

Molly Hoffman wins the 2022 PAEP Gifford Pinchot Scholarship!

Molly is currently enrolled at Gettysburg University with a 4.06 GPA, triple-majoring in Environmental Studies, Public Policy, and Spanish. Molly is a member of the Climate Change Committee on DCNR's Next Gen Council, which advises the Department on diversity, equity, and inclusion in state parks. She is a volunteer in the Gettysburg community, growing vegetables for local families, teaching English as a second language, and tutoring 5th grade students. Molly is actively involved in musicals and concert choir and continues to volunteer with her hometown Girl Scout Troop. Throughout her high school career and now in college, Molly has held a variety of leadership positions, winning many awards for her hard work, including most recently the Myra T. Herron Award and Eisenhower Scholar. As a program coordinator at Gettysburg College's Center for Public Service, Molly organizes college volunteers for environmental initiatives, such as environmental education and tree plantings. This summer, she is interning with the Land Conservancy of Adams County, assisting with their land easement work, and completing an externship with the Energy Association of PA, researching net metering policies around the country. Molly hopes to continue her environmental work outside the classroom by joining the Environmental Studies Advisory Committee, leading an immersion project on environmental issues in Latin America, being a Peer Learning Associate for the introductory classes, pursuing a senior honors thesis, and working as a research assistant with a professor. She is considering joining the Peace Corps after graduation and then possibly entering law school or working in the environmental policy sector focusing on public land conservation policy at the State or Federal level. Molly's ultimate career goal is to become the US Secretary of the Interior and advocate for our nation's first comprehensive climate change legislation.