



Sophomore Scholarship Winner



Lindsey McMillan

Grade:	Sophomore
Major:	Speech & Language Pathology
Hometown:	Albuquerque, New Mexico
Synergy Classes:	Sports and Society
Goal after College	To become a speech therapist and help children communicate.

Excerpt from Essay

When I was a young girl I had a speech impediment. I was not able to pronounce my s's and r's. I worked endlessly on my pronunciation and my self-confidence to talk out loud. I was in speech therapy from kindergarten until I reach fourth grade. My speech therapist, Noel, made a lasting impression on me by helping me to be able to communicate, which gave me more self-confidence. She is the reason why I want to become a speech therapist who specializes in pediatrics. I would like the

opportunity to give children a chance to express themselves through spoken and written words. I also would like to give children who have speech and language problem the self-confidence to express themselves not only in a small group setting but in large group settings. With a degree, I will be able to help my patients be able to speak and write clearly and expand on various topics. My experiences at speech therapy will allow me to empathize with chil-

dren. By becoming a certified speech therapist, I will be able to learn the different tools to be able to make a positive impact on their lives, like Noel did for me.

On the first day of class I was able to sit with strangers and start to develop friendships. The small class sizes help me feel more comfortable and allowed me to make connections with my professors.