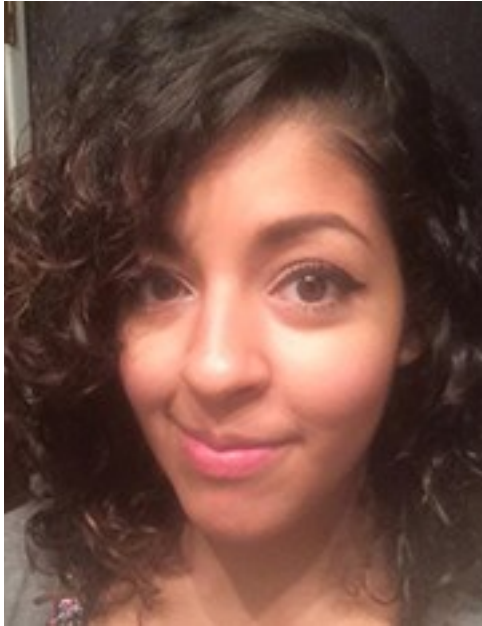




# Sophomore Scholarship Winner



## Olivia Cole

<b>Grade:</b>	Sophomore
<b>Major:</b>	Elementary Education
<b>Hometown:</b>	Cody, WY
<b>Synergy Classes:</b>	English 1010, FYS: Globalization
<b>Goal for after College</b>	To become a fourth grade teacher that inspires her students everyday to go out and change the world.

### Except from Olivia's Essay

One particular memory that will forever impact my life from my college experience so far is the Alternative Spring Break trip I took this year to San Francisco, California through the SLCE organization. There were multiple trips that traveled with the SLCE Alternative Spring Breaks and each trip had their own main focus or projects. My trip focused on Hunger and Homelessness in San Francisco. I cannot even begin to describe how many lessons I have taken away from this trip. There was one moment of the trip that I feel, however, is necessary to share. While my group and I were there, we spent some time around homeless people and actually had lunch with them at a soup kitchen. While at the soup kitchen,

I had the privilege of hearing a homeless woman tell me her story of how she became homeless. She told me she had lost everything. Her house, her daughter (whom died recently), and her husband (whom she recently divorce). This shocked me because this woman sitting in front of me was so strong even for losing so much. I left the soup kitchen and sat on the side of a street in San Francisco cuddled in a ball of tears. That moment truly changed my life forever. This moment and many more on the trip like this taught me so much about not taking anything for granted, whether that be my college education, my home, or even my family. I will never be able to thank the university, SLCE, or

any of the people who came with me for the memories and moments I got to experience on this trip. It was undoubtedly remarkable and I feel so fortunate to have seen a new perspective on life like I did on this trip just from being in college.