

2017 Department of Biology Awards

JOHN R. SIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP

Hunter Bell, Biology



I have been a part of the Department of Biology since entering this university as a full time student in the fall of 2015. I entered this university with a dream that I have been pursuing since I was just a kid. That was to one day go to medical school to become a doctor and be able to help the world, one patient at a time. Currently my short term goal, is to maintain my GPA and to score high on the MCAT in the summer of 2018. I have a passion for the world of athletics that has been a part of me since I was a young kid playing football and lacrosse. I am currently coaching Mountain Crest High lacrosse because I wanted to impact the sport that taught me so many of life's greatest lessons. I really enjoy helping kids learn how to work together as a team and dedicate their efforts to a cause greater than themselves. After years of enduring many injuries, being on the receiving end of the care gave me a real look at the struggles of injured athletes and the drive to get back onto the field. I want to follow a path similar to the physicians which helped me through my injuries by pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery with a specialty in sports medicine. One way that I have been working towards this dream is my activity in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, a nationally recognized honor society here at Utah State. I enjoy the service opportunities that we are given such as tutoring junior high students in the local area. After a year of involvement with the society, I have been selected to serve as the chapter president for the 2017-18 academic year. My father is one of my largest inspirations. He helped to shape the man I am today. I am not only working my way towards my dream, but working towards fulfilling the dreams of both myself and my father. During the summer, I work to raise money to help fund my education. Over the last 2 years I have had the help of the Aggie Merit Scholarship to help me afford my education. With this scholarship ending this spring, I am now honored be chosen as a recipient for the John R. Simmons Scholarship. With the help of the generous donations of the Simmons family, I am able to continue to pursue my dreams with less of a financial burden. I cannot express enough appreciation for the Simmons family for what they have done for me.