

At BYU I had the opportunity to learn academically and spiritually, then I was encouraged to go forth and serve.

I studied genetics and biotechnology. I was fortunate to participate in extensive mentored experiences at the genetics lab. I currently use this knowledge as a biology instructor. But I also remember my BYU professors' kindness, dedication, and interest in their students' well-being. I strive to emulate their example with my own students, trying to be a positive influence and showing that I care for their learning, just as my BYU professors did.

I also learned to study the scriptures more deeply, and I was blessed to have professors and classmates who shared their testimony and light with me. Their examples of humility, faith, dedication, and kindness have stuck with me. I strive to do the same as I raise my own family, serve in my ward, minister to a disabled friend, and interact with those around me.

I can honestly say that my BYU education made me a better person, and I will always be grateful for it. I hope that I can continue to live up to this institution's motto, "enter to learn; go forth to serve." Go Cougars!