

# SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## MORGAN MASSEY



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**Birthplace:** Oklahoma City, OK      **Now lives:** Moore, OK

**High School:** Moore, H.S. - Class of 2012

**Field of Study:** Allied Health

**How many semesters have you attended OCCC?** 3 semesters

**Which Scholarships have you received?**

OCCC Association of Alumni & Friends scholarship

**What have been your favorite things about attending school at OCCC?**

I love the small class sizes at OCCC and how all the professors are very personable and try to help you as much as they can. I also like the affordability.

**What are your educational goals?**

I plan on transferring to OU in the fall of 2014 and receiving my bachelor's there in Health and Exercise Science. I then want to apply to PA school and get my degree as a Physician's Assistant.

**What are your professional goals?**

I want to work in a great hospital, helping patients and attending to day-to-day sicknesses and concerns of the hospital. I may want to specialize in a specific field of interest but haven't decided what area to do that in yet.

**Do you belong to / participate in any service groups or volunteer activities?**

I belong to the OCCC Honors program, OCCC Civic Honors Program, the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Future Alumni Network, and the Association of Alumni and Friends.

**What are your favorite hobbies or extracurricular activities?**

I love hanging out with my friends and family and baking the occasional cake. I enjoy watching movies, reading books, and going to public events with my family.

**Have you previously lived or are you now living in circumstances you would describe as being more challenging than those facing the standard "broke college student"?**

I have lived with my father and brother full time since 6th grade, and it's been both a battle and a blessing ever since. Due to some trying circumstances, we have lived in 3 different locations in just the past few weeks which has been emotionally draining. My mother has suffered for many years with substance abuse problems which have led to many bouts of both homelessness and incarceration. I have a half-brother who is four and love him more than anything in the world. My mom is incapable of providing for him though, and I have no idea what is going to happen to him or even where he lives most of the time. It saddens my heart every time I think about it, but I know something good will come out of this. People can either mold their situations or have their situations mold them. Even though bad stuff has happened in my life, I am still very blessed for all I have. I pay bills for myself but am thankful I have those things that need to be paid for, and a job that helps me do that. Even if waiting tables isn't the most glorious job, I enjoy interacting with people. Like I said, we all have our battles - it just depends on our attitude and outlook on life with how we deal with them and grow.

**What has being a scholarship recipient meant to you?**

Being a scholarship recipient has meant so much to me. I appreciate that others care about my education and appreciate how selfless they have been to honor me with their hard earned money. I really am grateful for kind hearted people who help students go to school so we can continue to make this world a better place. Saying thank you 1,000 times probably would not properly communicate my gratitude toward them.

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