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Dear Friends,

On January 24, 2006, Austin College lost a dear friend and outstanding student. As you know, Brittany Simpson lost her life in an automobile accident while returning to the campus, but her legacy will be long remembered here, and her energy and positive attitude will be supportive of all our activities. In the summer of 2005, Brittany had given her dad a framed picture, which included the following quote from Henry David Thoreau: "*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life that you imagined.*" As David and Joy have reflected upon Brittany's life, they can say without a doubt that she definitely was going confidently in the direction of her dreams.

At the time of her death, a memorial fund was established for Brittany in The Woodlands. This fund grew rapidly, and David and Joy recently made a decision to use this fund to establish an Endowed Scholarship at Austin College to support a student who is pursuing the same dream that brought joy to Brittany's life. At Austin College, we have what is called a fifth-year teacher program, which provides students who want to pursue teaching and coaching the opportunity to secure a Master of Arts in Teaching degree during their fifth year. Brittany loved playing basketball, and she also wanted to become a coach. She had made a very confident decision that this was the way she could best serve others. In a speech Brittany gave shortly before her accident, she spoke of becoming a coach, "I can't think of anything better than to be around the thing that I love the most, all day, every day, and pass on what I have learned about the game and about life."

As a result, David and Joy have established this Endowed Scholarship in honor of Brittany to support a student in the Austin Teacher Program who wants to teach and coach. The scholarship will be called *The Brittany Danielle Simpson Endowed Scholarship*. It is the Simpsons' hope that this scholarship endowment will grow to \$100,000 in the coming years.

By establishing an Endowed Scholarship, David and Joy have made it possible for individuals to make future contributions to the endowment by directing their gifts to Austin College. The link to the Austin College online gift page is included on this website.

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Each time a recipient of this scholarship graduates from Austin College and enters the fields of teaching and coaching, Brittany's life will be celebrated. She was a person of faith who embraced life and enjoyed every minute of every moment. Her favorite verse was Galatians 2:20. This verse is noted at the bottom of this letter, so that you can understand the depth and breadth of her faith.

Thank you for considering a gift to the Brittany Danielle Simpson Endowed Scholarship that has been established at Austin College. If you have any questions concerning this scholarship program, you should feel free to direct them to me or to the Office of Institutional Advancement at the college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Oscar C. Page".

Oscar C. Page  
President

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NIV*