

2018 Longmont Branch Scholarship Recipients ... In their own words

Megan Tatusko ... I just graduated from the University of Colorado Boulder, Magna Cum Laude, with a degree in Chemical and Biological Engineering. I first want to thank the Longmont Chapter of AAUW for continuing to support my education. I cannot even begin to express how grateful I am for your support in me reaching my dreams. At the University of Colorado, I was heavily involved with Timmy Global Health, a nonprofit organization that helps support basic health care in Quito, Ecuador. I was able to volunteer in our Ecuador clinics twice while in undergrad and I also served as the club's Director of Fundraising, Trip Coordinator, and President. In addition to my involvement in Timmy Global Health, I was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Omega Chi Epsilon, two different engineering honor societies. I worked in a research lab investigating how genetic mutations interact to impact radiation sensitivity. Outside of the University, I volunteer regularly at the homeless shelter and hospital. This fall I am very excited to be starting medical school at State University of New York Upstate Medical University, where I hope to study to be a pediatrician. Thank you again for all your support as I work towards this goal!

Madison Precht ... I am graduating from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Prevention and Intervention Sciences. I will be continuing my education at Washington University in St. Louis, pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work. Someday, I hope to work in Child Protective Services and implement changes in policy to help reduce the time children are spending in foster care and expedite permanency placements. During my time at Colorado State University, I have been a member of Pi Beta Phi, Colleges Against Cancer, Dance Marathon, Ram Welcome, the President's Leadership Program, and Order of Omega. I volunteered for the Denver Rescue Mission, the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, the Center for Family and Couple Therapy, Columbine Health Systems, and worked for the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. I am excited to move to St. Louis and explore the child welfare model in Missouri, as well as attend one of the top Social Work programs in the nation.

Sydney Blackburn ... I am a sophomore at the University of Northern Colorado, majoring in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Special Education. Since I was in the second grade I have dreamed of becoming a teacher. I had many wonderful teachers along the way who inspired and instilled a love for learning in me, and because of this I have always felt called to the profession. I believe education creates opportunity and I want to encourage, inspire and create that love for learning in my students, like so many of my teachers did for me. Helping kids has always been very near and dear to my heart, as many of my volunteer activities have revolved around helping children. I have volunteered at Mead Elementary School since I was in the sixth grade, volunteered at youth volleyball camps and been involved in fundraising efforts that involved helping kids and those in need. I am a high achiever and strive to be the best I can be in all I do. I have been invited to participate in the UNC Honors Program and while in high school received numerous academic and athletic accolades. I have a great family who have supported and encouraged me in everything I do, and for that I am grateful.