

## ***Meet the 2020 GWC Scholarship Recipients***

In alphabetical order:



**Amanda DeLucia** - Amanda is three time GWC Scholarship Award winner. Amanda, a junior this year, is a major in Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, with a concentration in Urban Horticulture. The *Think and Do* philosophy at NCSU attracted Amanda here from Connecticut. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. Her passions have continued to evolve and more recently she found a love for scientific research, stemming from her job last summer at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station where she was a research assistant in a Plant

Pathology lab. The focus there was on nano-fertilizer treatments and how they affected disease progression in plants. Following her summer job, she connected with Dr. Alejandra Huerta at NC State, with whom she currently works (12 hours/week) studying bacterial pathogens of Tomato and Pepper. She is now considering graduate school.



**Brianna Haynes** – Brianna is a first time GWC Scholarship Award winner. A sophomore, Brianna has a double major in Crop and Soil Science concentrating on Crop Biotechnology, and in Horticulture with a concentration in Plant Breeding. She has shown her passion for Horticulture throughout high school and at NCSU. In high school, she won awards at the state and national levels in strawberry research through FFA; she was mentored by a NCSU professor at the David Murdock Research Institute, and participated in the Horticulture Summer Science

Camp. At NCSU, she has worked as a community assistant in the residence halls and as an undergraduate research assistant for the Fernandez Small Fruits Labs at NC State, focusing on berry breeding (20 hours per week in her combined jobs). Her desire is to pursue Horticulture at the doctoral level, continuing her love for research. Her plans are to remain in North Carolina, giving back to both her community and her family. She is a first generation college student.