



2017 Department of Biology Awards

JOSEPH K.-K. LI SCHOLARSHIP

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Academics have always been top priority to me. My parents made sure to instill in me a sense of curiosity and wonder in regards to how the world works. Through my parents' caring encouragement, I have accomplished a lot in my academic career. I graduated from my high school with high honors with an unweighted GPA of 4.0. I received the highest GPA award for my high school during my junior and senior year. When transferring into Utah State from a previous college, I received the Dean's nonresident transfer scholarship, which paid for four semesters of tuition at Utah State. I have maintained a 3.99 GPA throughout college and have made great strides in becoming involved with the school and the community. I am the current assistant director of Aggie Outdoor Volunteers, the vice-president of pre-Soma, and vice-president of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity at Utah State. My hobbies include reading about current biology research in peer-reviewed journals such as *Nature* and *Scientific American*. In addition to this, I enjoy hiking, intellectual debate, and watching anime. My current academic goals are to graduate Summa Cum Laude from Utah State with a degree in biology. After that, I plan on going to medical school where I will pursue my dream of becoming a neuroendocrinologist. I hope to be involved in research in my career, most notably with research on the effects of hormone regulation in the body versus someone's overall well-being. I am excited to tackle the problems of tomorrow in the medical field as I try every day to become a better student, a better friend, and a better member of the community.

