

Everything that we do has an impact

Ebony Barney juggles being a fulltime student, mother, and volunteer.

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Transcript

[E. Barney] I have an obligation to do community service. I feel like we all in some way or fashion we all take from the community. We all benefit from, you know, organizations, whether it be campus organizations or community organizations. We all benefit so we have to continue to give back so that those organizations can continue to thrive.

When I told my parents yesterday about it, both of them were really glad to hear the good news, and my dad told me that he was proud of me, so that was a really special moment.

I think one of the things that we need to keep in mind is that everything that we do has some sort of impact. Even if we can't see it immediately, even if it's stuffing envelopes, or tutoring kids, or whatever it is that we do, it all has an impact. And I think a lot of people don't realize that volunteers are the ones that keep these sort of organizations running. It's definitely needed and necessary that we continue to volunteer and give back.

[S. Officer] It pleases us to have Ebony as a recipient of this year's Plater Medallion. She's also a representation of an over-committed IUPUI student. She is hard working, a mother, takes a full load academically with success, and also serves in her community, which is why she received the award. She's a fabulous representation of the Plater Medallion.

Ebony has been a Sam H. Jones Community Service Scholar recipient for the last two years. Her first year in the program she was a Fugate Scholar in which she serves six hours a week at a local elementary and high school encouraging students to go on to post-secondary education.

This most recent year in the program she has committed 10 hours a week to provide service at Windle Phillip School 63, IPS School 63, helping them coordinate community activities for the school.