

## 2017 Department of Biology Awards

### GENE AND RUTH MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

*Anna Gale, Biological Science-Composite Teaching*



I have always loved learning and teaching. I am pursuing a teaching degree in Biology, with a chemistry minor. I also have interest in the medical field and gaining a higher education in medicine. I study hard in my courses to prepare for possible

medical or research positions in which it is critical for me to have a solid understanding of this material. I value the education I receive. I have always admired the educators I was blessed to learn from and be surrounded with growing up. Teaching is a noble profession and educators shape lives. I want to work to become a skilled and caring educator.

I seek opportunities to work with students out of doors. I volunteered for Natural Resource Days and had the opportunity to teach 4th graders about ecosystems and watersheds. I volunteer with Operation Underground Railroad and also seek ways to help my peers at Utah State through volunteering at the Disability Resource Center. I hope to participate in programs this summer working with students.

Growing up my father would teach me in our garden or in the mountains about the plants we would see: how they are classified, what nutrients they use to grow, how pests harm them, and what processes they use to live. He instilled his love of plants in me and after I took a Botany class in high school, I was hooked. I was fascinated by the diversity of plants and the clever and complex processes they use to live in environments all over the world. I plan to teach my children and future students the wonders of the botanical world. I am so grateful for the generosity of Dr. Gene and Mrs. Ruth Miller.