I believe Dr. King's dream is a vision for our future because it afforded better opportunities for black people. Dr. King said in his famous "I Have a Dream" speech that he wanted this nation to rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

My future is bright now because I can have my choice of jobs. I can be a doctor, lawyer, engineer, scientist and such. I can have any job of my choosing. My future is bright. I just have to prepare for it.

I am so happy that I don't have to go to the back of a bus, or give up my seat to white people. I can go to any restaurant and be seated and treated with respect and dignity. I don't feel like I am a second- class citizen. I am elated when I travel with my family. We can lodge overnight in the Ritz-Carlton instead of having to sleep on the side of the road in the car.

Dr. King wanted all people to come together in peace and harmony. He wanted all people together regardless of status, race, or creed. Dr. King wanted all of God's children to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

My future was made brighter with many blacks becoming firsts in our country's history. Barack Obama, the 44th and first Black president, Kamala Harris, the first Black female Vice-President of the United States, Ketanji Brown, the first Black female to be a Supreme Court Justice judge, and yours truly, Brin Bradford, being the first black female president of Student Council at Carnegie Elementary School.

I have always gone to a diversified school, where I was judged on merit, work ethic, character, scholastic ability, and not by the color of my skin. I am a member of Women of Excellence, an organization that requires a high grade point average. I am also a member of the Carver Dance Pom team. We do a great deal in the community by performing and serving water at local walks. (Such as the MLK and Breast Cancer walk). I am a Junior usher at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, and a member of WOW (Worship on Wednesday).

Even though Dr. King's dream hasn't been fully realized, our nation is so much better than it was. I will make the world better by being a positive role model, by respecting other people's rights, and by helping others.

In every life we face hard decisions. At those times we can make the safe choice, or the right choice. I, like Dr. King will stand up for the right choice. I will treat everyone with kindness, respect, and love.