

## Recent Alumni Recognition Award Interviews

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**Q: How did you choose to attend CIU?**

*A: My mom and grandad both went to CIU, and when I visited the university as a senior in high school, I felt the Lord leading me there as well. What most appealed to me about CIU was the sense of community on campus and the student body's desire to seek the Lord.*

**Q: What did you study at CIU?**

*A: I received a Master of Arts in Teaching in Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. I minored in Youth Ministry and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL certificate).*

**Q: What did you most enjoy about your time at CIU?**

*A: I really enjoyed studying the Word of God and beginning to form my worldview. Also, I made some lifelong friendships with guys that really pushed me towards Christ. They continue to challenge me, encourage me, and keep me accountable.*

**Q: What did you do after you graduated from CIU?**

*A: After graduation, I started working at Freedom Christian Academy in Fayetteville, NC as a third grade teacher and serving as a mentor/supervisor with Child Evangelism Fellowship in the summers.*

**Q: What do you do now?**

*A: I'm still blessed to be teaching 3rd grade at Freedom Christian Academy. This summer, I've been working with UW Sports Ministry as a Head Coach of college interns. We've been traveling around different parts of Georgia teaching kids about sports and Jesus! After this coming school year, I think the Lord is leading me to teach somewhere else. I'm not sure where yet, but I'm praying about it and excited to see what comes next.*

**Q: Tell me a little bit about your family.**

*A: My parents were missionaries in Burkina Faso, so I was actually born in Africa. Now my parents live in Fayetteville, NC, where my dad works as a finance manager at a car dealership. I have an older brother who lives in Savannah, GA with his wife and three boys, and I have a younger sister who lives in Columbia, SC with her husband. I've been blessed with a family that loves the Lord and loves each other.*

**Q: What advice/encouragement would you give to CURRENT STUDENTS?**

*A: Take advantage of the close Christian community to make meaningful friendships. Use the time you have to study the Word of God and find out what you believe and why, based on Scripture. Above all, develop a deep, loving, trusting relationship with Jesus. He will never let you down.*

**Q: What advice/encouragement would you give to ALUMNI serving around the world?**

**A:** *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.*

*Never forget your need for Christ every day, and don't get so caught up in serving that you leave Jesus out of your life, like Martha in Luke 10:38-42. Everything should stem from our relationship with Jesus; in Him and through Him, we have all that we need to serve and live a godly life.*

**Q: Prayer Requests?**

**A:** *Please pray that the Lord would guide me to where He wants me after this next year of teaching, and pray that I would continue to find my identity in Christ, resting in His grace and presence.*