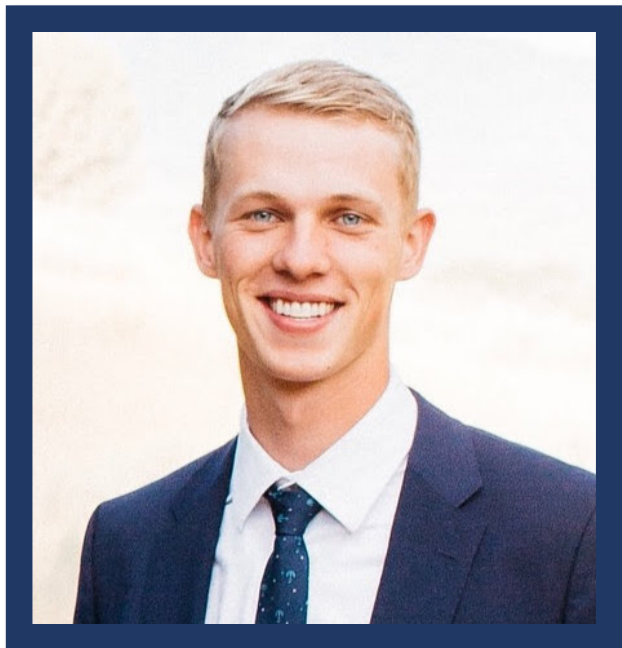


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Tyler Stevens, Human Biology



My name is Tyler Stevens and I am from Twin Falls, Idaho. I grew up playing basketball and running track. My favorite track event was hurdling, which led to a lot of scrapes and a few victories. I chose to attend Utah State because of their athletics, academic reputation, and research opportunities. I

am studying Human Biology and minoring in Chemistry and Business in preparation for dental school. I am the president of the pre-dental club, and I'm proud of the impact we've had as a club this year! Along with some other amazing leaders in the club, we've organized numerous recruiting and educational events on campus, a dental education day at an elementary school, a dental supplies donation drive, and a humanitarian trip to Tijuana, Mexico. I also like to have fun while attending USU. I play basketball on intramural and church league teams. Last year, I was part of the Mr. USU pageant and was named Mr. Science. In that pageant, I had a blast performing and dancing and getting to know the other amazing guys in the show. When the weather is warm, I love to mountain bike and fly fish. I even started tying my own flies last fall and I'm excited to catch a fish on a fly I've made! After graduating next spring, I plan to attend dental school. I ultimately want to specialize in endodontics and help relieve oral pain through root canal therapy and apicoectomies. I want to be a dentist because it will allow me to live my core values of compassion, leadership, service, and being family-centered. Speaking of family, I married my beautiful wife Jaslyn in December. We're excited to graduate together next year and move to dental school somewhere where we'll start our family and life together! I love USU, and I'm grateful for the scholarship donors, teachers who spend their time educating me, and classmates who have become close friends.