

2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



In 2011, the Lebanon Valley Conservancy acknowledged Scholarship awards to three high school students that made a significant contribution to the conservation of natural resources in Lebanon County. All three students received certificates and cash awards from the Conservancy.

Zachary Adams of Newmanstown and Tyler Speraw of Annville tied for First Place. As part of an Eagle Scout project, Adams planted four trees for shade along the side of a holdover pond at the Millcreek Rod and Gun cooperative trout nursery. The shade will help to keep pond water cool which is a necessity for trout habitat. Adams built several benches for the nursery so that the pond can be enjoyed by visitors. Speraw's contribution, also a part of an Eagle Scout project, constructed a rock wall along the stream bank at Quittie Nature Park to prevent soil erosion. The stream water will be able to flow faster and hit the rocks instead of eroding the banks. Soil will be able to sit on the rocks, allowing plant life to grow.

Matthew Gerstenberg of Jonestown was awarded Second Place. Gerstenberg initiated a clean-up day at Memorial State Park, under the supervision of Angelique Croll, Park Ranger. With a group organized by Gerstenberg, students helped to winterize park facilities and cleaned the outer banks of Memorial Lake.