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Claire Garvey has

seen the hand of God guiding her throughout her life. At the age of 10, Claire's mom was killed in a car accident. Such a sudden loss was obviously heartbreaking, but even at such a young age, Claire knew that God was present in the midst of the tragic experience. After the accident, her dad and stepmom provided a great source of encouragement and strength. "If they weren't there, always pushing me to seek the Lord, I don't know where I would be today," Claire recalls.

Claire attended Grace Community School in Tyler, Texas, for all 15 years of her education, from pre-Kindergarten through her senior year of high school. Throughout high school, Claire grew closer in her relationship with God and began to find opportunities to invest in the lives of younger girls, particularly through working at a local Christian camp, Pine Cove. Many times during these years she heard about Dallas Baptist University, and when the time came to apply for colleges, DBU was one of the first places she considered. The proximity to home was appealing, since she is very close to her family and still wanted to remain involved in her eight-year-old twin sisters' lives.

The greatest draw to DBU, however, was the scholarships that she had been offered for her academics and strong Christian leadership. "I know, without a doubt, that I would not have been able to attend DBU if it were not for the generous support of donors who gave so much so that I could come to school," Claire shares.

Now, in her junior year at DBU, she is involved in her sorority, Zeta Chi, and works as a student assistant in the Office of External Affairs. The Lord has blessed DBU with many supporters who give financially and help further the cause of Christ-centered education. Through annual giving, the establishment of gift annuities, or the creation of trusts, our donors help provide scholarship assistance to students, like Claire, whose education is made possible through scholarships. Thank you for helping make the DBU mission of developing servant leaders and transforming lives a reality!



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