



Sophomore Scholarship Winner



Brenna Johnson

Grade:	Sophomore
Major:	Psychology: Minor: Criminal Justice
Hometown:	Anchorage, AK
Synergy Classes:	Exploring the Functions of Storytelling; English 1010
Goal for after College	I plan to move back to Alaska and work as a counselor for troubled teens at a juvenile detention facility. And I hope to eventually earn my Phd in Psychology.

Except from Brenna's Essay

College is not for everyone. My father, my boyfriend, and some of my friends chose alternative forms of education and lifestyles after high school. Personally, I think the decision to go in a different direction is equally admirable and respectable. That being said, I have always known that my path after high school would include a college career, and I am sincerely happy that I made the choice to pursue that dream. Coming to college has already taught me many new things, both

inside and out of the classroom, and has expanded my view of the world. I am already certain that my college career will have a positive influence on my future. Coming from a small town, I had never been surrounded by so many people my age, and had never been on the college scene. Even going to University sports events and activities was new for me. While attending these events was fun and helped me come out of my shell a little, the two things that

changed me most were: the independence of living on my own, and the huge variety of people/opinions. Before coming to the University, I was a very close minded person, and I thought that I would never change my mind about certain things. I soon realized that my view of the world was extremely one-sided and sheltered.