



Sophomore Scholarship Winner



Logan Lichtenheld

Grade:	Sophomore
Major:	Zoology
Hometown:	Aurora, CO
Synergy Classes:	The Art of Knowledge
Goal for after College	My goal for my future after college is to fulfill my dream of becoming a zookeeper. I have always had a passion for animals.

Except from Logan’s Essay

The first year of college was a huge milestone that many people experience in their lives because it is a time in life where everything is new, people start to grow into the person they want to be, and independence is gained. An experience or “moment” that I had during my first year of college that has shaped my thinking is at the beginning of the second semester. My experience occurred while I was in my Intro to Latina/o Studies class in when we were reading the book, *Harvest of Empire* by Juan Gonzalez. In this book it describes the diaspora of the different Latino groups and how they migrated to the

United States through telling the experiences and hardships that each of these groups had while on their journey to the United States. While reading *Harvest of Empire* it reshaped my thinking as the reader, because I was learning history through a different perspective that it is not always represented in most history books. That is one of the things that I enjoy about this class because it reshapes your thinking to see another perspective. This experience from *Harvest of Empire* has made me realize how diverse the University of Wyoming is. Seeing all of the wide ranges cultures that are here on campus has had me parallel my experience with them to *Harvest of Empire*. For

example, on campus there is the multicultural center, which allows different ethnicities to come together. By seeing all of the different ethnic groups that are represented on campus influences me to be more involved on campus to learn their story and to surround myself with people that have similar interests as me, even if it is only going to the University of Wyoming. *Harvest of Empire* has made me think about where students use to be and think about the decisions they made to come here for their education. This has made me want to become more approachable and understanding for the rest of my years in college.