

2020 Department of Biology Awards

JAY R. WEST AND LORRAINE M. WEST ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Tyson Weight, Human Biology



My name is Tyson Weight, and this is my short autobiography: I am married to my best friend, Olivia. We both attend college; she for speech pathology and me for dentistry. My favorite hobbies are learning, playing basketball and volleyball, going on long runs and hikes, exploring the mountains, kayaking, building LEGOs volunteering at the Kid's Place, and of course spending time with my wife. I grew up in a family of six that moved around every 3-5 years and loved getting to know all kinds of different people. I speak some German and am fluent in Spanish. I have lived in Logan for almost a year now and absolutely love the beautiful mountains and what they provide. I have always viewed academics as an opportunity to grow and become more in order to eventually give back and contribute to society. For me, this means doing the best I can in my classes and truly learning the information, not just studying to pass my tests. While not perfect, I feel that my current GPA of 3.92 reflects my diligent effort. Service has always been a major part of my life. The first major service (aside from the regular assisting neighbors with leaf clean up and snow removal) was when I was a sophomore in high school. At the time I lived in New Jersey and was very close to the devastation of Hurricane Irene in 2011 and then Superstorm Sandy in 2012. I was able to witness firsthand not only the destructive force of nature but also the constructive efforts of a community come together as a volunteered over 40 hours each year to help others less fortunate. Since then, I have strived to fit in 3-4 hours of community service every week. Even though some weeks I come short, I have found that serving others makes me genuinely happier. My favorite places I have volunteered have been at Ephraim Elementary School working one on one with students with learning disabilities and at The Kid's Place where I am a friend to children going through hard times. As mentioned previously, I am a pre dental student who will, after completing my residency to become a pediatric dentist, return to school and get a PhD in oral physiology. With this experience and subsequent research, I hope to improve the oral hygiene of young children in America and worldwide. My wife and I both look forward to going on yearly humanitarian trips and making service a major part of our family life.