



2017 Department of Biology Awards

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John McClatchy, Doctoral Candidate

I grew up in a family of six with three brothers and no sisters (my mother is quite patient). I am a 3.96 GPA, with a dual major in human biology and Bioveterinary science, and minors in chemistry and computer science. I am also an honors student with an undergraduate student researcher's designation. I work at the institute of antiviral research, where I work as an in vivo technician helping to perform the studies of the seven professors' who run the institute. There I have also had the privilege to work on studies of my own, including characterization of enterovirus D68 and an exploration into the long-term effects of cell passaging on immortalized cell lines (the MDCK cell line).

When I am not at work or studying, I am generally longboarding, doing gymnastics, ballroom dance, hiking, climbing and competing in triathlons and Spartans. I love these activities, and it has been my pleasure to have the chance to teach both ballroom dance and gymnastics in the community here in Logan and in my hometown of Stansbury Park. If I am not outside during my free-time I am likely playing board games with my friends, cooking, baking, writing fiction for fun, or just learning about something I think is neat.

I also enjoy being involved in my community. During my time, here at USU I have been a part of the premed club, UNICEF (united nations international children's emergency fund), and a member of the gymnastics club. I have been an emergency room volunteer at the Logan Regional Hospital and a hospice volunteer with intermountain healthcare. Both of which I have found rather fulfilling.

