

Sophomore Scholarship Winner

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Major:	Sociology
Hometown:	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Goal after College	to continue my education into graduate school and further into social science jobs

Excerpt from Essay

Attending this university has shown the acceptance and pride in diversity and has allowed me to feel comfortable utilizing my support animal and integrating into the campus culture. I remember my first few steps officially on campus, and it was refreshing. I entered a whole new world of education, life, and success, and being able to share that with my family was indescribable. While the people were welcoming and accepting of me, as well as they were completely wonderful in aiding my disability, I felt a part of the UW family. I spent most of my time in UW pretty introverted, until recently; It

was the first day in my art class, and it was intimidating because its a college level course, yet, the atmosphere and unity in the room was glowing with positivity. I like to think that being able to express my differences and artistic ability in a judgement free area shaped my outlook of my college career, as I would come to understand, college doesn't has to be difficult and stressful, it can be challenging and unifying with people just like you. Community and connections would become my most important aspects of my college years and would change my attitude of how I approach my education. The University of Wyoming has pushed me to find myself and has shown me I have an opportunity-full future ahead. I have never been so academically challenged and so motivationally supported at the same time! Apart from priding my family with a higher education, I plan to utilize my degree in Sociology to delve deeper into society and spread the feeling of positive change throughout all diverse backgrounds.

