

FRIENDS OF EUCLID CREEK AWARDS

THREE ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2022

In 2022, we are providing three students with scholarships of \$1000 each. Congratulations go to Anna, Jess, and Peyton.

Anna Roderick



Anna Roderick states that “when I took AP Environmental Science during my junior year of high school, I realized I truly wanted to change the world and help solve the climate crises by going into the environmental science and sustainability field.”

She goes on to say, “I plan on studying environmental science with a co-major of sustainability and minor in environmental engineering at Miami University in Ohio.” This she believes will give her as she puts it - “the best opportunity to find a career path where I can truly make a difference and help slow climate change and help save our planet and all of the species that inhabit it.”

At Brecksville Broadview Heights High School, Anna ranked in the top ten students based on GPA with a course load of difficult AP and honors classes.

She was also an avid volunteer in Key Club, Student Council, and National Honors Society where she was elected secretary.

She was also captain of her school’s varsity basketball team.

Outside of school, she volunteered for activities such as the Riversweep campaign to clean up the Cuyahoga River.

Jess Kowalski



During her junior year in high school, Jess researched how to create a pollinator garden at her school, St. Joseph Academy.

Her goal was to install the garden after planning it out.

She states, “I have wanted to create a pollinator garden at my high school since my freshman year because I recognized the potential for the large amount of unused green space at my school’s campus.”

She also explains that “once my research was finished, I showcased my final pollinator garden proposal to a committee of faculty, staff, and my school’s principal, and my project got approved!”

Jess then rallied student volunteers to prepare the soil of the 383 square foot garden and plant 100 native plants in the garden.”

She is now mentoring underclassmen and staff on how to manage the garden for future generations after she graduates.

She is creating a curriculum that includes her research and steps needed to maintain the garden.

She says, “I will expand the garden to the best of my ability and incorporate the younger students during the time I have left at school. Learning how to manage the garden will be a powerful experience for the students because they will become completely responsible for the garden and gain real-world experience that they can apply to their own lives. The next generation of students will be prepared to continue the work of biodiversity conservation.”

Peyton Musgrave



Peyton will attend Kent State to study environmental conservation and has already studied at Tri-C in the Plant Science and Landscape Technology program.

Peyton states, “I am dedicated to using my education to benefit my community.”

She notes that “since starting at Cuyahoga Community College, I have earned a place in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Scholars Program. The focus of the program is community, leadership and humanities. To be a part of the program, you have to maintain a 3.5 GPA and dedicate 9-12 hours of time outside of scheduled school for community engagement as well as 3 extra humanities and Cleveland history courses.”

She has also been on the Dean’s List, volunteers for the National Association for Landscape Professionals and Ohio Landscape Association, and states, “My passion for nature and conservation began about ten years ago when the house I lived in had a forest as my backyard. What I started to notice over the years was the lack of care and management of the forest. I also noticed the rising of the river water, and how it was eating up an increasing amount of the river bank. This inspired me to become someone to help solve these problems, instead of sitting around watching it happen. I enjoy volunteering, getting others involved and educated