Pueblo County CSU Alumni Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO: Cierra Dobney for the 2020-2021 academic year.
Cierra is a Freshman from Colorado majoring in Biochemistry with a concentration in Health and Medical Sciences.

STATE OF BEING

I moved to Pueblo, CO in the middle of my freshman year with no idea of what my future held for me. Though moving took some time to adapt to, I quickly engaged in different clubs and extracurricular activities that allowed me to meet new people and pursue my hobbies. I joined the Pueblo West High School Marching Band, which granted me numerous opportunities such as participation in Jazz Band, Festival of Winds Honor Band, Southern Colorado Honor Band, the Pueblo Youth Symphony, and more. I also found my love for conservation and the environment through my leadership in projects for "Renew Our Schools" and the "Urban Climate Action Network." The knowledge I gained from these experiences inspired me to help initiate Conservation Club in my own school. Growing up with a single mom, I was always taught to pursue my dreams even when they may seem difficult to accomplish. With the influence of my animal-loving grandma and mom, I hope to become a veterinarian so that I can change the lives of as many animals as possible.

STATE OF DREAMS

As I continue my educational journey, I would love to fulfill all of my academic and career objectives. The primary goal I wish to accomplish is to become a veterinarian; becoming a veterinarian would allow me to pursue my interests, while still contributing quality service to my community. To begin, I intend to major in Biochemistry to earn my Bachelor of Science. I hope to then be accepted into graduate school where I can earn my Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Though the educational workload to complete this goal will be strenuous, I feel strongly that the sacrifices made will be unparalleled to the rewards gained. In addition to majoring in Biochemistry, I would like to minor in Spanish. After dedicating four years to Spanish classes, I have discovered that effective communication can transform relationships for the better. Since my future career will be heavily surrounded around the community, I would like to improve my communication skills, so that I can provide adequate care to as many people as possible. Though minoring in Spanish is an additional feat, I believe that overcoming a language barrier will present many opportunities, not just for me, but for my entire community.

To further challenge my academic rigor, I have been accepted into Colorado State University's Honors Program. The knowledge I hope to gain from such a prestigious opportunity will enlighten me, and further improve my communication skills. Contributing to a close-knit program will allow me to develop relationships that will encourage my educational success. Finally, I hope to research and discover as much as I can, so that my career as a veterinarian is as meaningful as it can be. I would like to transform animal communities, inform owners, and change aspects of animal care that need much improvement. My long term academic and career goals will be very challenging to pursue, but I believe that my passions, dedication, and hard work will drive me to success.
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STATE OF GRATITUDE

My experience at Colorado State University will be nothing short of an amazing academic journey. The education and experience that I will gain from various academic and extracurricular opportunities will ensure that I flourish academically, intellectually, and socially, so that my future career as a veterinarian is successful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Pueblo County CSU Alumni donors for their generosity in funding my higher education. I am extremely appreciative of your consideration, and honored that I have been chosen as a recipient of this award. My involvement in high school has been the key to my success, and I plan to stay just as involved in university. Although attending higher-level education will be rewarding, the monetary price can be overwhelming. In order to become a veterinarian, I will have to attend approximately eight years of schooling. The financial aid I receive will ensure that my goals are met, so I can positively affect my community. The Pueblo County CSU Alumni Scholarship will allow me to disregard the monetary downfalls of education so that I can focus on the knowledge that I can gain from it and the consequent change I can provide.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity in funding my higher education. I am extremely appreciative of your consideration, and honored that I have been chosen as a recipient of this award. By gifting me this scholarship, you have granted me the ability to focus on the enriching aspects of higher education rather than the financial ones, which I am forever thankful for.

STATE OF HONOR

- National Honor Society
- Marching Band
- Concert Band
- Key Club Knowledge Bowl
- Conservation Club
- Festival of Winds Southern Colorado
- Renew Our Schools Conservation Project
- Urban Climate Action Network Research Camp Invention (STEM Camp)
- Pueblo Youth Symphony Jazz Band
- Pueblo West Community Band
- 4 year Honor Roll Recipient