

# Looking For People's Strengths

## Sue Winger hopes to apply lessons from U of I at medical school

Spokane native Sue Winger is a senior majoring in medical sciences and microbiology. The 22-year-old will be graduating in spring 2019 and will be applying to medical school in the coming year. In her free time, Winger is a student coach with Moscow's Rebel Tigers Special Olympics team and volunteers with the Gritman Medical Center emergency room, the [Raven Scholars Program](#) and the [College of Science Ambassador Program](#).

"I love to focus on people's strengths, and I think that that outlook is important for a leader."

"I got involved in the Special Olympics, because it's important to remember someone's identity is not made up of just one component, but many."

Winger measures nutrient broth into test tubes so she can grow bacteria in the lab of Eva Top, a professor in the College of Science.

"I have learned not to be afraid of failure. I realized I am more afraid of being stuck doing something I'm not passionate about."

"My friends all have a genuine desire to learn things at college that will be applicable to their lives after graduation."

Doctoral student Clinton Elg and Winger discuss the evolution of superbugs, infectious bacteria that are resistant to many antibiotics.

"At U of I, I learned the importance of having a support system. Life really comes down to the connections we make with others."

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