

# Sophomore Scholarship Winner



## Ed Bednarz

Grade:	Sophomore
Major:	Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management
Hometown:	Cody, Wyoming
Synergy Classes:	English 1010, 2015
Goal after College	To move back to Cody and find employment within the huge tourism economy.

### Excerpt from Essay

I am a non-traditional student, entering my freshman year with the University of Wyoming at the age of 27. Being an older age has been nothing short of different, but I think it has helped me in various ways over the past couple semesters. Having a higher level of maturity, I have noticed fellow students seeking me out for help regarding assignments and advise for various issues regarding school. It has also helped me personally, being able to keep myself on track.

There are a couple reason that come to mind, which stand out to me that influence my want to do well in my studies at the university. The first one would be the Synergy program and what it offers students. Through my FYS and Communications classes I gained a huge sense of comfort and motivation. At first the program was an ice breaker and allowed me to break out of my shell with my fellow classmates. Starting college so late in life I was very intimidated and skeptical if I was doing the right thing. I soon

started looking forward to going to class and enjoying my time on campus. The staff at Wyoming is second to none. They are always willing to reach out in many ways and help me where I need it. If they don't have the answer I need, they are always able to point me in the right direction.

Another thing that influences my ambition to be at the University of Wyoming is the student life associated with living here. Electing to skip out on college post high school, I never got to experience.