” she explained.

Although the honors student carries a full class load and is a busy mother, Shawna still finds time to volunteer regularly at George Washington Elementary School, help out with the Lancaster REC after-school program, and she is actively involved in her church, Kingdom Builders Worship Center. She is studying practical nursing because it’s a growing field, and she enjoys the one-on-one interaction with patients.