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The Essex Foundation Names Nathaniel Hill as 2025 Environmental Scholarship Recipient

Essex, CT – The Essex Foundation Board of Directors have announced Nathaniel Hill of Ivoryton as the 2025 recipient of The Elizabeth Barnes Callender and Mary Francis Barnes Memorial Scholarship Award. Presented to honor the bequest and memory of the late “Diz” Callender and her sister Mary, the \$3000 grant is available each year to one local graduating high school 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.

Mr. Hill will be pursuing a master’s degree in Global Environmental Sustainability at the University of Denver this fall after earning his undergraduate degree in Sustainability, Ecology and Policy at the University of Vermont. This summer he is working as a fellow for Sustainable CT, working out of the RiverCOG office in Essex, helping to advise Lower Connecticut River Valley towns on implementing sustainability practices best suited for the specific area. Foundation President Strickland Hyde stated, “Nate’s passion for and commitment to policy-driven environmental advocacy is impressive and deserving of our support. His hands-on experiences locally, regionally, and internationally serve us all well.”

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