## I Heart My City

I "heart" my city. No really, I do. I love living in Sandy. Why? In 2005, I was born at Alta View. I was practically a 4<sup>th</sup> of July baby. My birthday is July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the night I was born my parents stood at the windows and held me up to see fireworks going off. This beautiful city welcomed me in grand style. If I had to choose the main reason why I love my city it is because it is filled with the most patriotic, hard working, and giving people in America. I see people in my neighborhood working in their yards, helping neighbors cut down tree branches, visiting elderly neighbors, and having BBQS. I love the pride people feel for our community. I do recognize though that Sandy faces challenges. Last January, I was coming home from a Junior Jazz game when I was struck by a drunk driver. Physically, I recovered within a couple of months. However, emotionally it has taken me almost a year to forgive the man who hit me. How could the problem of drunk driving be solved in our community? I think the best way is for everyone to be educated from an early age that drinking and driving don't mix. I tell everyone I know "Never drink and drive." I hope to always live in Sandy. I want to raise my kids here. I want them to learn to love Sandy just as much as I do.