

## 2017 Department of Biology Awards

IVAN G. PALMBLAD SCHOLARSHIP

*Tyler Ayers, Biology & Biological Engineering*



Tyler Ayers is a senior dual-majoring in Biology with a Human Biology emphasis and Biological Engineering and a minor in Chemistry. He expects to graduate in Fall 2019. He currently has a 3.88 GPA and has received various scholarships. While attending Utah State University, he has gained valuable experience through assisting with research in the Biology and Biological Engineering departments. He currently works as an undergraduate researcher in the Synthetic Waste to Bioproducts Engineering Center. Tyler was born and raised in Idaho Falls, ID, where his family currently resides. Following graduation, he plans on pursuing a Master's degree in Biological Engineering and to pursue a career as an engineer specializing in bioremediation, where he will be able to contribute to the community and support his family. Tyler lives with his wife, Celicia, who is the love of his life. Together they enjoy attending live performances and plays, cooking, and outdoor activities. He is active in his church community and strives to serve others around him. He loves to serve others and works hard to pursue his goals in all aspects of his life.