

Meet the 2018 GWC Scholarship Recipients

In alphabetical order:



Donovan Battle - We welcome back Donovan Battle. Donovan is a senior this year and was also a GWC Scholarship recipient in 2016-2017. When he was 16, Donovan discovered that he could earn extra income through horticultural management. Now he continues in horticulture studies to learn about organizing and constructing landscapes with vegetation, water features, and hardscapes. He is also interested in heritage management and exhibit design and wants to gain a better understanding of international programs. Donovan currently works in one of the greenhouses at NCSU. His volunteer experiences have included the PLANET National Collegiate Landscapers and the Bland Landscape Company. He has worked as an intern at Longwood Gardens and also at the Horticulture Field Laboratory, the Greenhouse, and has worked as a Landscape Maintenance Specialist. Building a stronger support system is important to him. Congratulations, Donovan.



Amanda DeLucia - Amanda is another second time GWC Scholarship Award winner. She is a sophomore at NCSU this year. Amanda became interested in horticulture as a high school student when taking a number of plant classes in her junior and senior years. There, she began building a connection between plant science and environmental science. Amanda currently works as a Community Assistant in her residence hall. Her experience has included working for a florist in Connecticut and at the Bartlett Arboretum and Garden in Stamford, Connecticut. Her passion continues to grow in the area of environment and social justice issues and Amanda would love to work in a company that focuses on indoor growing in urban areas to make fresh, healthy and inexpensive food available to everyone. A second career choice for her might include secondary education. Congratulations, Amanda.



Alana Farris - Alana is a first time GWC Scholarship recipient. She is now a junior at NCSU and says she first fell in love with horticulture when she was 15. It was then that she found a job at the Garden Supply Company of Cary. Other experiences have included volunteering at PAX and serving as a plant install volunteer for the Horticulture Competition Team. Outside of school, Alana puts in a lot of work, averaging 15 – 25 hours per week. Her primary interest is landscape design and she would love to work in design at integrating food crops and ornamental plants. Congratulations, Alana.



Evan Garner - Evan is a first-time recipient of a GWC Horticulture Scholarship. He is a junior at NCSU this year and has been fascinated with plants since early in high school. He is especially interested in the interaction of plants and people. He has gained experience from interning at the conservatory at Longwood Gardens, has worked as a research assistant for Dr. Helen Kraus at NC State University, and as a nursery assistant at the Garden Supply Company. Following graduation in May of 2020, he would like to intern or work abroad with the ultimate goal of becoming a horticulturalist in a public garden. His dream job is to work in a conservatory. Congratulations, Evan.



Libby Indermaur – Libby is a senior at NC State and a first-time GWC Horticulture Scholarship recipient. Her passion in horticulture began during her first summer in college while working with Dr. Jonathan Schulter’s research on cucurbit vegetables (gourds). Libby visited stations across the state, helping to maintain fields, harvest fruit and collect data. She learned then that gardening and science could be combined into a study and a career. She currently works five hours a week at the JC Raulston Arboretum. Other experiences have included working as a lab teaching assistant for plant biology, as a weekly volunteer at the Sweet Pease Urban Garden, and as a contract worker for Syngenta’s Melon Breeding Group in Woodland, CA. Following an experience of

completing and presenting a research project, Libby determined that she loved the process of entering and analyzing data and then reporting research results. Time will tell whether this will lead to academia or to industry. Congratulations, Libby.



Madison Tesh – Madison also is a first-time GWC Scholarship recipient. She enjoys learning about the biology of plants and how they can be used in urban landscapes to increase the diversity of wildlife and to work against the negative effects of development and pollution. She is junior-senior at NC State this year with a 4.0 GPA. She plans to graduate in December 2019. When she is not studying, she may be working at the Scott Lab for the Entomology Department or presiding as President of the Horticulture Club. Her experience also has included interning in the Mary Anne Fox Labs greenhouses and interning at the Greenspaces

Landscaping Company. Madison plans to continue her education in graduate school in conservation ecology to establish healthy ecosystems. Congratulations, Madison.