

## **ARIZONA INJURY LAW GROUP ANNOUNCES WINNER OF \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO ANNELEIGH TWER**

We are pleased to announce that AnneLeigh Twer has been selected to receive the Arizona Injury Law Group's scholarship award. We received many excellent applications and we wish everyone who submitted an application the best of success in their academic pursuits. We hope that our \$1,500 scholarship award will encourage AnneLeigh and help her to achieve her goals. We asked AnneLeigh to tell us about herself so we could share her story. She provided us with this photo and this thoughtful and inspiring bio.



“Hi! My name is AnneLeigh Twer and I will be attending the University of Arizona in Fall of 2022. I am a Global Studies major on a Pre-Medicine track with the intention of continuing to medical school to become a neurosurgeon.

I am from Charlotte, North Carolina but I love traveling. I am currently spending a gap semester on Oahu, Hawaii working at a refugee center as well as volunteering at a few other organizations.

I have always been passionate about refugees and immigrants and plan to connect this passion with a career by furthering research on how trauma affects the brain, specifically in these communities. Being a neurosurgeon will allow me to explore the depth of brain injuries biologically and psychologically.

In December of 2021 I had the opportunity to shadow a neurosurgeon in Chattanooga, Tennessee for a week. I spent half the time in surgeries with him and the other half following him around his clinic as he did postoperative follow ups. Most of the patients I met had undergone spinal surgery due to a work related accident. After meeting countless patients who had all gone through extensive surgeries due to a work related accident, the common theme was not how much time they would be able to take off of work, but rather how fast they would be able to return to their worksite. This amazed me given the fact that all of these people had endured substantial and major surgeries due to a lack of safety in their respective workplaces. Every workplace environment is different and while it is desirable that most bosses do not rush their employees back to work after undergoing intense surgical procedures, the reality is that many do. This pattern is especially seen in minority and blue collar communities.

Speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves is important to Arizona Injury Law Group and it is what they do best.

I am so thankful to receive this scholarship Arizona Injury Law Group because we both care about the same things and are motivated to help people. With this scholarship, I will be able to continue to work with communities in need and further the education of others around me!”