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FRIENDS OF EUCLID CREEK AWARDS
ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

South Euclid, OH, June 1, 2023 - The Friends of Euclid Creek (FOEC) is pleased to announce that the recipients of their annual scholarship are Susannah Steinholf and Sean Pierce.



Susannah studies Plant Science and Landscape Technology at Cuyahoga Community College. She explains her plan “to pursue a career in plant production, ideally working with primarily native and highly beneficial plants. My goal is to provide quality plants for landscape use to add to the biodiversity and connectivity that is provided by local parks and other wild spaces. A huge impact can be made by focusing on one backyard at a time.” Working at Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Susannah explains “I was able to contribute to pollinator and wildlife surveys, invasive species removal, native seed collection, and planting events as well as some outreach and education at drop-in volunteer events.” She took care of animals in the Watershed Stewardship Center and worked on native seed harvesting and clearing of weeds. She notes “the importance of using water efficiently to prevent excess runoff as well as using good cultural practices to prevent the need for excess chemicals.”



Sean attends Ohio University majoring in environmental studies and holds certificates in environmental studies, sustainability, and resilience. “Within my work in environmental studies, I have directed my focus toward agriculture. I am interested in the connections that people have with their food, the impacts that farmers' markets have on local communities, and how sustainable and alternative farming techniques can improve our planet’s health” explained Sean. He is a member of the Cleveland Metroparks’ Watershed Volunteer Program (WVP) and received a Watershed Stewardship Certification. “I have developed a deep understanding of watersheds and consider how my actions affect each watershed I am in” he said. He also received a Master Rain Gardener Certification from the Cuyahoga Water and Soil Conservation District.

Each year a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to one or more students who exhibited the potential to make a contribution to the protection of the environment through study, volunteerism, and commitment. The scholarship is given to a deserving high school or college student who demonstrates these qualities and pursuing a degree in environmental science, including engineering, hydrology, ecology, geology, biology, or other fields related to environmental studies.

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.

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