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Dear Professor Thomas,

Not everybody gets to say they had a CNN producer as their professor. Not everybody gets to say they had a phenomenal black woman, Howard alumna and CNN producer as their teacher. However, God saw me deserving of you as my professor last semester.

I heard you were a tough teacher, but I didn't know about the love you shower your students in and the faith you have in them to do better. I came into your class barely knowing anything about producing packages. I was preparing to get a C before even submitting an assignment.

When I submitted my first package, I was ready for you to rip it to pieces and give me a C or less. But you didn't. You told me I did a good job and you told me what I needed to work on. You saw potential where I was ready to see failure.

You pushed me outside of my comfort zone, and for that I thank you.

I walked into your class just knowing that I wasn't going to make use of my degree after graduation. I had my heart set on not loving journalism.

I left your class wanting more out of journalism. You gave me a love for journalism that I didn't know could exist for me. Because of you I am pushing myself more to learn about every aspect of speech-language pathology so that I could be a health journalist in the future. Because of you, I can actually put a package together.

Because of you, I can say I am the producer of a news package that was aired on television.

Thank you for believing in me and showering me in your love. Thank you for showing me that there was more in me than I was settling for. Thank you for always giving aspiring black journalists, especially black woman, a trailblazer to look up.

May God continue to bless you and guide you to impact the lives of those around you.

I love and am forever indebted to you.

Love Always,
Brittany K. Webb