



*Dear BIA and Sponsors,*

*As I come to the end of my journey with BIA, I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you. Your support has made a world of difference in my life, and I'm incredibly grateful for everything you've done to help me reach this point.*

*To the entire BIA team—thank you for creating a space where I could grow and learn. A special thank you to my mentor, Belinda, for her encouragement and guidance, and to Isabella for her support throughout this journey. I also want to thank all my godparents—your belief in me gave me strength when needed, and your kindness and care helped shape the person I am today.*

*Some of my most cherished memories are from the outings we went on together - especially the trip to the Cango Caves and the visit to the elephant park. Those experiences were more than just fun adventures and I'll always carry them with me.*

*Over the years, I've experienced incredible personal growth. I stepped into leadership roles that challenged me and helped build my confidence—from being captain of the boys' hockey team and participating in public speaking competitions, to serving as a hostel prefect, a class representative at university, and a programme representative in the health sciences faculty. These roles pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me find my voice—not just as a leader, but as myself.*

Most significantly, this journey helped me grow into a confident queer young person, proud of who I am. That kind of personal growth is deeply meaningful to me, and it wouldn't have been possible without the supportive environment that BIA and its community created.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue my work as a speech therapist, especially working with children. I'm passionate about helping young people find their voices—literally and figuratively—and creating safe, supportive spaces for them to grow and thrive, just as I was fortunate enough to have. I also look forward to continuing to support my family in every way I can, and making them proud through everything I do. They've been my foundation, and it means everything to be able to give back to them.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for believing in me and for walking alongside me on this incredible journey.

With love and appreciation,  
Terence