



2017 Department of Biology Awards

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Nathan Payne, Biology

My name is Nathan Payne, I am a Logan native and love Utah State. I was an honor roll student in high school, served an LDS mission in Ecuador for 2 years, and am currently an honor roll student at USU. I love being active and busy with anything. I enjoy skiing, golf, football, basketball, and running. Last year I ran my first marathon which was a lot of work, and even more sweat. My dad is an inspiration to me because of how little he had growing up and going through college but was able to become a successful person because of his hard work ethic. Volunteering and helping others is my real passion. I was a part of a research symposium at USU and presented a poster about periodontal chips that we made at the spider silk lab and now continue working there as a researcher working with proteins. I also am a TA for a biology course here on campus where I am able to teach students about a topic I love. My current academic goals are to continue receiving good grades so I can continue being a TA and volunteering in the community. I love studying and going to school and hope to be able to get into dental school to become a dentist.

