

Good morning [Name redacted], I hope this email finds you well.

I was just following up with you, as I recently had the chance of speaking with you at the Networking at Neyland event. Firstly, I just want to thank you for your time and your encouraging words. As a graduating senior, your advice about how to navigate and how to change our mindsets about embarking on our respective careers was a well-needed reminder about how we are running a "marathon" in life, not a "sprint".

I also want to thank you for encouraging my friends and I to seek other opportunities to connect on campus, such as attending plays at the Clarence Brown Theatre. I just want you to know that we kept our word and did attend! I'll attach our picture to this email. (I'm the young lady furthest left, and we were definitely the youngest people there haha!) Luckily, we did not have to pay for tickets because the showing that night was free to everyone.

As far as what I thought about the play, I completely understand now why you raved about "Trouble in Mind" so much. The play was extremely thought-provoking and riveting. It was amazing to see how the play displayed subtle remarks riddled with racism and sexism leading up to a sort of "aha" moment for the protagonist. It was like the title said "Trouble in Mind," a fight between doing what's needed to assimilate and survive in that state of society while maintaining and fighting for your communities' and ultimately your own integrity. From the play, my friends and I had a really engaging dialogue and we agreed to try to attend more productions together! Again, thank you for the recommendation!

It was a pleasure to meet you and pick your brain, and I hope that we can keep in touch! Hopefully, we can meet again and I may have a recommendation of my own to share!

Best,

[Name redacted]

Dear [Name redacted],

My name is [Name redacted] from Memphis, TN. I was given the pleasure of talking to you at the networking event at Neyland. I am a Biology major with a minor in Advertising and PR. My friends and I were able to see the play you recommended to us. We went on Saturday Feb 18, 2023. I thought of the play as enlightening. It did not hold back on how I pictured things in the '50s. I do think it left with a cliffhanger. I was expecting it to finish with how they were going to do the play in the end, but I guess the writer was leaving it to the audience's interpretation. I will say "we were the youngest people in the room". I asked around campus and not many people know about the plays that the school holds, so I think that is why many students do not go. I am happy that you recommended this play to us. We had a great time. I hope all is well with you. P.S. I am the one in the middle.

Sincerely,
[Name redacted]

Good morning,

I hope you are well, [Name redacted]. It was great to meet you at the Neyland networking event and I wanted to thank you for spending time with us. It was a pleasure listening to your wisdom and sharing a meal with you. It resonated with me when you said your family was one of the first people who saw you as a potential doctor, and they were the ones who instilled that idea in you. Since I was a kid, I've heard this from people close to me, and it made me realize that's why I wish to study medicine. With everyone at our table, we watched 'Trouble in Mind' as you recommended. Although our group helped represent the UT community a bit, there were few students in the crowd. I was looking forward to it based on your recommendation and I genuinely enjoyed the show and the story behind it. It was a good recommendation.

Thank you,

[Name redacted]