



2017 Department of Biology Awards

DAVID B. DROWN SCHOLARSHIP FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

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The pursuit of education is something that has always fascinated me. I have always sought out knowledge, and I hope I will continue to do so for the rest of my life. I have been able to put much of my education to real-life use and application,

because my background of growing up on a farm has given me an ability to relate education to useful everyday purposes and develop a practical mind. These traits along with my competitive nature has allowed to succeed as a student.

My high school grades and test scores were well enough to earn me a full-tuition scholarship to Dixie State in St. George, Utah where I finished each semester on the Dean's list and received my Associate's Degree with High Honors. After that I found a program that fascinated me here at Utah State. I love the Public Health program with an emphasis in Industrial Hygiene. It is the perfect fit for me, and I have been able to continue finishing each and every semester on the Dean's List all while working to make the necessary money to finish out my schooling.

In between my time at Dixie State and Utah State I was privileged to donate two years of my life in service of those outside my community. I was able to live in the State of Washington for these years and meet many new people and provide service to a variety of groups and individuals. I continue to help others and some organization as time allows. In November 2016 I was able to be part of a fundraiser for a local charity named "Common Ground" in Logan. Me and a group consisting of friends and classmates put on a talent show and sold tickets to the student body and all the proceeds went to Common Ground and we were able to raise over \$1,600 for this great organization.

When not attending school I like to occupy my time with various hobbies. I mentioned I had grown up on a farm, and that childhood farm is where my heart will always be. I enjoy often going home to help my father in his agricultural career where I can take satisfaction in hard labor. I also enjoy playing various sports amongst my friends. The sports and too many to number, but my favorite will always be the sport of basketball.

I plan to graduate from Utah State University in the spring of 2018 and then gain employment as an Industrial Hygienist. After gaining enough experience in the field of Health and Safety it is my ambition to sit for and pass both the Certified Industrial Hygienist and the Certified Safety Professional exams.