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Major:	Political Science
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Goal after College	to pursue a life full of adventure, politics, and putting one hundred percent in everything I do

Excerpt from Essay

When I entered High School, I had to learn to readjust to my limitations, so eagerly I joined every sport or club I could find, and on my search, I found a club called Youth for Justice. This club, which a teacher runs in school, taught me to help write, support, and lobby legislation in Wyoming's State Government. This club intrigued me and enticed me to pursue a career in Political Science here at the University of Wyoming. I also have so much gratitude for all the books that have changed me as a man. Jack Kerouac's 'On the Road' taught me to explore, Walt Whitman's 'Leaves of Grass' taught me that contradiction is normal, and Edward Abbey's 'Desert Solitaire' coached me to appreciate nature and life in general.

So far in College, my experiences with my teachers and peers have changed me entirely. For example, Mollie Hand, a Professor I had from last semester, is constantly reaching out and sending me opportunities such as this scholarship to help me pursue my degree. On another note, I am grateful for my friends here at UW. On Spring Break, one of my closest friends and I went to all five National Parks in Utah. We camped, hiked, rock climbed, and had the best time. During our visit to Zion National Park, we pursued a four-pitch climb that took us to one of the tallest peaks in Zion that only one percent of park

goers get to see. I was overwhelmed by gratitude, tears, and happiness when I reached the summit. Hence, as I mentioned earlier, a few years ago, I thought I'd never live a life like the one I'm living. At that moment, I had climbed a couple of hundred feet with my closest friends in one of the most beautiful places in the world, and it's very safe to say College is the sole reason that had given me that opportunity. That experience will impact my future by being a constant reminder to be optimistic and be patient when life might get hard.