



*Weston R. and Jolayne Innes Scholarship*

**Ricki Burnett**

Biological Science-Composite Teaching, Senior

A few things about me:

My name is Ricki Burnett. I currently live in Perry, Utah and commute to Logan to attend class. I am the youngest of three children and was raised by my mother. My favorite place to be is Yellowstone National Park. The beauty and peace found within the park is refreshing. I enjoy nature and all that it offers. I also enjoy woodworking and attending concerts. I have recently been trying to improve my cooking skills and have had limited success.

I am majoring in Biological Science-Composite Teaching with a minor in Chemistry Teaching because of my passion for science and for teaching. I have had the opportunity to work as a Human Anatomy tutor and currently as a Human Physiology tutor for Utah State University. I have greatly enjoyed my experience at USU and I have learned so much that will improve my life for years to come.

Recently, I began working on a research project involving the antibacterial enzyme lysozyme. This research project involves the investigation of different sources of the enzyme and development of extraction procedures. This research project will lead to the development of a teaching lab that will be used by future students. Having research experience will greatly increase my ability to develop activities for students in my future classroom. This summer I will begin a teaching internship at Utah State University- Brigham City Campus. This internship will be incredibly valuable and I will gain skills that will last a lifetime.

After graduation, I plan to begin my teaching career. I plan to continue my education and attend graduate school. In the future, after I have completed more education and have gained experience, I dream to become a Professor.

Being the recipient of the Weston R. and Jolayne Innes Scholarship will greatly assist me throughout the 2015-2016 school year by eliminating the stress of having student loans. With this gift, I will be able to focus on my education rather than worrying about paying for my tuition. Being the recipient of this scholarship means the world to me and I greatly appreciate your selection. Thank you!

