



## 2017 Department of Biology Awards

JOSEPH E. GREAVES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

*Alex Durrant, Biology*

I was born in Fort Collins, Colorado in 1995 but have lived in Cache Valley for the majority of my life. I am the oldest in a family of seven and grew up in North Logan and Hyde Park. I got married just after Christmas last year to my wife who also graduated Sky View High School. I graduated Sky View High School In 2013 with honors and started studying at Utah State two years later. Between high school and college I spent two years in Ecuador as an LDS missionary where I had many leadership and service oriented opportunities. I aspire to becoming an optometrist after finishing my undergraduate and graduate degrees. I am currently one year away from finishing with my undergraduate degree and hop to start applying to graduate programs this summer I am currently a member of the USU Optometry Club which has provided me with a lot of experience in learning from professionals. I am also preparing for a two week service trip to Uganda, Africa where I will assist in giving free eye exams to the people there. I received my Eagle Scout award prior to graduating high school. My passions include running, rock climbing, and reading classic novels.

