



**Taryn Santeramo**

Taryn Santeramo is the daughter of Scott and Brechen Santeramo of Johnstown, CO. She is an 11-year member of Calico 'n Jeans 4-H club and was involved in numerous projects such as Cloverbud, market sheep, artistic clothing, cake decorating, etc. She is currently a senior at Roosevelt High School participating in band, color guard, dance club, dance team, G.E.E.K. and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend CSU and pursue a study in physical therapy.

Taryn's long term goal is to have some kind of role in the medical field. She is fascinated with the medical field from surgery to recovery. In school she made numerous schedule changes for her senior year that involved human anatomy, medical terminology and AP biology and has really enjoyed the classes. She has also been given an opportunity to job-shadow a surgeon at the Orthopedic Center of the Rockies. The path she will be taking during her college years at CSU leads her in the right direction of becoming a physical therapist. She will be studying as a major in Health and Exercise science. Taryn has been dancing for many years and it has given her much knowledge of body awareness so she will also be doing a double major in dance at CSU which can hopefully tie in with her first major.

While pursuing physical therapy is a logical choice for her as a dancer. She will remain open to her path and see what inspires her most in the medical field, whether it is specifically helping athletes and dancers or generally helping others following trauma.

Taryn's 4-H experience has allowed her to reinforce her leadership skills, by being an officer in her club. She learned to apply leadership skills while serving as Co-captain on her dance team and color guard captain in band working on communication skills and organization within those roles. As club secretary, an office she presently holds she has learned to carry her voice in a large forum and create correspondence with supporting entities. She has also been the club reporter and the club alternate of her local club. Her 4-H citizenship has included working the leader's food booth and she has been a 4-H clerk every year since the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Taryn was also inspired to apply for and was selected to represent her community at Colorado Girls State in June of 2016 and is very excited for her CWF experience coming up in June to embellish her Girls State experience from last summer.

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