

Aggies Elevated Student to Climb for a Cause | CPD

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Aggies Elevated student Troy Shumway will climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in June to raise funds for the program

What would you do for a program that changed the course of your life?

Troy Shumway is climbing Tanzania's Mt. Kilimanjaro—at 19,341 feet, the highest mountain on the African continent—in June 2015.

He's doing it to raise awareness—and money—for Aggies Elevated, a privately funded, two-year program at Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities.

Aggies Elevated, whose tagline is "Climb Higher," offers a real-life college experience to young adults with intellectual disabilities. Young adults who have the same dreams and aspirations as other college students, but who, until recently, have not had the same opportunities.

Troy is one of those students. The 20-year-old San Diego, Calif., native, who loves Marvel comics and action movies, is completing his first year at Aggies Elevated and has experienced the program's benefits first-hand. And now he intends to pay it forward, by climbing higher than he has ever has before.

"It would be great to have other kids with disabilities be able to come to college and learn to be more independent, like I did," Troy said. "

Troy wants to use his climb to give another student the opportunity he's embraced at Utah State. He wants to raise \$40,000—the amount it costs to fund the academic and social supports including mentors, tutors and staff—for one Aggies Elevated student. (Anything over \$40,000 means additional students can be supported!)

[Donate here.](#)

There are five giving options:

\$19 Mt. Kilimanjaro is more than 19,000 feet high.

\$98 Mt. Kilimanjaro is more than 9,800 miles from Troy's hometown of San Diego.

\$130 The cost per school day to support each Aggies Elevated student.

\$300 \$1 for each school day of the Aggies Elevated program.

\$?? A donation amount of your own choosing, for the most adventurous!

Donations to Aggies Elevated at Utah State University are tax-deductible. You will receive a receipt of your donation via e-mail.

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