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Essex Foundation Announces 2020 Scholarship Awards

Callender bequest funds undergraduate studies and summer camperships

Essex, CT – The Essex Foundation Board of Directors recently announced Emma Carey, a graduating senior at Valley Regional High School, as the 2020 recipient of The Elizabeth Barnes Callender and Mary Francis Barnes Memorial Scholarship. Established to honor the bequest and memory of the late “Diz” Callender and her sister, who both shared a passion for the community and environment, the \$3000 scholarship is available each year to one Valley Regional High School graduating senior or graduate, or an Essex resident who is pursuing studies related to land conservation and preservation at a two or four-year college, a technical school, or graduate school, or taking accredited courses in biology, botany, agronomy, ecology, horticulture, floriculture, forestry, landscape design, or environmental science. Ms. Carey, an Essex resident, will be attending the University of Delaware this fall as an undergraduate student in the Agriculture and Natural Resources program. The award was presented virtually during the high school’s senior awards ceremony.



“We are excited to recognize and support the educational pursuits of our young people in honor of Diz and her sister Mary,” commented Bruce Glowac, President of The Essex Foundation, “Emma’s passion for the natural world and desire to further study its impact is the very mindset that Diz continues to inspire through her legacy.”

The Essex Foundation also provided scholarship awards for Essex children to attend the Bushy Hill Nature Center day camp this summer. Essex Elementary School submitted the funding request as sponsors of students who otherwise would not have the resources to participate in the outdoor program focused on personal growth and education. This is the second year that the Foundation has awarded campership grants to the school.

Pictured Above: Emma Carey provides a virtual thank you for selecting her as this year’s recipient of The Elizabeth Barnes Callender and Mary Francis Barnes Annual Scholarship award.