



*Not too much has changed since the last time I checked in with you all. I'm working hard toward graduation, have an exciting job and am planning for the future.*

*My journey since I left Trinity seems a long one, although it hasn't been that many years. After graduating from high school and my placement at Trinity, I moved to Tennessee to continue my education. Through a combination of money earned from waitressing, sharing living costs with roommates, financial aid and scholarships, like Trinity's John Apostle Scholarship, I have been able to support myself and now I can almost feel that diploma in my hand.*

*After graduating this December, I would like to start working on my Masters Degree and eventually receive my PhD. I am also considering moving back to California or using my education in service to my country by joining the military. It's amazing to come from a place where I felt I had no options, to having so many.*

*Trinity changed my life, and continues to do so. Although it was certainly not my choice to be in foster placement, the support and guidance I received was so valuable. Through Trinity, I got my first job, graduated from high school, received assistance in applying to colleges and learned to look to my future, instead of to my past. The experience was instrumental in making me the strong, successful person I am today. I don't feel that mine is a "miracle story," because all of us can succeed if we want it enough and work hard enough, and if we are willing to accept help when it is offered.*

*I would like to thank Mrs. Helen Apostle for making my scholarship possible. I would also like to dedicate my personal success to the staff at Trinity-Sacramento.*

*Jennifer, Sara and Ramon - I'm Graduating!*

*Sunny*