



*THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP*

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A few things about me:

I am a third-year Cellular/Molecular Biology undergraduate, with the plans of going into exotic or zoological veterinary medicine. I think it's the perfect mix of wildlife, conservation, and medicine. I have become a scientist, a biologist, and a herpetologist. Science is, and always will be, my life and these skills I acquire at Utah State will help in vet school and long after. I work in Dr. Susannah French's lab where I study reptile stress physiology, and I am also a keeper at the Willow Park Zoo in Logan, Utah. Outside of school and work, I enjoy climbing and snowboarding, as well as Irish dance! I teach the Celtic Dance PE class here on campus which has been a surprising and fun twist to my USU experience. The skills I have acquired and the memories I have made at Utah State University will help me achieve my goal of becoming a veterinarian, and will follow me throughout my life. Go Aggies!

