

Rendezvous 2012

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Friday, March 30, 2012
Sentry Theater, Stevens Point



College
of Natural Resources

*CNR Winterim trip in Belize
(Photo by Sue Kissinger)*

2012 CNR Rendezvous Scholarship Program

Welcome Address – Dean Christine Thomas

CNR Undergraduate Research Symposium – Dr. Rich Hauer

CNR Student Scholarships

Presenters: Dr. Les Werner and Dr. Dan Isermann

Field Techniques in Natural Resources Scholarships

Associate Dean Paul Doruska

Outstanding Achievement Awards

Outstanding CNR Sophomore – Erik Hendrickson

Outstanding CNR Junior – Jacob Marty

Outstanding CNR Senior – Danielle Berger

Outstanding Forestry Student Award – Marissa Vine

Outstanding Water Resource Student Award – Lucas Nathan

Outstanding Soil and Waste Resources Student Award – Joel Stokdyk

Outstanding Resource Management Student Award – Marie Fargo

Outstanding Wildlife Student Award – Andy Richardson

Outstanding CNR Graduate Research Assistant Award – Ryan Stephens

Outstanding CNR Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Kathleen Mahoney

Outstanding CNR Graduate Student Awards – Jessica Piispanen

Outstanding CNR Undergraduate Student Award – Victoria Bertolami

Outstanding Teacher in the College of Natural Resources – Les Werner

CNR STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The College of Natural Resources Student Research Symposium began in 2000 with the purpose of creating a venue for students to present and receive feedback on their creative and scholarly research performed independently, as parts of summer jobs and internships, student organization projects, or as extensions of projects begun in the classroom with the collaboration of a faculty advisor. Symposium participants have benefited from the experience or presenting to an audience of faculty and staff, peer, and professionals in natural resources fields. Participants receive important feedback on their work based on criteria which is also used to rank the students, with the top quarter in both the poster and oral presentation categories receiving monetary awards.

CLIVE A. DAVID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Clive A. David, retired professor of Forestry, was a driving force in establishing the CNR Student Research Symposium in 2000. Dr. David passed away in November 2004 after a lengthy illness. He was considered a champion among the faculty and students who plan and coordinate this annual event. His leadership and vision were important in making the symposium a success. Throughout his years of teaching, 1989-2003, Dr. David encouraged his colleagues to support, and students to participate in, undergraduate research. Some of his projects related to deforestation and soil erosion prevention, windbreaks, and solid waste. Dr. David's excellence in teaching was recognized several times during his career by both colleagues and students. He was named a UW - System Teaching Fellow in 2000. This spring, the College of Natural Resources will proudly award a scholarship in Dr. David's memory to a top undergraduate student who displays his/her commitment to research.

Joel Stokdyk
Soil & Land Management
Oostburg, WI



JAMES "JAY" HARVEY RESEARCH AWARD

Established in memory of the late James R. "Jay" Harvey – who earned bachelor (1987) and masters (1991) degrees from the CNR and worked as a research biologist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The fund awards grants to qualified students toward the completion of scholarly research projects.

Derek Bahr
Fisheries
Randolph, WI



NOEL COMPASS SCHOLARS

In 1996, John and Patty Noel created the Noel Compass Scholars Program to help encourage and reward academic achievement, leadership and citizenship among students in Wisconsin's urban communities. The program is a privately funded initiative that offers an academic scholarship to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and a paid internship within the Travel Guard and Noel Group offices or various departments on the UWSP campus. The Noel Compass Scholarship offers students the opportunity to gain a quality post-secondary education and meaningful career experience - two important elements to a student's future success.

The scholarship focuses on five "ships:" Scholarship, Internship, Mentorship, Fellowship and Leadership. Each of these "ships" is designed to help each Compass Scholar through their journey at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and help them adapt in their new environment. Funded primarily by Travel Guard and Noel Group, with contributions made by University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, students selected to the Noel Compass Scholarship will receive valuable work experience that many college students do not receive during their tenure at UWSP.

Mission of a Noel Compass Scholar:

"To be an ambassador of diversity while motivating and encouraging others through exemplifying leadership and open-mindedness. In addition, experiencing the wholesome education required to bring forth successful citizens of the world."



Daryal Pitzl
Waste Management
Keshena, WI



Nigel Golden
Wildlife Ecology – Research and
Management
Milwaukee, WI

CNR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

ALDO LEOPOLD AUDUBON SOCIETY – FRIDAY WEIVEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Aldo Leopold Audubon Society (ALAS) offers a scholarship to a CNR student majoring in Environmental Education. ALAS believes environmental education is the best investment that can help to insure a quality environment. By educating people about ecology, environmental issues, and how to resolve them, people will be able and motivated to act in ways that balance human needs with environmental quality.

Blair Bullick
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Waupaca, WI

ANONYMOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

An anonymous donor annually sponsors a scholarship to a student with an interest in natural resources and in respecting our environment.

Madeline Michels-Boyce
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Minneapolis, MN

Tricia Verville
Soil & Land Management
Cedar Grove, WI

NEW! DONALD ANSAY MEMORIAL FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by UWSP alumna Karen McCulloch to honor the memory of her father, Donald F. Ansay, who passed away at age 86 in April 2011. Mr. Ansay was a farmer with an 8th grade education. Nevertheless, he firmly believed in education and encouraged his children to attend college. Karen's late brother, Russell, was also a UWSP alumnus, graduating in 1973 with a forestry degree.

Nathan Hanzelka
Forest Administration & Utilization
Mounds View, MN

BARTLETT TREE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Bartlett Tree Experts is one of the oldest tree care companies in the United States. Its home office is in Stamford, Connecticut, and their operations extend nationwide. Bartlett has long supported research on urban forestry and tree care issues and has a reputation for supporting education in arboriculture and urban forestry. They have hired student interns to work at their research laboratory in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Bartlett Foundation has long provided scholarships to deserving students.

Gregory Blick

Urban Forestry and Forest Administration & Utilization
Stevens Point, WI

Jonathan Farkas

Urban Forestry
Coralville, IA

BILL'S MUSKY CLUB

MUSKY BILL HOEFT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bill's Musky Club Scholarship is given by Bill's Musky Club of Wausau. The Club originated in 1964 by Bill Hoeft and some fishing friends, and was the first organization of its kind. Since then, many similar clubs have spawned off of this one. The Club's primary concern is the preservation and continued stocking of the Muskellunge for the enjoyment of future generations. Each year the Club is involved in stocking fish as well as practicing the "catch and release" policy in order to ensure the preservation of this game fish. This scholarship is offered to assist students who share the same beliefs as the Club.

John Grosch

Fisheries
New Berlin, WI

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Brian Schmidt

Fisheries
Elkhorn, WI

Nathan Thomas

Fisheries
Mason, WI

MUSKY CLUBS ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN SCHOLARSHIPS

The Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin is an organization that coordinates the activities of 24 Musky clubs throughout the state. The goal of the Alliance is to improve musky fishing and fishing in general throughout the state. They work cooperatively with the WI Department of Natural Resources through stocking and census programs. Every fall, the Alliance hosts the National Championship Musky Open in Eagle River, where over 1,000 anglers compete for prizes (including a new Ranger fishing boat) in this catch and release tournament.

For more information about the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, contact Larry Slagoski at 7201 Trotzer Lane, Schofield, WI 54476.

Melissa Johnson

M.S.-Natural Resources - Fisheries
Stevens Point, WI

Kaitlin Schnell

M.S.-Natural Resources - Fisheries
Chetek, WI

MUSKY CLUBS ALLIANCE OF WISCONSIN– MIKE JAMES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This memorial scholarship is established by the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin in memory of Michael D. James, a Manufacturer's Sales Representative for Ranger Boats. Mike James passed away in 2001 at the age of 46 from a heart attack. Mr. James was instrumental in establishing and supporting fund raising efforts to continue Wisconsin's environmental preservation, particularly in regard to fish restocking, habitat research, and youth programs. His high moral and ethical character in his business practices as well as his deep environmental concerns is recognized by the awarding of this scholarship.

Justin Haglund

M.S.-Natural Resources - Fisheries
Mount Horeb, WI

NEW! BOW INC. OUTDOOR SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) is a non-profit, educational outdoor skills program that teaches adult women how to hunt, fish, shoot and participate in other recreational activities like canoeing and camping. BOW workshops are held in a safe, non-competitive atmosphere and classes are taught by patient, enthusiastic instructors. Workshops are offered in more than 30 states, 5 Canadian provinces, and New Zealand. BOW Inc. is pleased to be able to award this scholarship to a student who actively teaches others the skills offered through BOW workshops.

Matthew Buchholz

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Grafton, WI

**WISCONSIN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION –
LYELL COWLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is in memory of past officer and director, Lyell Cowley, who died of leukemia. Lyell was a teacher for many years and this is the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association's way of ensuring that the education he believed so strongly in would continue.

Jacob Marty
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Monticello, WI

**WISCONSIN BOWHUNTING HERITAGE FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP**

The Wisconsin Bowhunting Heritage Foundation formed with the express purpose of:

- 1. Preserving and perpetuating the heritage of bowhunting, archery and associated activities in Wisconsin.*
- 2. Compiling, recording and displaying historical items significant to bowhunting and archery.*
- 3. Providing educational opportunities and facilities relative to bowhunting and archery in Wisconsin*

The Foundation currently maintains a museum, which is housed in the Wisconsin Bowhunters Association headquarters in Clintonville, WI. For more information, visit their website at www.wbhassoc.com

Michael Solberg
Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Waupaca, WI

WISCONSIN TRADITIONAL ARCHERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The mission of the Wisconsin Traditional Archers (WTA) is to: promote responsible and ethical bow hunting practices and support other archery associations who do the same; to bring together people with common interest and appreciation of traditional archery equipment and methods with the purpose of increasing their knowledge, skill, and enjoyment of traditional archery; and to ensure the continuation of the traditions and skills passed down by the bowman who came before us.

Dylan Levra
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Gile, WI

Molly Norlin
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Wautoma, WI

Kyle Reedy
Soil & Land Management
Bowler, WI

NEW! PAULINE CHANDLER & GREG CHANIS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is named for Pauline S. (Polly) Chandler and her husband, Greg Chanis, who share a passion for promoting the interconnections between people and the outdoors. Chandler, who graduated from UWSP in 1981 with a major in Resource Management and a minor in Environmental Education & Interpretation, began her career as a naturalist in 1982 in Delaware. She then transitioned to a 20-plus year career as a teacher and environmental educator, where she emphasized connecting to the area's natural resources while integrating community service and service learning into curriculum, teacher training, and student engagement. Today she is on the faculty at Antioch University New England in Keene, NH, and oversees a graduate level program for students enrolled in the MBA in Organizational and Environmental Sustainability. Always advocating for place-based education, Polly and her husband hope this scholarship will encourage the next generation of CNR students to continue thinking "outside the box" to help others connect to our environment and become good stewards of the land.

Kallie Pechacek
Environmental Education/Interpretation
River Falls, WI

CENTRAL WISCONSIN SPORTSMAN CLUB (MARSHFIELD) SCHOLARSHIP

For over a half a century, The Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club has dedicated itself to the conservation and preservation the great outdoors and the delicate environmental balance found there. It is in this spirit, that members of The Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's Club promote education and safety in all shooting sports. We adhere to the humane, ethical and lawful harvesting of game and the sportsmanship of team and individual competition. The Central Wisconsin Sportsmen's club is a non-profit organization which supports and makes financial contributions to area organizations. The Club is located at 11841 Stadt Road, Marshfield, WI, 54449.

Andy Richardson
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Milladore, WI

CNR FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP

The CNR Forestry Advisory Committee is a coalition of forest industries, organizations, and agencies. They support UWSP's future foresters by advising the Forestry faculty on the direction of forestry within the urban, recreation, management, administration, and utilization fields and by providing this scholarship to a forestry student.

Michael Zueger
Forest Ecosystem & Management
Freeport, IL

MEL E. COHEE STUDENT LEADER CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Mel H. Cohee scholarship was established in 1998 with a gift of over \$10,000. Each year a natural resources student receives a scholarship from the interest on this gift. A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Cohee was recognized as a pioneer soil conservationist in both Wisconsin and the United States who strove to promote effective leadership in natural resource conservation. In 1967, he assisted UWSP faculty in developing the Student Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, one of the oldest chapters in the country.

Dana Christel
Soil & Land Management
Kiel, WI

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION WARDEN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin Conservation Warden Association (WCWA) was founded to further conservation efforts within the State of Wisconsin. The association is open to anyone interested in joining and is dedicated to all of the women and men who have served as Wisconsin Conservation Wardens since 1879. WCWA objectives include: promoting natural resources education, promoting the profession of natural resources law enforcement, enhancing community relationships with conservation wardens, and increasing awareness of conservation and environmental issues

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION WARDEN ASSOCIATION – EMERSON NOYES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1930, the Noyes family of Milwaukee WI established and then has honored each year the outstanding Wisconsin conservation warden. Began by his father Haskell Noyes, Emerson, as a young boy accompanied his father to the presentation for many years. The presentation is always held in the warden's home community at a public gathering. The award includes a gold pocket watch with an inscription stating the watch is a Conservation Warden Efficiency Award for "Faithful and Able Service". After his father's death in 1948, Emerson performed the honor of presenting the gold watches to many active and retired wardens. Receiving "The Watch" has come to represent the pinnacle of a field warden's career. Emerson has faithfully carried on this family tradition that he has passed on to his family members. Their example throughout this long period is a selfless commitment in recognizing individual dedication to natural resources protection and the ideal of striving for the highest possible standards of state service. The warden service and the conservation warden association are deeply grateful to Emerson and the Noyes family and acknowledge their dedication through this scholarship.

Michael Van Offeren
Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Chilton, WI

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION WARDEN ASSOCIATION –
ROBERT MARKLE SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is established in memory of the late Robert Markle, a conservation warden supervisor who was killed in 1966 in the line of a duty in Price County. Robert Markle and another warden were attempting to apprehend persons they had observed illegally spearing fish on Bass Lake in Price County. The suspects escaped to their car and a high-speed chase ensued. Markle's vehicle crashed during the chase, killing Bob, a 54 year-old husband and father of two.

Dustin Masin
Wildlife Ecology-Information & Education
Neenah, WI

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION WARDEN ASSOCIATION –
ANDREW A. KRAKOW SCHOLARSHIP**

Andy Krakow was a Wisconsin Conservation Warden who was killed in the line of duty on June 5, 1990 as he was assisting the Marquette County Sheriff's Department at a domestic disturbance call. Andy graduated from UWSP with a major in Forestry. Friends and relatives of the Krakow's donated the funds to be used for a scholarship in Andy's memory.

Chris Bender
Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Mosinee, WI

**WISCONSIN CONSERVATION WARDEN ASSOCIATION –
HAROLD HETTRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Harold was born in 1927 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and was raised by his grandparents in Cochrane where his lifelong love affair with the Mississippi River began. Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific theater during World War II. After his discharge, he enrolled at UW-Madison and received his bachelor's degree in 1950. He became a conservation warden and was stationed in Friendship and Appleton from 1950-57. He was promoted to chief training officer for the warden service in 1957. In 1967, he became the assistant chief warden, a position he held until his retirement in 1982. In retirement, he volunteered his time to many organizations and served as Wisconsin Outdoor Educator at the Sesquicentennial in Washington DC. Harold was much loved and admired by all. He encouraged and counseled wardens and had a positive impact on all who knew him. He was a great promoter of the warden force and communicated his great love of the outdoors, hunting, and fishing to all. He taught people to love the earth. Harold passed away peacefully on February 1, 2004.

John Schreiber
Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Franksville, WI

NEW! WISCONSIN CONSERVATION WARDEN ASSOCIATION – TYLER KREINZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin Conservation Warden Association and the Wisconsin Conservation and Education Foundation is honored to present this scholarship to a deserving student enrolled in the College of Natural Resources. Tyler Richard Kreinz, of Beloit Wisconsin, age 21, gave the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of his country and friends. The events of 9/11 impacted young Tyler greatly and he knew then he wanted to become a part of the United States Army. Following graduation from Beloit Memorial High School in 2008, Tyler enlisted in the US Army and went to Fort Knox for his basic training. He earned the rank of Specialist and became a part of the Armored Division as a Tanker and Army Scout. In January, 2011, Tyler and his unit were deployed to the Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan. Tyler's job was to provide forward support for units moving into unsecured area. He provided reconnaissance in these unsecured and dangerous areas to ensure that travel for the forward units was safe. After his service to his country Tyler looked forward to enrolling in college and pursue his dream of a career with the Department of Natural Resources as a conservation warden. On June 18, 2011, on a night mission, Tyler died in the line of duty. His dedication to love of country, service to others and commitment to the conservation ethic is a shining example for all of us. Conservation Wardens have served their country in every military conflict dating back to the US Civil War. Tyler is part of this tradition.

Cortney Adair
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Stevens Point, WI

DAVEY TREE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Davey Tree Expert Company was founded in 1880 in Kent Ohio, and has become the leader as a full service Green Industry provider. Today, The Davey Tree Expert Company is a flourishing Employee – Owned Enterprise, with more than 7,000 men and women performing tree, shrub and lawn care, utility vegetation management, municipal consulting services, and commercial grounds maintenance. UW - Stevens Point (UWSP) graduates and interns have found wonderful careers with The Davey Tree Expert Company in many capacities, in addition the need for an Urban Forestry program, such as UWSP, is extremely valuable for the Green Industry and Davey Tree. These scholarships support the top students enrolled in the Urban Forestry program at UWSP.

Jonathan Farkas
Urban Forestry
Coralville, IA

Isaac Palmer
Urban Forestry
Stevens Point, WI

Joshua Zarling
Urban Forestry
Stevens Point, WI

NEW! MICHAEL DEW SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered via the Ruffed Grouse Society by Thomas Dew, an avid outdoor sportsman, conservationist and friend of the College of Natural Resources in memory of his son. The scholarship aims to inspire the next generation of resource management leaders who support America's longstanding traditions of hunting and fishing and maintaining quality habitat for wildlife.

Jonathan Kaiser
Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Hastings, MN

DUPONT SCHOLARSHIP

Founded in 1802, DuPont puts science to work by creating sustainable solutions essential to a better, safer, healthier life for people everywhere. Operating in more than 70 countries, DuPont offers a wide range of innovative products and services for markets including agriculture, nutrition, electronics, communications, safety and protection, home and construction, transportation and apparel. This scholarship awards excellence in the water resources field.

Gerdine Michel
Water Resources
La Gonave, Haiti

TODD P. EISELE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the memory of Todd P. Eisele, who graduated from UWSP in 1978 with a major in Resource Management and minor in Environmental Law Enforcement. Todd died on May 10, 2007 in Eden Prairie, Minnesota at age 50. He grew up in Madison, Wisconsin and was a 1974 graduate of West High School where he played hockey on the West varsity team. At UWSP, he was an active member and president of the student chapter of The Wildlife Society, one of UWSP's largest student organizations. Todd loved the outdoors and was an avid golfer and sportsman. Through the years he hunted and fished with his father, children and brothers, providing many wonderful and fond family memories. Todd was a uniquely talented person, successful in many arenas. As a boy, he founded the Piper Park Pigs hockey team, and later in life he proudly coached his daughter's youth hockey team. In 1995 he received a commendation from the Washington County Sheriff for saving a family from their burning home, and during holidays he donated his time to deliver meals to people in need.

Nathaniel Huck
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Stevens Point, WI

DOWNSVILLE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created to benefit an upper level student from Dunn County who has demonstrated a commitment to a natural resources career.

Kallie Pechacek
Environmental Education/Interpretation
River Falls, WI

GRAND RIVER MARSH TURKEY CLUB, INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grand River Marsh Turkey Club was founded in 1992, in the little Village of Marquette, Wisconsin, by a group of sportsman or hunters. Turkeys were being released only a few miles from town and this group wanted to do something to help the turkeys and other wildlife. Funds raised from their annual banquet and annual calendar raffle are used for wildlife habitat, landowner payments, donations to six local libraries for outdoor educational materials, and a sponsor for Challenge the Outdoors, a club that works to provide outdoor sporting opportunities for disabled persons.

Derek Bahr
Fisheries
Randolph, WI

Molly Norlin
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Wautoma, WI

RICHARD FRIE MEMORIAL - AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society was established in 1972. The purpose of the organization is to foster the professional development of fisheries managers, scientists and students in Wisconsin. In March of 1996, the Richard Frie Memorial scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Richard Frie, who was an Associate Professor of Fisheries at UWSP. Dr. Frie was also President of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at the time of his death.

John Grosch
Fisheries
New Berlin, WI

JODY FRIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jody Frie Memorial was established in memory of Jody Frie, a chemical engineer, who taught courses in air resources in the College of Natural Resources. The memorial was established to support a student who shares Jody's interest in chemistry as it relates to environmental protection. Jody was the daughter of Gerald Nienke, retired professor of Water Resources and wife of Richard Frie, professor of Fisheries at UWSP

Hayley Templar
Water Resources
Wauwatosa, WI

JERRY NIENKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Jerry Nienke Memorial was established in memory of the first director of the Water Chemistry program at UWSP. Jerry became part of the UWSP Chemistry faculty in 1967. He joined the CNR full time in 1982 to coordinate the Water Resources program. He retired in 1994 after 32 years of teaching.

Ian Torkelson
Water Resources
Marshfield, WI

FESSENBECKER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented by the Milwaukee Casting Club to encourage study and careers that ensure the long term health and management of Wisconsin's lands and waterways. It was established to assist Juniors and Seniors in the College of Natural Resources. Preference is given to students who are from Milwaukee or its surrounding counties.

It is named for honorary lifetime members, Harold and George Fessenbecker. Together they founded the Scholarship Committee in 1980 and have been avid supporters of it ever since. Both Harold and George have received awards for their membership service to the Milwaukee Casting Club. Sadly, George passed away in the summer of 2009 and Harold passed away in January 2012, but their legacy will live on through the scholarships received by worthy students of Natural Resources.

The Milwaukee Casting Club was founded in 1929 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1937. Originally, the Milwaukee Casting Club was started to promote the then popular sport of target casting and has played host to a number of national events. In recent years, the club has taken on a broad conservation focus encompassing fishing, hunting, archery, and trap shooting along with educational activities related to these sports. The club is a family oriented organization and most activities are open to spouses and children.

Zachary Beard
Fisheries
Greendale, WI

IRVING W. GERHARDT CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS

A native of Neillsville, WI, Irving W. Gerhardt taught high school agriculture in Dane County for 44 years. The Gerhardt Conservation Scholarships were established through his will in 1996 with a gift of over \$300,000 to the University. Mr. Gerhardt earned national recognition among his peers by receiving both the Honorary American Farmer Degree and the Teacher of Teachers Gold Award from the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Each year outstanding natural resource students are selected for their demonstration of leadership, character, and commitment to conservation.

Alyssa DeRubeis
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Golden Valley, MN

Sarah Kogler
Soil Science
Brookfield, WI

Lenora Dombro
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Glen Ellyn, IL

Megan Radske
Water Resources
Wauwatosa, WI

GREAT LAKES TIMBER PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) was created in 2007 with the merger of the Timber Producers Association of Michigan and Wisconsin (TPA), the Wisconsin Professional Loggers Association (WPLA), and the Forest Industry Safety Training Alliance (FISTA). GLTPA is a non-profit organization with 1,200 members in Wisconsin and Michigan. Members include loggers, truckers, sawmills, paper manufacturers, forest landowners and forestry professionals. The mission of the Association is to lead the Forest Products Industry in sustainable forest management through advocacy, professionalism, service to members, education and training.

James Bauer
Forest Administration & Utilization
Prentice, WI

HATFIELD SPORTSMAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Hatfield Sportsman Club was established in 1952. It is an organization interested in improving the habitat of Lake Arbutus and its surrounding area. Over the years it has expanded into a service club interested in social issues. The scholarship was set up to help a student from the area that has an interest in natural resources and their protection and improvement. Some of their projects include: a scholarship fund at UWSP, building of fish cribs, establishing Oxbow Trout Pond, the installation of dry hydrants for fires, the installation of a siren for storm warning, the promotion of aquatic plant growth in Lake Arbutus, and donations to various organizations (ex: Hatfield Fire Department, Jackson County Wildlife, Fish Propagation in Hatfield Canal).

Benjamin Ewoldt
Fisheries
Neillsville, WI

**THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY'S
GAYLORD NELSON EARTH DAY FELLOWSHIPS**

The Governing Council of the Wilderness Society, in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, and in honor of its founder, Senator Gaylord Nelson, developed the Gaylord Nelson Earth Day Fellowship Program in 1990. The fellowship program provides a lasting tribute to Senator Nelson and the principles of environmental protection and conservation ethics he has advocated through his lifetime.

The Gaylord Nelson Earth Day Scholarships are given annually to students who have made significant contributions toward promoting conservation ethics and environmental education. In recognition of Senator Nelson's Wisconsin heritage and his longstanding association with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, which offered the first conservation education degree in the United States, award recipients will be selected from environmental education graduate students in the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources.

The following recipients are all completing a Master of Science in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Environmental Education/Interpretation

Katie Boseo

M.S.-Natural Resources - Environmental Education
Hellenville, WI

Megan Espe

M.S.-Natural Resources - Environmental Education
Ontario, WI

HAYWARD LAKES CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC. SCHOLARSHIP

The Hayward Lakes Chapter of Muskies Inc. is a non-profit fishing organization of 300 members and is part of a national organization of 6,000 members. The purpose of the club is to promote a high quality muskellunge sport fishery through conservation practices such as catch and release, research, stocking, abatement of water pollution, and the promotion of fellowship and sportsmanship among men, women, and children.

Pat Brown

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Hayward, WI

PETER HAUPT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is made possible by the Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club, and memorializes the late Peter “Pete” Haupt, founder of the Club. His purpose in creating the club was to locate, score, and record in national record books the trophy deer and bear from Wisconsin. The efforts of his concept have made Wisconsin a leader in recording trophy deer. Pete had many interests, hobbies, and causes. Wisconsin’s resources were entwined throughout his life’s goals. Preparing young people to work with and preserve the resources lead to the Wisconsin Buck and Bear Club’s scholarship program. Adding Pete’s name to the scholarship completes the ideas and views he stood for. He passed away from cancer in the spring of 1994.

Marcus Mueller

Wildlife Ecology–Research & Management
New Berlin, WI

Bryant Kern

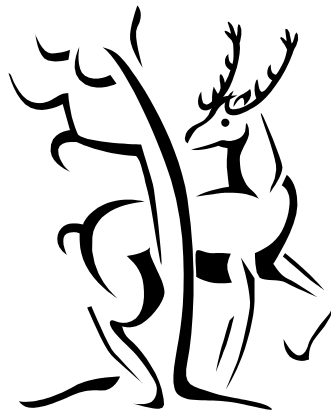
Wildlife Ecology–Research & Management
Mosinee, WI

NEW! HERB AND LENORE BEHNKE SCHOLARSHIP

Herb Behnke was the longest-serving member in Wisconsin Natural Resources Board history and became the voice of the “common men and women” on important conservation issues. A strong advocate for state acquisition of significant lands and developing a long term deer management policy, Behnke was known for his ability to balance science with the public’s needs. This scholarship endowment was established by Behnke friends and family for natural resource students studying law enforcement to encourage them to become conservation wardens who will help to uphold and protect the policies and programs that Herb worked so hard to establish.

Kyle Lynch

Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Cedar Rapids, IA



JACK AND MARION WILSON CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Jack and Marion Wilson Scholarship Endowment was established in January 2009 as a result of a \$1.2 million bequest from the estate of Jack and Marion Wilson of Fredonia, Wisconsin. It was one of the largest gifts ever received by UW-Stevens Point. Jack was in the wholesale and retail oil business for 45 years and owned the Fredonia-Belgium Oil Company for 20 years. He passed away in September 1994 and Marion died in May 2008. The Wilsons loved the outdoors and Jack was an avid duck hunter and trout fisherman, with a fondness for yellow Labrador retrievers. Their wish in establishing this scholarship was “to provide assistance to promising students enrolled in the College of Natural Resources who demonstrate commitment to the environment and the preservation of our natural resources.”

Sarah Kogler
Soil Science
Brookfield, WI

Molly Schleif
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Hortonville, WI

Aaron Marti
Water Resources
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Michael Waak
Water Resources
Green Bay, WI

Vadym Ianaiev
Waste Management
Stevens Point, WI

ROBERT P. JAVUREK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory of Robert (Bob) Javurek, who passed away in April, 2010. Bob graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History, after four years of making the Dean's list every single semester. His sophomore year of college, he met the love of his life, Kristie C. Norland and they wed in 1973. Bob and Kris had two daughters, Ginamaria and Nikki, who he taught about the wonders of nature, the importance of friends and family, and how to always finish what you start. For those that knew him, Bob was a man of integrity who would always go out of his way to help those around him and was a strong believer that "can't" should never be part of your vocabulary. He spent his final day on this great earth walking the woods that he loved at the farm and spending time with Kris at the cabin. Bob's daughter, Ginamaria, is a graduate of UWSP with a BS in Biology and an MS in Natural Resources – Environmental Education emphasis. She was awarded many scholarships during her time at UWSP and was named the CNR Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in 2009.

Christin Groth
Wildlife Ecology-Information & Education
West Bend, WI

JOSEPH KARBAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Joe Karban, who was a student in the CNR when he was killed in an automobile accident in 1980. This scholarship is awarded annually to a Wildlife major. In addition to the memorial scholarship, Joe's parents established a student lounge/conference room, which was dedicated in their son's memory.

Allyson Lastusky
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Sheboygan Falls, WI

JP3 SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered by the Pyatskowitz brothers, Jonathan ('94), Jeremy ('95), and Josh ('02). All three brothers are currently employed by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. They graduated from UWSP with degrees in Fisheries and Limnology, Resource Management, Aquatic Toxicology, and Water Chemistry. The time spent at UWSP was enjoyed by all three and many friendships were made with the faculty and other students. They would like to offer this opportunity to a student with a major in the Water Resources program.

Danielle Rupp
Water Resources
Belleville, WI

KOENIG CONSERVATION CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Founded in 1952, Koenig's Conservation Club operates with the following goals: outdoor education, species propagation, habitat restoration and land acquisition, to enhance natural resources for outdoor enthusiasts in Sheboygan County and the State of Wisconsin. This scholarship is given in memory of Walter Reineking, a longtime member who passed away earlier this year.

Marc Sass
Forest Management
Sheboygan, WI

WISCONSIN LAKES PARTNERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP – BLENDING THE ARTS AND SCIENCES

The intent of this award is to provide scholarships for students majoring in natural resources at UW-Stevens Point who demonstrate the desire and ability to blend the arts with science to enhance understanding and inspire stewardship of our natural resources. The scholarship is in recognition of Robert Korth, for his 20 years of commitment to the UW Extension Lakes program.

Sarah Bowman
Water Resources
Pewaukee, WI

HENRY C. KURTZ FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is a memorial to Henry Kurtz, who had a love for the land, especially pine forests. Henry had a tree farm in Adams County, which was in the Nekoosa Tree Farm Family. This tree farm was donated to the College of Natural Resources in 1996. At one time he was named Tree Farmer of the Year.

Tyler Pederson
Forest Management
West Salem, WI

MARK JOHN KUTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Mark John Kutz was a 1996 UWSP graduate with a double major in Wildlife Ecology and Biology and a minor in chemistry. Born and raised in Winsted, Minnesota, Mark is the son of Robert and Irene, and has an older brother, Michael. Mark attended Holy Trinity Catholic Schools and was very strong in his faith, being a Mass Server for over 10 years. He loved sports and lettered in football and basketball every year in high school. Mark's football team took conference and section champs junior year and he made the all conference team in football and was one of the team captains in basketball senior year. Mark was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council and had a great love for animals and being in the outdoors. He was fishing as soon as he could hold a pole and started hunting at an early age.

Mark's biology teacher, knowing that Mark loved working with animals, recommended UWSP College of Natural Resources, where he made many new and lasting friendships, had countless memorable experiences, and received a great education. His first job out of college was with an animal capture service but his goal was to get in to big game management. Mark always made a positive impression with that great smile and because he took the time for anyone and everyone. We lost our beloved son, brother, friend on April 27, 1997 in an automobile accident. Mark is now in heaven watching over all of us and will forever live on in our hearts and memories. This scholarship is presented by friends and fellow alumni of Mark.

Jacob Kaiser
Waste Management
Muskego, WI

Alyssa Uhen
Forest Recreation
Oshkosh, WI

LAKE LAWRENCE PROPERTY OWNERS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given in memory of all deceased members of the Lake Lawrence Property Owners Club. The Club was founded in 1952 for the purpose of maintaining Lake Lawrence and to find answers to problems pertaining to the welfare of the lake and the property owners. The recipient of this scholarship is to be a good student determined to achieve his/her educational goals.

Caitlin Luebke
Fisheries
Portage, WI

LITTLE PLOVER RIVER WATER RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP

A CNR alumnus, who wishes to remain anonymous, created this award because he was grateful for the scholarship assistance he received while he was a student at UWSP. Now employed in his field of study at a leading federal agency, he is appreciative of all the support he received from CNR faculty and staff while he completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He especially wishes to recognize Dr. Byron Shaw, Dr. George Kraft, Dr. Bryant Browne, Dr. Earl Spangenberg, Nancy Turyk, Dave Mechenich and the staff at the CNR's Water and Environmental Analysis Lab (formerly the Environmental Task Force Lab.)

Mitchell Olds
Watershed Management
Kimberly, WI

LONG LAKE FISHING CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Long Lake Fishing Club established their scholarship to assist students majoring in Water Resources or Natural Resources. To receive this scholarship, students were asked to write an essay on the following topic: "What solutions can be done for erosion control from wetlands, woodlands and farmland from feeder creeks to Inland Lakes." The reason for this subject is because Long Lake has been filling in with silt from Willow Creek.

Jody Derks
Fisheries
Waupaca, WI

JACK MASSOPUST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented by the Green Bay Moose Lodge "Rod and Gun Club" to a graduate student in Wildlife. The scholarship is a memorial to Jack Massopust, who received his Master's degree from UWSP and was involved in research on black bear ecology. Jack's study was the first of its kind in Wisconsin, and involved radio tagging bears and studying their denning habits, productivity, and territorial behaviors. A picture of Jack with two tagged bear cubs has been used to promote the University, and unprecedented numbers of prospective students have responded. Jack died in 1985 of a brain tumor triggered by an injury received while traveling in Canada on a research project.

Ryan Stephens
M.S.-Natural Resources - Wildlife
Almond, WI

MADISON FISHING EXPO SCHOLARSHIPS

The Madison Fishing Expo (MFE) came into existence in 1986 when a group of local fishermen determined that Madison needed its own fishing show. The Expo started out very small and grew into one of the premier fishing shows in the region, drawing vendors and attendees from several states. Madison Fishing Expo is a nonprofit group run totally by volunteers and has no paid workers. Show profits are used for fish habitat projects, boating safety, youth fishing days, disabled fishing piers, and many others relating to water resources in Wisconsin, including these scholarships.

Madison area fishing clubs that are part of MFE include Capital City Chapter of Muskies Inc., 4-Lakes Bassmasters, Yahara Fishing Club, Trout Unlimited, C&R Bass Club, and Badger Flyfishers. The show continues to be directed by 15 board members and an advisor from each club. The clubs provide all the help needed to staff the show.

Madison Fishing Expo is a fishing-only show with tackle, lodges, fishing seminars, activities for kids, and the single largest display of fishing boats in Wisconsin. Since that first show the MFE has returned over \$750,000 to various projects and organizations to improve fishing in Wisconsin. Please check the Madison Fishing Expo website for more information www.madfishexpo.com.

Derek Bahr
Fisheries
Randolph, WI

Lucas Nathan
Fisheries
Fort Atkinson, WI

ERIK MUNSON GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was developed in the memory of Erik S. Munson, an alumnus of UWSP, who passed away in 1992 while working on his doctorate degree. His high scholastic achievement, dedication, and interest in avian biology were the inspiration for a graduate scholarship in his honor. Erik was passionately dedicated to the investigation of the ecology of birds, both in the classroom and in the field. Erik participated in several student-sponsored ornithological activities and frequently interacted with UWSP faculty regarding their avian research. He often assisted undergraduate students with their bird related interests.

Kori Hutchison
M.S.-Natural Resources - Wildlife
Waterville, MN

ARTHUR W. MUELLER, JR. SCHOLARSHIPS

The estate of the late Arthur W. Mueller of West Bend, WI, has given a \$500,000 gift to endow two scholarship funds in the College of Natural Resources. Proceeds from the sale of 1,100 acres of land in Vilas County has been donated to the UWSP Foundation to provide several \$1,000 annual scholarships to entering UWSP as well as upper level students majoring in Natural Resources. Mueller, who was a gifted mathematician, taught at a number of private schools in Milwaukee and “led a very frugal life,” according to his attorney. Mueller operated a farm in West Bend with his brother. His half of the estate, land they owned in Vilas County, was placed into a trust designated as the Sylvana Trust. In his will, Mueller made the statement, “I truly love the land which is hereby designated the Sylvana Trust. It is a treasure from Almighty God, a masterpiece of His creation. By placing this land in trust, it is my desire that it be preserved for the education of generations to come...”

The trustees of the Sylvana Trust decided the most effective way to carry out his wishes was to use the proceeds from the sale of the land “to help educate those students who, through their education and choice of career, will become leaders and guardians of that which Mr. Mueller described as ‘a masterpiece of His Creation.’ It is our hope that the recipients of these scholarships will have the same love for the land and the environment as did Arthur W. Mueller.”

ARTHUR W. MUELLER, JR. SOPHOMORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ashley Goschey
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Naperville, IL

Bryn Sitkiewicz
Forest Management
Downers Grove, IL

Olivia Matel
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Lena, WI

Matthew Tlachac
Waste Management
Green Bay, WI

Catie Burkhead
Wildlife Ecology-Information & Interpretation
Pequot Lakes, MN

ARTHUR W. MUELLER, JR. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Nathan Hanzelka
Forest Administration & Utilization
Mounds View, MN

Brittany Ruttenberg
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Aurora, IL

Rochelle Hayes
Soil & Land Management
Andover, MN

Sara Wendt
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Greenfield, WI

Katherine Moratz
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Hartford, WI

**MUSKIES, INC. – HEADWATERS CHAPTER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Headwaters Chapter #12 Muskies Inc. of Eagle River Wisconsin was founded in 1978 and has grown into the second largest Chapter in the USA with over 400 members. We are one of the largest non-profit organizations in North Central Wisconsin. Our current budget is over \$80,000. In the last 14 years, we have invested over \$900,000 into various Fisheries related projects in North Central Wisconsin such as: multiple youth programs, pier & boat landing facilities, Fishing Has No Boundaries for the physically impaired, invasive milfoil treatment, yearly grants to Vilas & Oneida Counties for fisheries related projects, stocked \$50,000 of Muskies into area lakes where permitted and many other projects too lengthy to list.

Art Anderson Stephen J. Bassler Tom Botto Mike Jajeaski
Larry Johnson Bill Marsh Chet Meyers Duke Verkuilen

This scholarship in their memory will keep their support and dedication to the Headwaters Chapter Muskies Inc., long remembered.

Clint Soulier
Fisheries
Rhineland, WI

THOMAS A. PLEIN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is established through the Thomas A. Plein Foundation through the recommendation of Steve Plein, CNR alumni (BS-Soils 1977) and nephew of the late Thomas A. Plein.

Keith Bollinger
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Buffalo City, WI

Lindsay Buesgens
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Burnsville, MN

Isaac Palmer
Urban Forestry
Stevens Point, WI

POSKIN LAKE SPORTSMEN’S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Poskin Lake Sportsmen’s Club strives to maintain and enhance the wildlife, fish, and forestry in Barron County, Wisconsin. The chapter maintains an access to the Rockow Flowage for the public to enter the wetland area. It also maintains a wildlife sanctuary west of Poskin Lake and a 13 acre stand of pine. Working with the DNR, the club maintains water quality and stocks small walleyes in Poskin Lake. The Club supports many other wildlife, fish, and forestry projects in and around Barron County. This scholarship supports students from Barron County majoring in natural resources.

Chris Ester
Watershed Management
Rice Lake, WI

Garrett Riewestahl
Forest Management
Chetek, WI

PORTAGE COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Portage County Wildlife Club (PCWC) was established to encourage the conservation and development of wildlife habitat in Portage County. Their major fundraiser is an annual banquet in April. In addition to providing scholarships in the College of Natural Resources, PCWC works closely with CNR student organizations on many different projects. They have supported planting wild rice and wild celery in the Stevens Point Flowage of the Wisconsin River, building and erecting over 100 wood duck nesting boxes, and provided nesting platforms for eagles and ospreys. They were instrumental in getting wild turkeys introduced into Portage County and have helped to support research projects.

Aaron Marti
Water Resources
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Susan Carlson
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Amherst, WI

Danielle Berger
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Marshfield, WI

Alison Lindner
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Antigo, WI

PORTAGE COUNTY WILDLIFE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP NORM VAN PROOYEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rebecca Kelbe
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Plover, WI

STANLEY J. PLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Stanley J. Plis was an employee of the Wisconsin Conservation Department. During his career he was a guide, a state trooper, worked on land and lake improvement, and was a conservation warden. He spent his last 20 years working as a game manager at the Meadow Valley Ranger station at Babcock, Wisconsin, in Wood County. In 1963 he was named "Game Manager of the Year" by the State of Wisconsin. He was self-taught, and a most knowledgeable and interesting talker. Stanley J. Plis was a man who devoted his entire life to the advancement of good conservation practices. A waterfowl improvement club was formed in Wisconsin Rapids and was given the name of "The Stanley J. Plis Conservation League" in recognition of his life-long contribution to waterfowl improvement in the Central Wisconsin area. If you like to hunt and fish, you can thank men like Stan Plis who helped make it possible.

Joseph Szczepanski
Forest Management
Sobieski, WI

ROD & GUN CLUB

The Rod and Gun Club was founded to promote the preservation of our natural resources. We believe we can do this by helping a student with the same goals as us by giving this scholarship.

-Randy Gavin, President of Rod and Gun Club

Dain Ziegler

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management

Cross Plains, WI

RACINE COUNTY CONSERVATION LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Racine County Conservation League offers scholarships to support natural resources majors from Racine County who are involved with extracurricular activities and professional organizations.

John Schreiber

Resource Management-Law Enforcement

Franksville, WI

Rebecca Wadleigh

Land Use Planning

Racine, WI

Andrew Weidner

Forest Ecosystem & Management

Waterford, WI

JAY REED CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in the memory of one of Wisconsin's best known and respected outdoor writers, Jay Reed. For nearly 40 years he wrote for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and The Milwaukee Journal. "Jay had a passion for conservation and the outdoors and this is one way to carry on his legacy. He paid a great deal of attention to the growing influence and academic and scholarly success at Stevens Point." – Christine Reed.

Christopher Bartelt

Forest Management

Phillips, WI

NEW! ROGER HANSEN CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is named for Roger Hansen, a graduate of UW-Oshkosh in biology. Mr. Hansen, a native of Wisconsin, worked for many years in the pharmaceutical industry. He has long held a deep appreciation for nature and has enjoyed a variety of experiences in the outdoors. This scholarship fund is his way to give something back for those experiences by supporting students who aspire to conservation careers that will preserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

Marcus Mueller

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management

New Berlin, WI

PHIL SANDER MEMORIAL UNDERGRADUATE CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the life of Phil Sander, a longtime conservationist, naturalist, craftsman and artist from Kenosha, Wisconsin, who passed away in the spring of 2006 at the age 99. Sander's service to preserving and promoting the quality of life in southeastern Wisconsin was extensive and often behind the scenes. Mr. Sander was an active member of numerous wildlife and land conservation organizations. Among his many accomplishments was being one of two individuals to see the need to preserve and protect an endangered tract of native prairie situated along the Lake Michigan shoreline, which led to the creation of the Chiwaukee Prairie. Today it is one of the largest original tracts of native prairie habitat in Wisconsin. He was also a founding member of the Des Plaines Wetland Conservancy, a non-profit organization in southeastern Wisconsin dedicated to the conservation and ecology of more than 700 acres of ponds, marshes, uplands and two miles of scenic river with over 20 miles of trails. Mr. Sander was dedicated to protecting natural areas and educating future generations of the importance of knowing, honoring and protecting the natural balance of our natural world.

Hayley Templar
Water Resources
Wauwatosa, WI

MARK AND EVA SCHROEDER SCHOLARSHIPS

This endowed scholarship was established in 2003 by Mark and Eva Schroeder of Riverside, California. Mark Schroeder is a 1936 alumnus of UWSP and pursued graduate studies in meteorology at the University of Chicago and the University of Michigan. He worked for over 31 years as a research meteorologist for the National Weather Service and the U. S. Forest Service in the field of fire meteorology and fire danger rating. During World War II, Mark served in the European and American theaters as a Weather Reconnaissance Officer and later retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel. Sadly, Mark passed away on March 6, 2010. The scholarship is open to any UWSP student majoring in natural resources, with an edge to students interested or involved in fire science.

David Boehlke
Forest Management
Two Rivers, WI

Ryan Grefe
Forest Management
Merrill, WI

BYRON SHAW WATER RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIP

Byron Shaw, CNR Professor and director of the Environmental Task Force Lab, retired in July 2000 after an illustrious 32-year career. This scholarship is given through the donations of family, friends, and alumni in honor of the contribution that Byron made in the field of environmental quality. The Byron Shaw Water Resources Scholarship honors a student who has made a significant contribution to the Water and Environmental Analysis Lab.

Michael Waak
Water Resources
Green Bay, WI

SHADOWS ON THE WOLF SCHOLARSHIPS

Shadows On The Wolf, Inc. was organized in late 1991. The goals of the organization are to educate people about the Lower Wolf River (Shawano to Lake Winnebago) ecosystem, raise funds for improving the wildlife and fisheries habitat in that system, and provide people opportunities to enjoy this resource in a safe, sane, and sensible manner.

Aaron Maass

Resource Management–Law Enforcement
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Freedom, WI

Jody Derks

Fisheries
Waupaca, WI

SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The goals of Safari Club International are:

- *To promote good fellowship among those who love the outdoors and the sport of hunting.*
- *To promote the conservation of the wildlife of the world through selective trophy hunting of the aged and infirm animals leaving the prime animals to procreate.*
- *To help conservation efforts by supporting worthwhile projects, both orally and financially, when possible.*
- *To educate our youth in the safe and proper use of firearms and to interest them in the conservation and preservation of the forest and animals, our natural heritage.*
- *To share the latest hunting experiences and information of our members so that other members may profit from them.*
- *To operate the association as a non-profitable organization, originated for the enjoyment of the members, and with the aim of helping to conserve and preserve the animals which we love to hunt today, and for those who will come to love the sport tomorrow.*

SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL – WISCONSIN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Over the past twenty five years, the Wisconsin Chapter of Safari Club International and the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point have had a long and pleasant relationship, wherein we have awarded scholarships to over fifty-seven students. It is an honor and a pleasure for the Wisconsin Chapter to once again award annual scholarships in the amount of One Thousand Dollars each to two students attending the College of Natural Resources.

Katherine Moratz

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Hartford, WI

Joshua Waukau

Forest Management
Shawano, WI

**SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL –
BADGERLAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP**

Over the past 18 years, the Badgerland Chapter of Safari Club International has had in place a scholarship program with the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point - College of Natural Resources, wherein we have awarded scholarships to over thirty six students. SCI Badgerland is pleased to announce that they once again awarded annual scholarships to two students attending the College of Natural Resources.

Nathaniel Huck
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Stevens Point, WI

Michael Nooker
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Green Bay, WI

**JEROME E. SKINNER & JOSEPH D. REGNER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Jerome (Jerry) Skinner graduated from UWSP-College of Natural Resources in 1990. Prior to enrolling at UWSP, he was a member of the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Hood in Texas. He was severely injured in an accident and lost his right hand. It was later discovered that he had acquired the HIV virus from blood transfusions following the accident which led to his death in 1996. Jerry was a friend to everyone who knew him. He was a hard working student who made time for others. He lived to bow hunt and was extremely successful, especially after his accident, taking several white-tailed deer and an elk that scored high in the Pope and Young record books. Jerry's dedication to his undergraduate studies helped him to obtain a fellowship at the University of New Hampshire to study flying squirrels. Jerry Skinner served his country with honor, was loyal to his friends and family, and never quit fighting. He will not be forgotten.

Joseph (Joe) Regner came to Stevens Point in 1979 to pursue a degree in Forestry and graduated in 1986. Joe was a member of the SIASEFI Fellowship and was an active member of the Stevens Point Rugby Football Club. He died near Craig, Alaska in an automobile accident on July 3, 1990 at the age of 32. Joe's love of the outdoors and willingness to pursue a career in natural resources led him to Alaska in 1987. He worked a number of seasonal positions in Alaska and in 1989 was appointed to a permanent position at the Tongass National Forest Craig Ranger District. Joe was a self-made man who lived in several foster homes during his youth, and solely financed his college education. Hard work made Joe what he was - a success! A trail and lake near Polk Inlet, Alaska were named in his memory as a lasting tribute to a man whose life dedicated to conservation was shortened, but was still successful.

This scholarship is presented by friends and fellow alumni of Jerome and Joe, to a CNR major who has served in the military.

Kyle Reedy
Soil & Land Management
Bowler, WI

SOUTHERN BROWN COUNTY CONSERVATION CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Southern Brown County Conservation Club was set up by a group of local friends to help better the environment in our area. With the help of Ray Kliss, they are a charter member of the Izaak Walton League of America. The Conservation Scholarship is one of the many projects they support. It is designed to help students in the conservation field to better their education, helping our environment in any of the many fields of conservation.

Brock Tetzlaff
Forest Management
DePere, WI

SALMON UNLIMITED OF WISCONSIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Salmon Unlimited of Wisconsin is a Racine based organization that was formed in 1973 by individuals dedicated to supporting the Lake Michigan fishery. The organization has played a key role in helping to establish and maintain a world-class salmon and trout fishery that we enjoy today. SU is also dedicated to helping fisherman of all types enjoy this great resource whether you are a big boat or small boat fisherman, an on-shore fisherman or a youngster just getting started. This scholarship supports students studying water resources, fisheries, or limnology.

Lucas Nathan
Fisheries
Fort Atkinson, WI

Melissa Johnson
M.S.-Natural Resources - Fisheries
Stevens Point, WI

DOUGLAS R. STEPHENS SCHOLARSHIP

Originally from Peoria, IL, Doug graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from UW-Stevens Point in 1991. As an undergraduate he worked at the bear camp in Minong, WI, serving as manager between his junior and senior year. He received a scholarship to study the transplant of Prairie Chickens from Wisconsin to the Dakotas and hoped to work on Masters and Doctorate degrees in wildlife.

Before leaving for his assignment, he went to the bear camp one last time to help the new manager track bear dens with telemetry equipment so they could put collars on the cubs in the spring. When they got out to the field they began having trouble finding the particular den they wished to study. As Doug was looking at the telemetry equipment, he started laughing when he realized they were in fact standing on top of the den, in snow up to their hips. Doug suddenly fell ill and died instantly. He was only 22 years old. An autopsy could not determine the cause of death. The doctors called it "sudden death syndrome," which occasionally affects athletes. Doug was a dedicated student and loved the years he spent at UW-Stevens Point. This scholarship was established to benefit those students who share the same passion for wildlife that Doug did.

Kristina Borgstrom
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Buffalo, MN

NEW! CHRISTINE AND STANTON THOMAS NATURAL RESOURCES LEADER AWARD

This scholarship fund has been initiated as a tribute to Dr. Christine and Stanton Thomas through a gift from their friends, Jay and Jan Warner. Christine and Stanton are also contributing to the fund. Dr. Thomas has been a faculty member at UWSP since 1980 and has served as Dean of the College since 2005. Her husband, Stan, is an attorney. Both are avid outdoors people and conservationists. Dean Thomas has held many leadership roles at the state and national level in conservation organizations, on policy boards, and advisory councils. She is renowned for her 30-year career in educating thousands of future resource management professionals and for her efforts to eliminate barriers for women and other citizen groups to become engaged participants in the outdoors. This award recognizes students of junior status who demonstrate the potential to assume leadership roles at the state, national and international levels as they mature in their careers.

Rebecca Philipps
Water Resources
Mishicot, WI

TROUT UNLIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS

Trout Unlimited's mission is to conserve, protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. TU accomplishes this mission on local, state and national levels with an extensive and dedicated volunteer network. TU's national office, based just outside of Washington, D.C., and its regional offices employ professionals who testify before Congress, publish a quarterly magazine, intervene in federal legal proceedings, and work with the organization's 150,000 volunteers in 400 chapters nationwide to keep them active and involved in conservation issues.

TROUT UNLIMITED – ANTIGO CHAPTER

JAMES SMITH AND DEAN CURRAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Antigo Chapter of Trout Unlimited is proud to present the "Antigo Trout Unlimited James Smith and Dean Curran Memorial Scholarship." Jim was a founding member of the Antigo Chapter and a long term supporter of conservation efforts. Dean, also a founding member of the chapter, was a long term educator and teacher of conservation efforts. The scholarship is awarded to an upper classman or graduate student from Langlade County in any field of natural resources. Antigo Trout Unlimited is proud to support the College of Natural Resources and the fine students of the Natural Resources program

Alison Lindner
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Antigo, WI

TROUT UNLIMITED – SHAW-PACA CHAPTER COLD WATER RESEARCH GRANT

This scholarship is offered annually by the Shaw-Paca Chapter of Trout Unlimited to a worthy student in the field of cold-water resources. The group feels that these experts in the field will help lead the way in future policies and ideas to benefit the sport of trout fishing. The scholarship winner is selected from an area served by the Shaw-Paca Chapter of TU or other chapters in the area and must be at least a junior in water resources or fisheries.

Jody Derks
Fisheries
Waupaca, WI

TROUT UNLIMITED- FRANK HORNBERG CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Frank Hornberg Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a group of local anglers who have combined their efforts to restore and enhance trout habitat in Portage, Wood and Adams Counties. They get together to spin tales, share knowledge, improve angling skills and improve local cold water streams. The chapter is known throughout the state for its development and use of its own stream rehabilitation tools. It sponsors a yearly fly-fishing school for adults and youths who want to improve their knowledge of casting, reading the stream, tying flies and other essential of trout fishing.

The chapter is named for Frank Hornberg (1882 – 1966), the first game warden assigned to Portage County. Known as a colorful character, he was the developer of the Hornberg Special, an artificial fly that can be fished as a dry fly or a streamer. In the 1940s the Weber Tackle Company of Stevens Point began marketing the Hornberg. It remains a popular fly today.

Nicholas McLafferty
Fisheries
Milwaukee, WI

WATERFOWL (USA) LTD. SOUTHERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

National Waterfowl Alliance is a 501-C3 tax-exempt organization dedicated to creating interest in preserving the remaining wetland habitat within the USA. It is our goal to bring together America's biologists, sportsmen, and bird enthusiasts to ensure our American heritage, and to ensure that our right to enjoy the out-of-doors is preserved.

Nathan Waid
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Stoughton, WI

12 APOSTLES MUSKY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Stevens Point musky enthusiast, Pete Stelmacher, founded the 12 Apostles Musky club, Inc. Pete along with eleven other local anglers fished together for many years and called themselves the "12 Apostles". In 1977 the group formally organized the 12 Apostles Musky Club Inc. for the purpose of promoting musky fishing in the Central Wisconsin area.

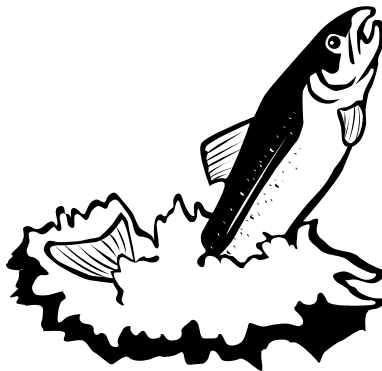
As of 2005, the accomplishments and projects of the 12 Apostles Musky Club, Inc. have come a long way since 1977:

- 1. We have stocked over 32,000 Muskies into appropriate waters all over the state of Wisconsin. We have also stocked over 2,600 walleyes and 3,000 bass. We have also contributed financially and are a member of the Muskie Clubs Alliance, which stocks Muskies throughout the state.*
- 2. We provide financial support for UWSP fisheries research and projects.*
- 3. We provide college scholarships to UWSP fisheries students.*
- 4. We co-sponsor Kid's Fishing Days with financial support and personnel.*
- 5. We have provided finances for handicap accessible docks at area lakes and have added boat bumper guards at many docks in the area.*
- 6. We provide boat landing clean-up crews to keep area boat landings clean and litter free.*
- 7. We provide educational seminars and bring nationally recognized authorities on fishing to the area for educational purposes.*
- 8. We have installed fish cribs in area lakes to provide habitat for all species of fish.*
- 9. We provide financial support to Big Brothers/Big Sisters so that area youth can attend summer camp at CWES.*
- 10. We contribute financially to Fishing Has No Boundaries, which provides angling opportunities for the physically challenged.*
- 11. We purchase outdoor magazines for senior citizens at Lincoln Center in Stevens Point.*
- 12. We promote conservation projects along with catch and release in order to provide quality fishing for everyone.*

Nathan Thomas
Fisheries
Mason, WI

Brian Schmidt
Fisheries
Elkhorn, WI

Nathaniel Stewart
Fisheries
Port Edwards, WI



VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS

Veolia Environmental Services in North America, a subsidiary of Veolia Environmental Services, is a division of Veolia Environment. Veolia Environmental Services is the world's largest waste services company, with 92,500 employees in 42 countries. Its services to industrial, commercial, municipal, and residential customers include: solid waste management, technical solutions (hazardous waste management), industrial maintenance & cleaning, and waste-to-Energy. Veolia's commitment to sustainable development inspires these scholarships for tomorrow's leaders in natural resource management.

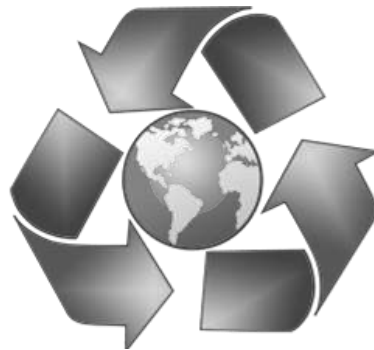
Jonathan Karch
Waste Management
Custer, WI

Andrew Kiefer
Waste Management
Menasha, WI

Jacob Kehring
Waste Management
Plainfield, WI

Kelly McCredie
General Resource Management
Stevens Point, WI

Shantanu Pai
Waste Management
Pune, India



WALLEYES UNLIMITED, USA SCHOLARSHIP

Walleyes Unlimited, USA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the promotion of sport fishing. It is especially committed to teaching people to fish and to enhance the understanding of freshwater species.

Brian Schmidt
Fisheries
Elkhorn, WI

WALLEYES FOR TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIPS

Walleyes For Tomorrow (WFT) was founded in 1991 with the goal of increasing the number of walleye in the public waters of Wisconsin through spawning habitat construction, enhancement and rehabilitation. Where these efforts are not successful or practical, stocking of fry from resident walleye populations is also used to increase local populations. Human activities in the past have degraded traditional walleye spawning sites in many ways. The main focus of WFT habitat projects is to rehabilitate these spawning sites to provide optimum spawning potential. 51 projects designed to meet these goals have been completed in the past seventeen years. WFT uses seven portable fish hatcheries to hatch eggs for release of walleye fry into lakes that have irregular or infrequent natural spawning success.

Walleyes For Tomorrow is a Wisconsin non-profit corporation with 3,000 members in sixteen chapters in the state. Numerous fundraising activities are held annually to finance the activities of the organization. WFT is a totally volunteer organization with no paid staff. Active participation by members makes it possible to undertake projects and fundraising events in the most economical manner. Without the support of our members and volunteers realizing the goal of increased walleye production would be extremely difficult.

We do not want to forget to mention the biologists and staff of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR has provided WFT with invaluable advice and insight into walleye management. This cooperation has been invaluable in project identification and design. We very much appreciate all the help the dedicated Department staff have given us over the past 20 years.

Nathaniel Stewart
Fisheries
Port Edwards, WI

Joshua Wied
Fisheries
Brookfield, WI

WAUKESHA COUNTY CONSERVATION ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Waukesha County Conservation Alliance is an affiliate club of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF). By affiliating with WWF, clubs and organizations tie into an effective statewide network of sportspeople working at local, state, and national levels to:

- *Develop and advance policies that protect fish and wildlife habitat.*
- *Promote public access to lands and water for outdoor recreation.*
- *Educate youth and adults about conservation and hunting issues.*

Sarah Bowman
Water Resources
Pewaukee, WI

WHITETAILED UNLIMITED INC. SCHOLARSHIPS

Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. (WTU) is a national, non-profit tax exempt organization founded in 1982 to educate the general public on the importance of study and management of whitetail deer. WTU supports programs which help to insure the present and future well-being of the species and its habitat. The organization has been particularly involved with educating the public on the importance of sound conservation practices relating to wildlife, while promoting compatibility between whitetail deer and land-use practices. WTU supports research on deer and has worked with other groups to facilitate development of educational information. Major objectives of WTU include: strengthening land user/land owner relations, striving to reduce or eliminate poaching, assisting in improvement in the "hunter's image", providing means to lessen deer and vehicle collisions, providing guidance on reducing crop depreciation and information that will improve wildlife habitat, promoting regulated hunting as a primary deer management tool, and encouraging involvement in hunter education programs.

Ashley Jones

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Webster, MN

WHITETAILED UNLIMITED INC-MARSHFIELD CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Bryant Kern

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Mosinee, WI

WHITETAILED UNLIMITED INC-SOUTHERN LAKES CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Alison Lindner

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Antigo, WI

WISCONSIN CROP PRODUCTION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin Crop Production Association Scholarship provides financial assistance for a student with an interest in soil fertility or pest management. Each year a student is chosen based on scholastic ability, financial need, and contributions to the University.

Emily Bachinski

Soil & Land Management
Stevens Point, WI

WILSON OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Mitchell Olds
Watershed Management
Kimberly, WI

William Risse
Land Use Planning
Brooklyn Park, MN

Matthew Bauer
Forest Management
Schaumburg, IL

Anna Courtney
Soil & Land Management
Willowbrook, IL

Dustin Masin
Wildlife Ecology-Information & Education
Neenah, WI

WISCONSIN RURAL OPPORTUNITIES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin Rural Opportunity Foundation, Inc. offers scholarship for students from a Wisconsin family farm, who have financial need and who are entering or continuing study in Natural Resources. A rural area is defined as a township, village, or city with a population of less than 20,000.

Justin Hemshrot
General Resource Management
Shell Lake, WI

Matthew Raabe
Forest Management
Holmen, WI

Danielle Rupp
Water Resources
Belleville, WI

WALTER DENSCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is in memory of Walter Densch, who was born and raised in Portage County. Walter had a lifelong love for the outdoors, wildlife, trees, and forests. He also had an underlying appreciation for education and conservation. The intent of this memorial, established by the children and friends of Walter, is to give special support and recognition to a most deserving undergraduate in the field of forestry or wildlife.

Katherine Carson
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Cross Plains, WI

WISCONSIN STATE CRANBERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Over the years, improved technology has enabled cranberry growers to employ better management practices, ensuring Wisconsin's place as a leader in cranberry production. Just as important, growers are also committed to using only those methods that do not harm our environment. Because of this commitment, cranberry growers have helped to preserve our wetlands, providing a natural habitat where plant and animal life flourish. Additional information may be obtained from Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association (WSCGA), P.O. Box 365, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495, 715-423-2070.

Stuart Lannoye
Water Resources
Grayslake, IL

WINNEBAGO CONSERVATION CLUB – ROBERT ZELHOFFER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late Robert Zelhofer Sr. Robert was a life-long resident of Winnebago County who had a love for the land and was an avid outdoorsman. Bob had many hobbies which included stamp, coin, and postcard collecting. His free time was spent on Sturgeon Watches that he did every year until he passed away. He was with the Auxiliary Police for 20 years, a member of Sturgeons for Tomorrow, the National Rifle Association, and Pheasant's Forever (on the Board of Directors), as well as a lifetime member of the Winnebago Conservation Club. When there was something to be done, he always volunteered to do it. He was loved by everyone who knew him. May his memory live on through this scholarship.

Brenna Spear
Forest Recreation
Omro, WI

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF) is a Wisconsin federation of organizations and individuals devoted to hunting, fishing, trapping, and other outdoor activities. They are also devoted to education, serving its members, the people of Wisconsin and the nation, for today and the future by becoming a stronger, more effective, and recognized force for the sustainable use and protection of natural resources. The WWF has a long history of promoting environmental education. They led the nation in distribution of Wildlife Week kits, sponsored teacher training programs for Project WILD, are starting a new youth conservation camp, and are also starting a program to financially assist students doing research in natural resources.

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – WILLIAM ABERG SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late William J.P. Aberg, a founder of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation, who was instrumental in the writing and passage of such basic conservation acts as the establishment of a citizens policy body to determine natural resource management policy, forestry protection and development through a state mill tax and forest-crop law, acquisition of Horicon Marsh, and acquisition of national forest areas in Wisconsin. He served with distinction for two terms on the former Wisconsin Conservation Commission, now the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board.

Jacob Marty
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Monticello, WI

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – WILLIAM PETERBURS, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

William “Bill” Peterburs, long-time Associate Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, died on November 30, 1995. Bill, an avid water fowler and outdoorsman, was known throughout the state and nation for his work to ban the use of lead shot in waterfowl hunting. He led the fight for steel shot at a considerable cost of time and money to himself and his family. He had a cause to fight for and won.

Justin Nooker
Forest Ecosystem & Management
Green Bay, WI

WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION – RICHARD HEMP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is given to a student meeting the basic criteria of good academic standing, a non anti-hunter, and majoring in Forestry or Wildlife. In addition the student should be interested in the field of outdoor journalism.

Jamie Ruppel
Forest Management
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

**WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION –
J.L. SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of the late J.L. Schneider. J.L. believed that you were never too old to learn, for no one man knew everything and we can all learn from each other. He was a dairy farmer who worked with the soil conservation department, a pioneer in strip and terrace farming. When he wasn't farming he was teaching hunter's safety for 35 years. He also taught 4-H nature study and worked at Poynette Game Farm, Marsh Haven, and Horicon Marsh on research projects and teaching about nature. J.L. firmly believed that education is a never ending experience and the earth was ours to protect and care for. J.L. was a man that people looked up to and admired.

Hannah White
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Hammond, WI

**WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION –
LES WOERPEL SCHOLARSHIP**

“There is more to do than has already been done, and it needs to be done by cooperation, understanding and hard work. May the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation continue to grow and prosper so that these ends may be met.” – Leslie “Les” Woerpel.

Les was involved in conservation on the national level through papers authored on pheasant management, pesticide use, water and water rights, and was an avid proponent of the Wilderness and Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Acts. On the state and local level, his efforts helped establish the Chequamegon and Nicolet Forests and the George W. Mead Wildlife Area as well as the reintroduction of the prairie chicken in the Buena Vista Marsh. Les was commended by Governors Nelson and Knowles and by President Nixon for his leadership.

Ethan Lockhart
Urban Forestry
Elkhorn, WI

**WISCONSIN WILDLIFE FEDERATION –
GORDON BUBOLZ SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship originated with seed money from Gordon Bubolz and was a continuation of his many efforts in conservation. Included among his conservation works is the Bubolz Conservation Center near his hometown of Appleton, WI. The Center and its buildings are used by a wide variety of conservation groups.

Jacob Koebernik
Wildlife Ecology-Research and Management
Muskego, WI

WORTH SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is established by the Worth Company of Stevens Point, WI, in memory of Joseph Worth, a principal of the corporation. The scholarship is awarded annually to a graduate student.

A.J. Repp
M.S.-Natural Resources - Fisheries
Villa Park, IL

YAHARA SCHOLARSHIP

“Promoting Fishing Rights and Responsibilities Since 1946”

Based out of Madison, WI, the Yahara Fishing Club is dedicated to fishing activities, conservation, social activities, and education. They regularly host local and statewide fishing outings for people of all ages and abilities while promoting habitat improvement and protection projects such as shoreline/stream bank improvement and lake access. Besides hosting monthly meetings, guest speakers, and fishing seminars, the Yahara Fishing Club devotes special attention to improving fishing conditions for the disabled and taking political action on issues that impact fishing.

The Yahara Fishing Club Scholarship is awarded to a Natural Resources student majoring in Water Resources or a related field with good academic standing from Dane County. For more information on the Yahara Fishing Club, visit their website: <http://www.yaharafishingclub.org>.

Derek Bahr
Fisheries
Randolph, WI

ZABEL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Zabel family to support UW-Stevens Point students working toward a career in Environmental Education and Interpretation. It also supports students who have a lifelong passion in natural resources, and a belief in the importance of serving others.

Katherine Gunsolus
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Fort Atkinson, WI

FIELD TECHNIQUES IN NATURAL RESOURCES SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students are participating in the 2012 CNR Field Techniques program at either the Treehaven Field Station or the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES)

JAMES AND JOANN BERND FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS

Sponsored by the James and Joann Bernd family, the purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide scholarships for students majoring in natural resources at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and planning to attend the 6-week Treehaven "Summer Camp" field training course. Joann's love of animals and wildlife and Jim's 35 year career in the paper industry are the basis of this scholarship fund. Jim and Joann attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and are pleased to be able to support the UWSP College of Natural Resources Program.

Matthew Bach
Fisheries
Luck, WI

Timothy Herbert
Forest Management
Winona, MN

Sheila Behling
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Madison, WI

Michelle Scarpace
Soil & Land Management
Mountain, WI

Justin Schuenemann
Watershed Management
Waupun, WI

SCOTT IRONS TREEHAVEN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Scott Irons, who died from an accidental fall in 1985. Scott was born in Rockford, Illinois and graduated from Hononegah High School. He received a degree in Wildlife at UWSP in 1982. This scholarship is awarded to a CNR major who is a resident of Illinois and is attending summer camp the following summer.

Claire Ault
Forest Ecosystem & Management
Naperville, IL

TIMOTHY G. KROEFF FIELD AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

This award honors Timothy G. Kroeff, a 1975 alumnus who works as a Fisheries Management Technician in Sturgeon Bay, WI, for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Tim believes strongly in the field-based education he received at UWSP, and this scholarship endowment is his way of giving back to the program that helped him launch his 27-year career in fisheries management. This scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending Treehaven this summer and serve as a teaching assistant in water resources or wildlife.

Nicholas McLafferty

Fisheries
Milwaukee, WI

IRVING W. GERHARDT TREEHAVEN SCHOLARSHIPS

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Holly Galetka
Environmental Education/Interpretation
Stevens Point, WI

Benjamin Hansen
Forest Management
Milladore, WI

Brian Wild
Resource Management-Law Enforcement
Antigo, WI

MARV AND SANDY KRAMER SUMMER ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Sponsored by the Marv and Sandy Kramer family, the purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who are attending the Treehaven Summer Camp program this upcoming summer.

The Kramer's, now retired, are active conservationists and once resided in Stevens Point, where Marv earned a biology degree at UWSP in 1962. He then went on to work as a biologist for several years at the USDA Agricultural Research Service, before he and Sandy developed their own business in the health care industry.

Melis Arik
General Resource Management
Stevens Point, WI

Amanda Heckenlaible
Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Green Bay, WI

MARTINI FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the Martini Family, whose connection to UWSP dates back to 1903 when the University was a Normal School preparing teachers to teach in Wisconsin.

Prior to World War II, Harvey E. Martini, Sr. (who passed away in 2007) graduated in 1939 with a degree in Natural Science. Two brothers, William B. ('50) and Joseph H. Martini ('50) enrolled under the GI Bill after the War. Both brothers (now deceased) received their degrees in Conservation from Central State College (now UWSP). Joe went on to become a fishing tackle factory representative. Bill enjoyed a long career with the Wisconsin Conservation Department (now Wisconsin DNR) and became a nationally noted expert in forest fire control. Bill was named CNR Distinguished Alumnus in 1982. Other deceased family members who either attended or graduated from UWSP include Marcelle Martini Hoerl ('42), Richard Martini, Charles Martini, and Duane Martini Daniels.

As a result of his father's passing on April 1, 2007, Harvey E. Martini, Jr., a '67 Conservation alum, was motivated to make a substantial contribution to fully fund the Martini Family Memorial Scholarship for CNR as a way to honor and perpetuate the work of all family members who have worked towards enabling people to better understand the environment, and who have in one way or another been connected to UWSP. This scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending Treehaven this summer and serve as a teaching assistant.

Matthew Raabe
Forest Management
Holmen, WI

JAMES NEWMAN TREEHAVEN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is a memorial to Jim Newman, who was a member of the College of Natural Resources for 25 years, serving on the forestry faculty and as Assistant Dean. His philosophy, still prominent now, is that the College exists to serve students and that the students are the College's best recommendation

Jeffrey Heil
Forest Management and Urban Forestry
De Pere, WI



MARTHA E. SORENSON TREEHAVEN SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

The Martha Sorensen Conservation Scholarships were established in 1999 through a generous endowment of over \$200,000. Martha is an alumnus of the UWSP School of Education. After graduation, she spent over 50 years as an educator in Wisconsin. In 1960, she was recruited by the State Department to go to Ethiopia and Burma as an elementary education advisor. In 1937, Martha started the first reforestation project in Waushara County on her family farm. By 1986, over 300 acres had been planted into beautiful forestland. Prior to her death in 1998, Martha established this endowment to honor student leaders in natural resources. Martha Sorensen was a pioneer in the conservation movement in Central Wisconsin

Molly Foley

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Glen Ellyn, IL

Travis Kahl

Watershed Management
Greendale, WI

Eric Osterdyk

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Pine City, MN

DOROTHY KOPMEIER VALLIER TREEHAVEN STUDENT SCHOLAR AWARD

This award honors Dorothy Kopmeier Vallier, a lifetime naturalist, conservationist and philanthropist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Vallier and her husband, Jacque, donated the property near Tomahawk, WI, that is now called Treehaven. In addition to her legacy of support for Treehaven, the College of Natural Resources, and UW-Stevens Point, Mrs. Vallier also founded the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Milwaukee. The Dorothy Kopmeier Vallier Student Scholar Award is presented to a student who will be attending the Treehaven summer camp and working as a Faculty Assistant this summer.

Kyle Johnson

Forest Management
Brule, WI

JACQUE VALLIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Vallier Memorial Fund is just one of the many gifts the Vallier's have bestowed upon the CNR. Through their support the CNR built the Treehaven facility and endowed the Vallier Chair of Ecology. Mr. Vallier was a long-time biology and natural history teacher who gave thousands of students an appreciation for nature and love of sciences. The scholarship fund was founded in 1997 with a \$25,000 endowment from Jacque's wife, Dorothy. Recipients are selected for their organization involvement, academic achievement, and potential for future success in their chosen field of natural resource conservation. The recipients of the Jacque Vallier Memorial Scholarships will be attending Treehaven this summer.

Elizabeth Schultz

Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management
Tomahawk, WI

GORDON E. KUMMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 1954 Gordon E. Kummer had the foresight to purchase land which is now known as "Treehaven." He was responsible for the 35-mile network of roads winding throughout the property, as well as the planting of more than 175,000 trees. After his death in 1958 his family continued to operate "Treehaven Tree Farm." In 1979, 950 acres of the tree farm were given to the UWSP Foundation for a biological field station used by the College of Natural Resources. The scholarships support students attending summer camp at Treehaven.

Claire Ault

Forest Ecosystem & Management
Naperville, IL

JAY R. WARNER FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a student who will be attending summer camp in 2011 and serving as a teaching assistant in forestry. The award is sponsored by Jay Warner, a local businessman and landowner who has demonstrated his appreciation for UWSP and the College of Natural Resources. Recently, Warner allowed CNR's pulpcut class (NRES 405) and the Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) to conduct a tree thinning on his property. Warner allowed the proceeds from the harvest to serve as a fundraiser for the Chapter.

Melissa Bayert

Forest Management
Bartlett, IL

WISCONSIN WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Wisconsin Woodland Owners Association (WWOA) was established in 1979 for and by Wisconsin's private woodland owners interested in becoming better woodland stewards. A nonprofit, educational organization, WWOA works to bridge the gap between natural resource professionals and woodland owners, through our magazine, local chapters, conferences and field days. WWOA provides this scholarship to a forestry student attending Treehaven Summer Camp or the European Environmental Studies trip in gratitude for the educational support provided by the College of Natural Resources and its many alumni.

Jeffrey Heil

Forest Management and Urban Forestry
De Pere, WI

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Erik Carlson
Fisheries
Union Grove, WI

Andrew Doyle
Fisheries
Germantown, WI

Logan Shine
Forest Recreation
Stevens Point, WI

EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students are participating in the 2012 Summer European Environmental Seminar program:

NEW! DANIEL O. TRAINER MEMORIAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award supports student scholars in natural resources who participate in the CNR European Environmental Studies Seminar, a program that was started under the leadership of the late Dan Trainer who served as CNR Dean from 1971 to 1989. The endowment was created by alumni, friends and family in conjunction with the dedication of the Daniel O. Trainer Natural Resources Building (TNR) in 2007. A native of Princeton, Wisconsin, Trainer is recognized for his impact in overseeing the education of over 5,000 professionals now working in natural resources management throughout Wisconsin, the U.S. and around the world. Under his leadership, the college became one of the premier institutions of its kind in the nation, promoting hands-on field experiences for students and opportunities to travel overseas to gain international experience. The European seminar was one of Dan's favorite programs, and he made the trip with students several times while he was Dean.

Erik Hendrickson
Water Resources
Bryant, WI

IRVING W. GERHARDT EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Catie Burkhead

Wildlife Ecology–Information & Education
Pequot Lakes, MN

TaylorAnn Christiansen

Environmental Education/Interpretation
New Berlin, WI

Sarah Manka

Wildlife Ecology–Research & Management
International Falls, MN

Ashley Goschey

Environmental Education/Interpretation
Naperville, IL

Bryn Sitkiewicz

Forest Management
Downers Grove, IL

MARTHA E. SORENSON EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Ian Hackett

Fisheries
Holmen, WI

Samantha Bussan

Forest Ecosystem & Management
McFarland, WI

Ashley VandeVoort

Forest Management
Seymour, WI

Margaret Kenna

Wildlife Ecology–Research & Management
Little Falls, MN

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

MARTHA SORENSEN OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

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OUTSTANDING CNR SOPHOMORE AWARD

Erik Hendrickson



Erik is a sophomore majoring in Water Resources with a minor in Soil Science. Erik feels that he has made a valiant effort in helping maintain water quality and monitoring water quality via his job, research, and dedicating a gratuitous amount of time to his studies. As a result of these hard hours spent studying, Erik currently holds a 3.96 cumulative GPA.

Erik grew up in Bryant, which is a rural township just outside of Antigo, and holds the famous Antigo Silt Loam in its agricultural fields. As Erik has grown up there, he has noticed how vulnerable the waters are to contamination, especially nitrates. As he has grown up and found great interest in the natural resources here in Wisconsin, Erik has decided that it is up to people like himself who care deeply for water quality to protect water resources for not only his community, but for everyone's communities across the world.

With his degree, Erik hopes to get a job as a water quality specialist and is already getting experience through his job at the Water and Environmental Analysis Laboratory (WEAL). He has also gained of experience from summer projects and research including monitoring groundwater interactions with surface waters around central Wisconsin and studying the effects of milfoil weevils, fungi, and soil sediments on Eurasian Water Milfoil across the state. Erik plans on using the data collected from this project to present in the CNR Undergraduate Research Symposium. Erik's presentation will consider the effects of soil sediment qualities and nutrients on Eurasian Water Milfoil densities.

Erik also has a strong interest in other countries, their cultures, and their approaches to natural resources management and will be participating in the European Environmental Seminar this summer. As a result of this trip, Erik hopes to gain perspective on how other countries approach natural resources management. With such perspectives gained, Erik hopes to integrate foreign practices into our own to help create effective methods in managing our water resources.

OUTSTANDING CNR JUNIOR AWARD

Jacob Marty



Jacob Marty is a second year student from Monticello, Wisconsin, who is pursuing a double major in Wildlife Ecology: Research and Management and Forestry: Ecosystem Restoration and Management. In three semesters, he has completed 60 credits while maintaining a 3.97 GPA. Currently, he is studying abroad for a semester at Koebenhavns Universitet in Copenhagen, Denmark to take classes in Danish culture, Danish Language, Natural Resource Economics, and Geographical Information Systems. At Stevens Point, Jacob is an active member in the Wildlife Society, and has participated in projects involving netting and banding saw-whet owls, checking waterfowl nests for successful hatchings, and observing prairie chicken courting along with volunteering as a deer ager with the WI DNR during opening weekend this past hunting season. He is also a member in the Society of American Foresters and Fire Crew, and has taken advantage of the opportunities to earn certifications in forestry and fire training, as well as learning practical skills.

Last summer, Jacob participated in an Endangered Species Ecology course focused on the issues concerning wolves, grizzly bears, and bison populations while backpacking in Yellowstone National Park. Jacob is passionate about conservation and ecology, and enjoys studying and participating in experiences that will add to his knowledge and ability to contribute significantly to the natural resources field. After earning his undergraduate degree, Jacob plans on attending graduate school, and then applying his knowledge and experience in a future career that involves ecosystem restoration or endangered species management. Personally, Jacob hopes to balance his professional life with family life and his interests and hobbies of traveling, bow hunting, camping, backpacking and basketball in the future.

OUTSTANDING CNR SENIOR AWARD

Danielle Berger



Danielle's pursuit of a wildlife ecology and biology double major has allowed her to integrate her passion for adventure and the outdoors with her academic ambitions. Growing up in Central Wisconsin, Danielle had ample opportunity to explore nature from an early age, whether it be constructing a tree house in her backyard or hiking with her family during the annual camping trip to Beaver Lake. Her interest in wildlife research and management was fostered by her father and grandfather during frequent hunting and fishing trips. While still in grade school, she began to explore the facets of waterfowl management, banding birds at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge and assisting her father with conservation projects through the local Ducks Unlimited chapter.

Danielle's passion for field research has never waned, although the scope of her management interests has broadened. In high school, Danielle spent several days a week at Sandhill Wildlife Refuge working as a student intern as part of the long-running

porcupine ecology study and conducting independent research on Blanding's turtles. Her involvement with porcupine research continued even after graduation, including performing summer radio-telemetry studies of home range and training new student field crews. Danielle also recently designed and completed an independent study on porcupine den site selection based on site thermal characteristics. Her results were utilized as part of ongoing porcupine graduate research at Sandhill.

The CNR faculty has encouraged Danielle's innate curiosity in regards to the natural world and provided her with knowledge and opportunities to further explore. Danielle's 4.00 GPA is representative of her dedication to academics and thirst for understanding. She has been an integral member of Jason Riddle's research lab since her freshman year, entering as an Honors Intern. Involvement with the lab has provided her with innumerable opportunities to hone her critical thinking and field skills, including invaluable experience this past summer working as a field technician studying Northern Bobwhite nest success in North Carolina. Danielle recently completed the analyses on a parallel project assessing the impact of landscape factors on the success of artificial bobwhite nests. She hopes to conduct independent research that would synthesize these quail studies in the coming semesters.

However, some of Danielle's greatest learning experiences while at UWSP have come from aiding in the learning of others. Danielle spent an unforgettable summer at Treehaven working as a teaching assistant in the wildlife discipline. The appreciation and eagerness for knowledge expressed by students at Treehaven kindled Danielle's passion for teaching. Encouraged by her professors, she is completing her fourth semester as a group and content area tutor at the university's Tutoring and Learning Center. The determination and dedicated work ethic of her learners inspire Danielle in her own academic pursuits. The insight students obtain from her lessons will never compare to the gift of motivation she has received from the. Danielle's efforts as an instructor have expanded outside of the realm of academics. She recently began volunteering as a mentor for youth hunting programs to encourage young women to explore the outdoors.

However, her dedication to academic pursuits has not hampered her spirit of adventure. She is president of the Adventure Racing Club, a recreational organization that sponsors and participates in extreme endurance competitions comprised of adventure sports. Tireless determination, ingenuity in the face of adversity, and a love of mud have allowed Danielle to emerge as a nationally-ranked competitive adventure racer after a mere two years in the sport. When not in the classroom, Danielle is most likely to be found on the trails, running, mountain biking or snowshoeing in preparation for her next race.

However, Danielle often steps outside of the competitive realm to enjoy the quiet, contemplative aspects of nature. This past summer, Danielle completed a month-long survival-style solo backpacking trip traversing the southern portion of the Appalachian Trail. Her friends often find themselves roped into spontaneous weekend adventures rock climbing or kayaking or forced to try one of her newest ethnobotanical cooking experiments. Danielle is happiest when she finds a rare moment to relax and enjoy an afternoon of slack-lining, oil painting, and lounging in a hammock with her favorite Jack Kerouac novel. Danielle is also an active member of the student chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Cycling Club.

After graduation, Danielle plans to continue on to graduate school and pursue a doctorate degree. She hopes to find employment as a wildlife biologist and eventually as a member of the faculty at a university.

WILSON OUTSTANDING COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES STUDENT AWARDS

The Jack and Marion Wilson Scholarship Endowment was established in January 2009 as a result of a \$1.2 million bequest from the estate of Jack and Marion Wilson of Fredonia, Wisconsin. It was one of the largest gifts ever received by UW-Stevens Point. Jack was in the wholesale and retail oil business for 45 years and owned the Fredonia-Belgium Oil Company for 20 years. He passed away in September 1994 and Marion died in May 2008. The Wilsons loved the outdoors and Jack was an avid duck hunter and trout fisherman, with a fondness for yellow Labrador retrievers. He was a member of the Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, and the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. The Wilsons lived comfortably but modestly in a typical ranch home on the west side of Fredonia. Their wish in establishing this scholarship was “to provide assistance to promising students enrolled in the College of Natural Resources who demonstrate commitment to the environment and the preservation of our natural resources.”

OUTSTANDING FORESTRY STUDENT AWARD

Marissa Vine



Marissa is a senior from Rochester, Minnesota, which is located in the southeast corner of the state. She is majoring in Forest Ecosystem Restoration and Management with a minor in conservation biology, and holds a GPA of 3.8. In addition, her fascination with wetlands has led her to pursue a certificate in wetland science. Marissa was drawn to a career in natural resources because of her childhood experiences at summer camp, and has loved fishing, camping, and hiking since before she can remember. Some of her academic interests include invasive species, Silviculture, ecology, wetland restoration, plant identification, and amphibians.

Marissa has been involved in the Society for Ecological Restoration and Women in Natural Resources throughout her years at UWSP, and has presented research at the CNR Undergraduate Research Symposium the past two years. In the fall of 2010, Marissa conducted research on ages of various tree species at Quincy Bluff and Wetlands Natural Area in Adams County, WI. This past fall, she worked with Dr. James Cook researching vegetation responses to restoration in the Moses Creek floodplain, and will be presenting the findings at the Midwest Conference for the Society of Ecological Restoration in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Marissa currently holds a SCEP position as a forestry technician for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in La Crescent, MN. After graduation, she intends to pursue a Master's degree in ecology or a related field, but would like to gain additional work experience prior to that. Regardless of where her career takes her, Marissa's ultimate goal will be to enhance people's understanding of and connection to the natural world.

OUTSTANDING FISHERIES AND WATER STUDENT AWARD

Lucas Nathan



Originating from Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin with a passion for the outdoors, Lucas always knew that UW Stevens Point was in his future educational career. Throughout the past four years as a fisheries major, Lucas has had a very successful academic career with a cumulative GPA of 3.97. Outside of the classroom, Lucas has also been active in a variety of clubs and organizations. He has been a member of the American Fisheries Society student chapter here on campus including being a project leader in the spring of 2011. Throughout his undergraduate years, Lucas has also been inducted into a number of honor societies including the Xi Sigma Pi Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and the Society of Leadership and Success.

During the past three years, Lucas has also been heavily involved with the tutoring learning center on campus as a content tutor. His tutoring experiences have involved a wide array of courses including biology, chemistry, and physics classes in one-on-one and group settings. His work in the fisheries field began as a teaching assistant at Treehaven in the summer of 2010. Following this Lucas took an internship position with the US Fish and Wildlife service in the summer of 2011. His internship involved surveying streams in the Upper Peninsula to study the status and distribution of brook trout in the Lake Superior watershed.

Lucas has also been heavily involved in undergraduate research over the past two years on campus. Starting in the fall of 2010, Lucas began working in the Molecular Conservation Genetics Lab studying the genetic stock structure of Lake Michigan lake whitefish. His work in the lab was a continuation of Lake Whitefish work done by previous graduate students; Lucas specifically dealt with the temporal stability of the genetic stocks. Not only has this experience exposed Lucas to a new field unfamiliar to him, but it also gave him the chance to present his research at numerous meetings including the CNR Symposium, Madison's Posters at the Rotunda, the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, and the WI AFS Meeting; a number of which he was recognized for his posters and presentations.

Lucas's work in the genetics lab has also set a course for him to pursue a Master's level degree in the fisheries genetics field. Currently, Lucas is deciding between programs, but he will most likely take a position in the Midwest region studying population genetics of fish and/or the techniques of eDNA to detect invasive carp. After he obtains his Master's degree, Nathan hopes to follow a career with a state or federal agency in the Great Lakes region with an emphasis in fisheries genetics.

OUTSTANDING SOILS AND WASTE RESOURCES STUDENT AWARD

Joel Stokdyk



Joel grew up on the shores of Lake Michigan in Sheboygan County, WI, outside the town of Oostburg. He was involved in Boy Scouts, earning Eagle at 14, which contributed to his love for the outdoors. Pursuing a degree in Soil and Land Management is a continuation of Joel's desire to engage with the natural world. Joel enjoys studying natural systems and ecological processes, and he has a passion for discovery that leads him to ask questions and embrace challenges. Joel's goal is to help expand scientific knowledge and provide education about the functions, values, and wise use of our precious resources.

As an undergraduate, Joel has 2 years of research experience spanning soil, water, and environmental microbiology that includes an internship as a research technician in the CNR's biogeochemistry lab as well as involvement with the Environmental Microbial Analysis and Research Laboratory at UWSP. Specifically, Joel contributed to studies examining compost tea applications on the soil environment and flood events' impacts on denitrifying bacteria, and he led in developing and completing an investigation of soil microbial dynamics across land uses. Most recently, Joel earned a Student Research Fund grant for a project investigating the relationship between invasive plants and the soil microbial community.

Joel's research experience has culminated in five poster presentations: the CNR Research Symposium, the Chancellor's inauguration event, Posters in the Rotunda (Madison, WI), the 2011 Agronomy, Crop, and Soil Science Societies of America Annual Meetings (San Antonio, TX), and the National Conference on Undergraduate Research this March (Ogden, UT). In addition, Joel was a non-presenting co-author for research presented at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting (San Francisco, CA).

Outside of research, Joel serves the University as a member of the Student Research Fund grant proposal review committee and, in Spring 2011, as a search and screen committee member for the Coordinator of Writing/Reading Programs in the Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC). In addition, Joel assists with the Soil and Water Conservation Society's ongoing Horicon Marsh project by analyzing samples and training members to process samples. Joel is also contributing to the development of research projects and educational opportunities with Students for Wetland Awareness, Management, and Protection. As a Master Writing/Reading Consultant in UWSP's TLC writing lab, Joel assists peers in improving as writers both individually and in groups, and he continues to collaborate in developing writing workshops for specific CNR courses.

Joel's research experiences with Dr. Herrman, Dr. Michitsch, and Dr. Werner have inspired him to continue studying soil science, environmental microbiology, and biogeochemistry. After graduation, Joel will complete a Master's degree at UWSP as he pursues a career that involves both teaching and research at the university level. He looks forward to contributing to the field of natural resources while expanding his research experience, deepening his understanding of the natural world, and broadening his perspective on natural resources and the sciences used to study them.

OUTSTANDING RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDENT AWARD

Marie Fargo



Marie is completing her third year at UWSP as an Environmental Education and Interpretation major with a minor in Spanish. She enjoys her involvement on campus as President of the Environmental Educators and Naturalists Association (EENA) where she has helped with such events as the Schmeckle Candlelight Hike and Eco-Fair. Through EENA she has had the opportunity network at the 2010 Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education (WAEE) fall conference and the WAEE Winter Workshop in January of 2012. She is also active in Residential Living as an Academic Resource Coordinator in Knutzen Hall and a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH).

Originally from Green Bay, Wisconsin, she is an avid Packers fan and loves watching games. However, she prefers to spend her time outdoors biking, running, and camping. Marie also loves to travel and was grateful to have been part of the CNR European Environmental Seminar last summer. To further her international experience she will be spending a portion of the summer in the Nyumbani Village in Kenya through the Sustainable Natural Resources and Community Development program. Marie hopes to someday work internationally in the environmental education field, focused especially on sustainable agriculture. She is also interested in working as a naturalist in the U.S. at a national park or interpretive center.

Marie is also receiving a Pauline Isaacson Scholarship through International Programs.

OUTSTANDING WILDLIFE STUDENT AWARD

Andy Richardson



Andy is a senior in the Wildlife Ecology-Research & Management program. He is from the small town of Milladore, which is roughly 20 miles west of Stevens Point. The outdoors was a big part of Andy's life growing up. Andy's parents taught him how to enjoy nature through activities like camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, and skiing. Andy became very involved in Boy Scouts and eventually earned the rank of Eagle Scout. These amazing experiences are what encouraged him to come to UWSP to study wildlife.

Andy transferred to UWSP in January 2010 and was immediately drawn to the student chapter of The Wildlife Society because of the opportunities that it gave him to participate in student-led research projects. Andy has truly enjoyed the experiences that The

Wildlife Society has given him. He has been able to get in the field and work with many of the projects in the organization. Andy has been a leader for the Prairie Chicken Project for two years, which gives members the chance to collect data for the Wisconsin DNR while witnessing these increasingly rare birds put on their mesmerizing courtship displays during the spring. Last year, Andy held the position of Secretary and he is currently the President of the chapter. Andy has enjoyed continuing to build on the UWSP student chapter's legacy of being one of the best in the nation.

Another passion of Andy's is travelling and the College of Natural Resources has offered him so many unique chances to travel to places that he normally would not have been able to see. Last winter, Andy was fortunate enough to be able to go on the CNR trip to study tropical ecology in Costa Rica, which was an amazing educational opportunity that allowed Andy to observe many incredible tropical species of plants and animals. Andy witnessed so many things on this trip that he only thought existed in National Geographic. It was an adventure that changed his understanding of the world and he knows he will not soon forget it. Andy's involvement in The Wildlife Society has also allowed him to travel to some interesting places to learn about the current research being conducted in the field of wildlife management. Andy has attended the last two Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conferences in Minneapolis, MN and Des Moines, IA. He was also lucky enough to be able to attend the 2011 Wildlife Society National Conference in Kona, HI.

Last summer was the first opportunity that Andy had to get a summer position related to wildlife because he transferred into UWSP. Andy was employed as a quail/songbird research technician working in North Carolina for a graduate student here at UWSP. His duties consisted of performing searches for bobwhite quail, blue grosbeak, and indigo bunting nests in areas planted with native vegetation and installing video cameras on the nests to monitor depredation events. This job was an incredible opportunity for Andy to not only gain experience in field work, but also to live in a region outside of the Midwest. He greatly enjoyed learning about all of the work that goes into a research project as well as the ecology, history, and traditions of the Carolinas.

This summer Andy will be finishing his degree by taking summer ornithology. He will then be going on two trips offered by the UWSP biology department. The first is a trip to Alaska to aid a biologist from Alaska Fish & Game in collecting data for a gyrfalcon study. The second is a trip to Greenland to help with an ongoing study on peregrine falcons. Andy considers himself incredibly lucky to be given the chance to do so many amazing things in the span of 2 ½ years. Andy believes that choosing to come to UWSP to study Wildlife Ecology has been one of the best decisions that he has ever made. He would like to thank everyone within the College of Natural Resources for making this experience so great. After he graduate from UWSP Andy plans on attending graduate school to earn his master's degree, which will help him achieve his ultimate goal of becoming a biologist at a national wildlife refuge.

Andy also received the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society Student Award this year.

OUTSTANDING CNR GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Ryan Stephens



Ryan grew up in a rural Wisconsin community where, with encouragement of his parents, found a love for the outdoors and natural resources. He began his undergraduate work at UWSP double majoring in wildlife and biology with a minor in museum methods. During his time at UWSP, Ryan competed on the cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track teams. As an honors intern he worked in the ornithology and mammalogy collections at the UWSP Museum of Natural History preparing museum voucher specimens. During the summer of 2008, Ryan worked at the U.S. National Museum, Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. on forefoot morphology of two cryptic Central American shrews under the aegis of Dr. Neal Woodman. In 2010, research from this study culminated in a published manuscript. During the summer of 2009, Ryan worked for the WDNR studying Wisconsin Species with Information Needs (SIN) and small mammal community assemblages.

After graduating in the fall of 2009, Ryan started a master's project, advised by Dr. Eric Anderson, concurrently investigating Wisconsin small mammal community composition in natural plant communities and trap efficacy of Sherman live- and pitfall-traps. Ancillary to his thesis work, Ryan consulted with the WDNR to develop guidance documents for six small mammals listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in Wisconsin. These documents are detailed accounts of identification, ecology, and management strategies; designed for both private and public land managers to help keep these sensitive species on the Wisconsin landscape. In the spring of 2011, Ryan conducted a survey of small mammals for the USFWS at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, NM and during the summer of 2011, he worked with the WDNR to survey state properties within the Driftless Area and the Mead and McMillan Wildlife Areas. Ryan continues to work at the Museum of Natural History and has prepared over 1,465 museum specimens which have been deposited in the UWSP Museum of Natural History, WI; National Museum of Natural History, Washington D.C.; Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology, MA; and University of Alaska Museum, AK.

In addition to his research commitments, Ryan also taught a selection of Mammalogy labs and has trained over 100 students and faculty on the preparation of museum specimens. He currently teaches 2 sections of Natural Resources 151 labs and has mentored a number of undergraduate students on research projects relating to small mammals. Ryan hopes to keep pedagogy central to his endeavors as he starts a doctoral degree this fall at either University of Alaska Fairbanks or University of New Hampshire.

Ryan also received the Aldo Leopold Memorial Graduate Scholarship and was awarded Best Presentation by a Graduate Student at the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society meeting.

OUTSTANDING CNR GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Kathleen Mahoney



Kathleen grew up in southern New Hampshire where she was constantly outdoors. After school and during summer breaks, she enjoyed climbing trees, playing basketball, and searching for salamanders in the forest surrounding her house. Even in winter she skied and snowboarded with her family. Her childhood experiences strongly influenced her decision to pursue a career in natural resources. After graduating high school, Kathleen attended the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. She majored in Conservation Biology, which involved a diverse range of classes from wildlife ecology and management to microbiology. As part of her degree, she was an intern in northwest Colorado with the U.S. Forest Service where she collected data on snowshoe hare habitat.

For three years after graduating from SUNY-ESF, Kathleen travelled around the country working a variety of natural resources field jobs. Agencies she has worked with include U.S. Forest Service, Missouri Department of Fish and Game, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. While Kathleen is interested in studying amphibians and reptiles, she has worked with other wildlife species, including white-tailed deer, wood ducks, and red-cockaded woodpeckers.

In 2010, Kathleen's interest in amphibians brought her to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources where she is earning her Master of Science under the direction of Dr. Kevin Russell. Her research is focused on determining the effects of prescribed fire and timber harvest on woodland salamanders in the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia. Kathleen is also actively involved in numerous professional organizations, including The Wildlife Society, where she recently presented her research in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

In addition to her graduate research, she is the teaching assistant for ten sections of Natural Resources 151, Ecological Basis for Natural Resources Management. Each semester, Kathleen helps instructors organize weekly laboratories that teach CNR students how to collect data from streams and soils, design a research experiment, and use library resources. Kathleen will be finishing her fieldwork this summer and graduating in December. She hopes to continue to be involved in wildlife management and ecology as a biologist with a federal agency in her future career.

OUTSTANDING CNR GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS

Jessica Piispanen



Jessica was raised in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. From a young age she was always outdoors whether it was playing in the woods behind her house or hiking during family vacations to various national parks and forests around the country. Jessica attended Ohio Northern University where she obtained a B.S. in Biology (emphasis in Field Biology) and a minor in Environmental Studies in 2007. After graduating from ONU, she wanted to travel the country to gain additional skills working with birds before eventually returning to obtain her Masters. As a result, she worked as a technician on numerous avian projects for different universities and governmental agencies in Ohio, Texas, Kauai, Florida, Tennessee, and finally Santa Cruz Island off the coast of California.

Jessica began her Master's degree in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Wildlife in January 2010 at UWSP. Her research focuses on northern bobwhite, indigo bunting, and blue grosbeak nests on field borders in North Carolina. The two main objectives of her project are to determine whether distance to various edge types influence the outcome of the three focal species' nests and if snakes are the main nest predators. She has presented her work at various conferences including the 2011 and 2012 Wisconsin Chapter TWS meeting, 2011 National TWS conference, 2011 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, and the 7th National Quail Symposium.

In February Jessica organized a field border workshop near her field sites in North Carolina for landowners and various government agencies. During her time at UWSP Jessica has been a guide for the BOW's prairie chicken viewing program in 2010 and coordinated the viewing program in 2011 and has participated in the Women in Science Day. Upon graduation Jessica will be working as a US Fish and Wildlife biologist. There she hopes to continue working with birds, habitat management, and conservation. In her spare time when she's not chasing birds or enjoying the great outdoors Jessica is either running, cooking, or rooting for her favorite football team, the Cincinnati Bengals!

OUTSTANDING CNR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Victoria Bertolami



Victoria is a third year UWSP Watershed Management major from Algonquin, Illinois. Victoria has challenged herself academically achieving a 3.84 GPA and has devoted herself to understanding the diverse issues facing water resources. This devotion prompted her involvement as president of both the UWSP chapters of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences national societies during the fall 2011 semester. Victoria is determined to increase public awareness of various environmental issues in order to achieve her career goals. Serving as the Knutzen Hall Environmental Programmer for the 2011-2012 year, Victoria planned events such as the Build Your Own Personal Compost System and Bike Ride to the Co-op & Stevens Point Farmers Market. She hopes to bring this type of community involvement and awareness to her hometown in Illinois. In addition to these activities, Victoria has served as the 2011-2012 Greenest Resident Room Ambassador leading tours that bring in students, community members and staff who leave the tour with a greater understanding of how our lives impact all varieties of natural resources and how we as consumers can make better choices.

Victoria's career objective and personal goal is to return to the northwest Chicago suburbs and create a sustainable community by promoting more conservative land use, innovative storm water management and water quality education for all ages. Victoria has been developing a connection to her native northern Illinois eco-region through years of non-profit involvement with the Friends of The Fox River Watershed and The McHenry County Defenders. During the summer of 2011, Victoria worked as a McHenry County Conservation District Natural Resource Management intern participating in plant identification, seed collection, pollination, wetland delineation, forensic ecology, invasive species control, and drainage tile removal. This field work experience coupled with the National Institutes of Health Internship she completed at Roosevelt University and a high school internship at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation have afforded Victoria the opportunity to apply what she has learned in the classroom. All of these activities have opened her eyes to the complexity of natural resources in Illinois. Based on these and many more of her rewarding experiences so far, Victoria knows that she will be a successful protector and voice for her hometown watershed.

Victoria has applied for several summer 2012 internships within the McHenry County Conservation District including Rare Plant Monitoring Intern, Ecological Research Archivist, and Seasonal GIS Specialist. She has also applied for the PepsiCo Chicago Environmental Intern position which would be an urban environmental awareness internship focused on the PepsiCo efforts within Chicago. Lastly, Victoria has applied for the Northern Illinois University Research Experiences for Undergraduates program. Any of the above summer employment opportunities will allow Victoria to further study within her eco-region and she looks forward to the responses to her applications.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CNR OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

Each year, CNR students cast their ballots to select the recipient of the CNR Outstanding Teacher Award. The criteria for selection include teaching ability, involvement with students, and availability for student advising. This is the only award in the CNR to be nominated and voted on by our students. Last semester, each of the 21 CNR student organizations nominated professors to be considered for the award. The top three nominees were then voted on by the CNR students via e-mail. This year's awardee:

Dr. Les Werner **Associate Professor of Urban Forestry**

It's not an overstatement to say that Les Werner would go to the ends of the Earth for his students. In fact, he did just that two years, when he traveled to Antarctica with an international delegation of scientists to study changes in soil carbon emissions caused by deglaciation.

Despite such worldly experiences, most would say that Dr. Werner's biggest impact is right here on campus. "Les is a dedicated and exceptionally passionate teacher who connects well with students, and is constantly trying to make what he teaches more relevant and effective," said Eric Anderson, Professor of Wildlife at UWSP. "He is wonderfully charismatic and has an informal, casual style of interacting with students that make both him and the material more accessible."



Werner is known for his dedication to students, his sense of humor, his depth of knowledge, and his passion for the subject matter. Although urban forestry students are the most familiar with him, Dr. Werner's impact on the CNR is broad, as he teaches NRES 151, an introductory core course required of all CNR majors. NRES 151 was the first class taken by CNR student Isaac Palmer, and Werner made a big impression on him. "Rarely have I seen a professor conduct such dynamic and fluent lectures while fostering scientific fascination among his students," said Palmer. "I think his ability to teach effectively, inspire his students to become lifelong learners, and produce graduates that have the desire to increase the integrity of their field make Dr. Werner an invaluable asset to the University."

"Dr. Werner's constant positive reinforcement and his conviction that mistakes are good for learning encourages students to take risks in their learning."

- Gregory Blick (CNR Student)
Officer – UWSP Society of American Foresters

Consistently rated by students as one of CNR's best instructors, Werner received the CNR Outstanding Teacher Award in 2006. After a required 5-year waiting period, students nominated him again this year clearly showing their willingness to "go to the ends of the Earth" for one of their favorite professors.

Congratulations to all our scholarship recipients!