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FRIENDS OF EUCLID CREEK AWARDS

ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

<u>South Euclid, OH, May 15, 2024</u> - The Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC) is pleased to announce that the recipients of their annual scholarship is Gabby Fernandez.



Gabby is studying Plant Science at Tri-C and recently joined Lake View Cemetery's horticulture team in caring for the historic grounds. She also worked with the Cleveland Heights Green Team, Heights Tree People, Waterloo Arts District, and Slavic Village Development, as well as having an internship with the Cleveland Botanical Gardens. She competed at the National Collegiate Landscaping Competition and placed second in Interior Planting Design with a perfect score

and fourth in Computer Aided Design.

She also maintains a community parklet named Spirit Corner and states, "While I am open to many opportunities throughout horticulture, I aim to pursue a career in landscape design or landscape architecture with a focus on creating public green spaces that support our local ecology and foster connection. After my firsthand experience seeing the impact these kinds of spaces have, I hope to make them an integral part of our public infrastructure and social connection."

The Friends of Euclid Creek is delighted to reward students for devotion to the environment and support for future education.

The Friends of Euclid Creek's mission is to raise awareness about and preserve the natural features of the Euclid Creek watershed.