

2017 Department of Biology Awards

JOSEPH E. GREAVES ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Casey Quayle, Biology



My name is Casey Quayle and I am a sophomore studying human biology at Utah State University. I am so grateful that I have the opportunity to further my education, because I realize there are many that are not given this opportunity. My parents taught me from an early age that education and knowledge are a person's greatest assets. I truly believe this, and consequently, I have always worked hard to make my education a priority. I attended Box Elder

High School, where I maintained spot on the honor roll for twelve consecutive trimesters, and I was ultimately honored as valedictorian for the graduating class of 2015. I maintained my grades while also participating in numerous extracurricular activities. I especially loved playing sports; throughout my high school career, I received ten letterman awards in three different sports. As a senior, I was honored as a member of the All Area first team in girls' basketball, along with receiving academic all-state honors in girls' basketball, volleyball, and track & field. I will forever be grateful for the friendships made, memories formed, leadership and communication skills I developed while playing these sports. After graduation, I chose to attend Utah State University. For the past two years, I have continued to make academics a priority. I have maintained a 4.0 grade point average while taking rigorous courses, participating in club activities, intramural sports, and working part-time. I am a member of several different student clubs including Aggie Health, No Lost Generation, and just recently the Perspectives Club. Membership in these clubs has provided me opportunities that I would not have otherwise had. This includes volunteering at Red Cross blood drives, as well as raising funds and awareness for refugees here in Cache county. As far as volunteer work goes, I love working with children and have had many opportunities to do so in my life. Throughout high school, I volunteered at summer camps put on by my high school teams and the city recreation department each summer. These camps help children learn basic skills in different sports in a fun atmosphere. I attended these very same camps when I was younger and I always looked up to the instructors; they were my ultimate role models. I am so glad that I now can return the favor and be a positive role model for these young children. My current goal is to graduate from Utah State in the spring of 2019, and go on to attend an accredited Physician Assistant program. The vast majority of jobs that I have held up to this point in my life have involved children. I worked as youth basketball referee, taught at youth skill camps, and I am currently coaching a youth volleyball team. I simply love being around children. Their unflinchingly positive outlook on life is contagious. I cannot think of a more deserving group of individuals. Consequently, my long-term career goal is to work at a pediatric hospital, as I want to do everything in my power to keep those bright smiles on children's faces and help them stay healthy.