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Annual Leighton & Betty Brown Conservation Scholarships Awarded

Three students each received a \$1,000 scholarship in 2021

Three recent high school graduates in the Long Point Region watershed were selected as recipients of \$1,000 Leighton & Betty Brown Conservation Scholarships to support their continuing education in environmental and sustainability-related fields. In a Zoom call on Wednesday, September 15, the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee congratulated Brendan Sullivan, Emma VandenBroek and Carley Wilson on earning the award.

Brendan, a Holy Trinity Catholic High School Graduate is undertaking post-secondary education at the University of Guelph. Emma and Carley, graduates of East Elgin Secondary School, are pursuing their undergraduate degrees at the University of Guelph and Trent University respectively.

In 2020, no scholarship was presented due to the pandemic. The Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee anticipated awarding two scholarships in 2021 but opted instead to award three due to the quality of the applicants.

“The caliber of those who applied for the scholarship this year was outstanding,” said Tom Haskett, Chair of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee. “Our three winners this year are driven local students who have a clear passion for the environment and sustainability initiatives. The Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee is proud to play a part in supporting the education of those who are sure to shape the future of our environment. We wish Brendan, Emma and Carley the very best in their studies.”

About the Scholarship

The Leighton & Betty Brown Conservation Scholarship was established to honour the former LPRCA employee and his wife and their many years of service at the Marsh. Leighton was employed as Marsh Manager for more than 15 years (1974 -1989) and together with his wife, Betty, made significant contributions to waterfowl management.

Each year a scholarship is awarded to a student in the Long Point Region watershed who is graduating from high school and pursuing a degree in an environmental or natural resources field at a post-secondary level.

Learn more about the scholarship on LPRCA’s website at lprca.on.ca/scholarship

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