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## Scholarships Awarded to Local Environmental Students

Lebanon, Pa (May 17, 2019) The Lebanon Valley Conservancy (TLVC) is pleased to announce Anju Ghimirey and Erin Krieger as the recipients of the 2019 Richard H. and Karen R. Light Memorial Scholarship. Ghimirey received a \$2,500 scholarship and Krieger was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship. Both students will use the awards to assist them in their pursuit of education in the field of environmental sciences.

Ghimirey is a sophomore at Lebanon Valley College (LVC) with a major in environmental science. She is currently working with Dr. Rebecca Urban, associate professor of biology at LVC, on an experiment on the effects of road salt on aquatic plants as well as a field study in the Adirondacks. Ghimirey is a member of the environmental club and global education club at the college. “I am aspiring to be an environmental scientist,” shared Ghimirey. “I would like to go into research to see how we can manage different populations and conserve animals that may be in risk or are endangered.” Ghimirey is slated to graduate in 2021 and plans to continue her studies towards a master’s degree in management and conservation.

Krieger is a senior at Northern Lebanon High School who plans to attend the University of Wyoming in the fall, with a dual major of environmental & natural resources and agricultural communications. She is the vice president of the ecology club and vice president of her Future Farmers of American (FFA) chapter. “My ultimate goal is to continue my participation in conservation activities, and be a voice for conservation projects in either the private or public sector,” noted Krieger. Krieger plans to be a steward and advocate, on a larger scale, for conservation efforts and concerns across the country.

TLVC awards a scholarship, on an annual basis, in memory of Richard and Karen Light, prominent local residents who made a great impact on environmental conservation in the Lebanon Valley. Enrollment for the 2020 scholarship will begin in January. For more information or to contribute to TLVC’s work in Lebanon County, please visit [www.tlvc.org](http://www.tlvc.org).

### **About the Lebanon Valley Conservancy**

The Lebanon Valley Conservancy was formed in 2000 by a group of dedicated individuals representing various conservation organizations and groups that actively protect natural habitats, historical resources and farmland in Lebanon County. In cooperation with neighboring conservancies and trusts as well as local and state governments, the Lebanon Valley Conservancy seeks to protect cultural, historical and natural resources. To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit [www.TLVC.org](http://www.TLVC.org).

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