

## 2017 Department of Biology Awards

THOMAS L. BAHLER SCHOLARSHIP

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I was born in Logan, Utah, and moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where I grew up, when I was just two years old. I attended Highland High School, where I was involved in football, wrestling and track and field. I also enjoyed playing basketball with my church group, camping, fishing, snowmobiling and spending time with my family. I studied for a year at Utah State University, and was involved in various scholastic and recreation activities, such as research in the

Dr. Ward lab, participation in the Honors program, the wrestling club program, the crossfit group, and intramural sports. I then had the unique opportunity to serve an LDS mission in both Rochester, New York, and Ribeirão Preto, Brazil from 2013-2015.

Fast-forward to now, and I currently have a wonderful little family with my wife, Aubry, and daughter, Everette. I am a year away from graduating with university and departmental honors in Human Biology, with minors in Chemistry and Portuguese. I am heavily involved with the pre-medical community at Utah State, and I participate in the pre-medical leadership community with the aim of benefitting all students interested in the healthcare industry at the university. I balance those responsibilities with familial interests, work obligations, and a full-time academic schedule. I also am beginning a year-long research project as my university capstone experience studying the underreporting of concussions amongst different demographics, which will earn me perhaps a scientific publication and the designation of undergraduate research scholar.