

Class of 2026 Scholars - by Zone

May 4, 2026

Zone I (9)

- **Aidan Caron** (Clark University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry* – Analyzing Trends in Urban Tree Survival with ‘treetrackr’: A Massachusetts Case Study
- **Alexandria Sangermano** (University of New Hampshire, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Monitoring Ecosystem Recovery of Impacted Mangrove Habitats Using the Restoration Performance Index (RPI) in the Jobos Bay NERR
- **Cassandra Tanks** (Northeastern University, PhD) – *The Moore Family Fellowship in The Making of the American Landscape* – “Laboring Landscapes: Highway 99, Gendered Work, and Mobility in Depression-era California”
- **Dante Filadoro** (UMass Amherst, Bachelors) – *The Keller Scholarship in Conservation Horticulture* – Biological Soil Inoculants and Post-Drought Recovery in Kentucky Bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) Under Container-Induced Water Stress: Implications for Sustainable Turfgrass Management
- **Elyse McCormick** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Board of Associates Centennial Pollinator Fellowship* – Parasites and pollen: examining how nutrition mediates infection outcomes in bumble bees.
- **Esher Swanson** (University of New Hampshire, Bachelors) – *The Elizabeth Gardner Norweb Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Investigating Diets of Striped Bass and Atlantic Cod and the Energy Content of their Prey
- **Evan Griffis** (University of Maine, Masters) – *The Frances M. Peacock Scholarship for Native Bird Habitat* – Avian community response to non-motorized trail construction in Maine forests.
- **Holly Wessman** (University of Massachusetts Amherst, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Awards for Summer Environmental Studies* – Advanced Sustainability Internship in Conservation Research in Agroforestry in Peru
- **Maja Nielsen** (University of Rhode Island, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Blue crabs’ cascading impacts on salt marsh multifunctionality

Zone II (3)

- **Charlotte Leib** (Yale University, PhD) – *The Moore Family Fellowship in The Making of the American Landscape* – An Environmental and Energy History of the New Jersey Meadowlands.
- **Christopher Rizzo** (Yale School of the Environment, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry (The Casey Trees - Mark Buscaino Award in Urban Forestry)* – From Cleared Margins to Green Corridors: Advancing Forest Quality and Restoration Trajectories on Private Urban Forested Patches

- **Janey Lienau** (Yale School of the Environment, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – Organisms and mechanisms of whole soil inoculation for restoration in temperate forests

Zone III (9)

- **Adele Woodmansee** (Cornell University, PhD) – *The Loy McCandless Marks Scholarship* – Leveraging barley landrace diversity for adaptation in the High Atlas Mountains
- **Baruni Ramasamy** (SUNY ESF, Bachelors) – *The Mary T. Carothers Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Mycorrhizal Communities of Natural and Restored Atlantic White Cedar Swamps in Southeastern Massachusetts
- **Jason Leung** (Columbia University, PhD) – *The Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship in Conservation Horticulture* – Revealing the origins of recolonization and trends in genetic diversity in the threatened seabeach amaranth (*Amaranthus pumilus*) by sequencing field collections, germplasm accessions, and historic herbarium specimens
- **Joshua Felton** (Cornell University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Tropical Botany* – Demographic and Spatial Drivers of Sexual System Variation in *Catopsis nutans*
- **Kirsten Keleher** (Cornell University, PhD) – *The Frances M. Peacock Scholarship for Native Bird Habitat* – Maintaining the Sonoran Desert Ecosystem: Understanding a Critical Bird-Flower Relationship
- **Madeleine Dietrich** (Columbia University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Ecology of a Moving Ecotone: the Role of Functional Traits and Community Composition in Black Mangrove Expansion
- **Matthew Sprague** (Cornell University, Masters) – *The Moore Family Fellowship in The Making of the American Landscape* – Urbanized Wilds and Spontaneous Natures in a Crumbling Airfield
- **Riley Smith** (Cornell University, Bachelors) – *The Elizabeth Gardner Norweb Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Understanding Intertidal Heat Stress in the North-East Atlantic
- **Sebastijan Jemec** (Cornell University, Masters) – *The Moore Family Fellowship in The Making of the American Landscape* – Hemlocks At The End Of The Line: Tracing the Relationship of Historic Anthropogenic Impacts on the Hemlock Forests of the Catskill Mountains to the NYC Municipal Water Supply

Zone IV (5)

- **Alexander Monahan** (Brookdale Community College, Associates) – *The Caroline Thorn Kissel Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Curbside Raingardens in Coastal Towns
- **Chase Wunder** (Rutgers University, PhD) – *The Caroline Thorn Kissel Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Assessing the Movement Ecology of Sheephead in Response to Their Re-emergence in the Northern Mid-Atlantic Bight

- **Ethan Risman** (Rutgers University, PhD) – *The Anne S. Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany* – Understanding the Floral Development Mechanisms of Saffron.
- **Juaquin Goodbar** (Rutgers University - New Brunswick, Bachelors) – *The Joan K. Hunt and Rachel M. Hunt Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – Mapping the plant communities of Norvin Green State Forest, NJ - Integrating geomatics and field surveys to enhance plant conservation in eastern North America
- **Nicolina Lentine** (Montclair State University, PhD) – *The Caroline Thorn Kissel Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – How does artificial salinization impact soil pH?

Zone V (7)

- **Aviva Lerman** (Drexel University, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Cascading Effects of Shorebird Biodiversity Loss on Burrowing Ecosystem Engineers and Their Impacts on Salt Marsh Ecosystem Functions
- **Dalija Interlandi** (Kenyon College, Bachelors) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Effects of watering frequency on *Alliaria petiolata*
- **Dylan Hertzberg** (Temple University, Masters) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Graduate Studies in Landscape Architecture
- **Liam Abbey** (The Pennsylvania State University, Bachelors) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Drought and its Effects on *Oryza sativa* 'Kitaake' Expressing CspB
- **Marah Johnston** (Pennsylvania State University, Bachelors) – *The Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany* – Exploring the Synergy of Anti-Inflammatory and Analgesic Properties of Appalachian Medicinal Plants
- **Matthew Walker** (University of Delaware, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry* – Where do the oaks go? Forest assisted migration, insect herbivory, and a survey of urban oak selection and sourcing practices
- **Natalie West** (Temple University, Masters) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Landscape Architecture Master's Student

Zone VI (7)

- **Elizabeth Crigler** (The George Washington University, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Scholarship in Garden History and Design at the Archives of American Gardens* – Digital Asset Management at the Archives of American Gardens
- **Elliot Gerlach** (American University, Undergraduate) – *The Sara Shallenberger Brown Garden Club of America National Parks Conservation Scholarship* – [Project Name Not Provided]
- **Jenna Ainge** (George Washington University, Undergraduate) – *The Sara Shallenberger Brown Garden Club of America National Parks Conservation Scholarship* – [Project Name Not Provided]
- **Kelly Baggatts** (University of the District of Columbia, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry (The Casey Trees - Barbara Shea Award in Urban Forestry)* – Evaluating Urban Food Forestry as a Strategy to Mitigate Food Insecurity and Enhance Socio-ecological Resilience in Washington, DC.

- **Kiera Hale** (Howard University, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry (The Casey Trees - Barbara Shea Award in Urban Forestry)* – Campus Ecology: Comparative Analysis of Tree Ecosystem Services on College Campuses in Washington, D.C.
- **Krista Allen** (The George Washington University, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Scholarship in Garden History and Design at the Archives of American Gardens* – Digital Asset Management at the Archives of American Gardens
- **Margaret Schaefer** (University of Maryland College Park, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry (The Casey Trees - Mark Buscaino Award in Urban Forestry)* – It's Tough to Be a Street Tree: Do Redlining and Climatic Tree Assessments Predict Street Tree Variability in Baltimore City?

Zone VII (13)

- **Andrew Nisip** (University of Louisville, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Montine M. Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies* – Patterns of Seed Fungal Endophyte Diversity and Composition Across the Production-Restoration Continuum in Native Prairie Grasses and Forbs
- **Annabel Lewis** (North Carolina State University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Montine M. Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies* – Evolution of Resource Allocation Trade-offs Across the Range of *Chamaecrista fasciculata*
- **Elizabeth Oliver** (Virginia Institute of Marine Science and the Batten School, William and Mary, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Impacts of Climate-Driven Migration on Coastal Wetlands in Gulf of Maine
- **Erin Logan** (North Carolina State University, PhD) – *The Anne S. Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany* – Ethnobotany of Black America: Antebellum Plant Use and Its Effects on Today
- **Genevieve Villaret** (UNC Asheville, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Awards for Summer Environmental Studies* – Assessment of Ectomycorrhizal Fungal Communities in Monotypic Chestnut Stands and Evaluating How Seedling Genetics Influence Fungal Colonization and Early Performance.
- **George Buss** (North Carolina State University, Masters) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Key Processing and Application Parameters for Wood Substrates Used in Horticultural Crop Production
- **Kaitlyn Pounders** (Old Dominion University, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Effects of reactive nitrogen form on restored coastal marsh ecosystem service provisioning through plant functional trait responses
- **Luke Finn** (North Carolina State University, Masters) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Putting Floriculture A.I. to Work: Development of smart diagnostic tools
- **Mariah Garneau** (William & Mary, Masters) – *The Joan K. Hunt and Rachel M. Hunt Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – The Reproductive Microbiome: Investigating How Microbes Inhibit Pollination in *Asclepias syriaca*

- **Michael Morris** (Western Carolina University, Bachelors) – *The Elizabeth Gardner Norweb Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Exploring how land use and tree canopy cover affect flying insects in the city
- **Nathan Kulp** (The College of William & Mary, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Awards for Summer Environmental Studies* – Investigating the Impact of Microbes Known to Be Deleterious to *Asclepias Syriaca* Pollen Tube Germination on New Species.
- **Sarah Krementz** (North Carolina State University, Masters) – *The Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship in Conservation Horticulture* – Integrating Quantitative Habitat Data with Habitat Suitability Modeling to Predict and Evaluate Restoration Sites for Critically Imperiled *Ludwigia ravenii* (Onagraceae)
- **Tara Littlefield** (University of Kentucky, PhD) – *The Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship in Conservation Horticulture* – Linking Habitat Management, Population Dynamics, and Genetics to Restore the White Fringeless Orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*)

Zone VIII (15)

- **Aiden J. Lozada Virella** (University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez campus, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Awards for Summer Environmental Studies* – Investigating marine sponge associated cyanobacteria-infecting virus communities across a depth gradient on reefs in southwest Puerto Rico
- **Andrew Balder** (Auburn University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Profiling Coastal Atlantic White Cedar Swamps Along the Northern Gulf Coast
- **Ashley Jackson** (University of Florida, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Montine M. Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies* – Propagation and Landscape Management of Native Ornamentals
- **Belinda Ramirez Ocampo** (Emory University, Bachelors) – *The Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany* – Evolution History and Phytochemical Diversification of *Mitragyna Speciosa* and its New World Relative for Pharmaceutical Potential
- **Bella Suiter** (Auburn University, Bachelors) – *The Elizabeth Gardner Norweb Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Dauphin Island Sea Lab
- **Daniel Agis** (University of Florida, Masters) – *The Joan K. Hunt and Rachel M. Hunt Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – Florida Plant Rescue: Conservation of *Matelea floridana*, *Sideroxylon alachuense*, and *Verbesina heterophylla*
- **Daniel Tucker** (Florida International University, PhD) – *The Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship in Conservation Horticulture* – From Rediscovery to Recovery: Building the Genomic Infrastructure for *Sabal miamiensis* (Miami Palmetto) Conservation
- **Destini Thornton** (Auburn University, PhD) – *The Anne S. Chatham Fellowship in Medicinal Botany* – Mechanistic Study Investigating the Methotrexate-induced Cardiovascular Injury from Combined Chemotherapy and Açaí Botanical Dietary Supplement Use
- **Elizabeth Joslin** (University of Georgia, PhD) – *The Catherine H. Beattie Fellowship in Conservation Horticulture* – Pitcher This: Capturing Diversity for Conservation of Carnivorous Plants

- **Grace Hardmeyer** (Florida Gulf Coast University, Bachelors) – *The Clara Carter Higgins Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Tracking the Growth and Health of the Collier County Dune Ecosystems
- **Lucille McGuire** (University of Alabama, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – Quantifying spatial complexity in canopy composition for oak-shortleaf pine restoration
- **Meredith Preve** (Florida International University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Tropical Botany* – Conserving Cloud Forest Aroids; Implications of Land-Use Change and Conservation Horticulture for a Suite of Structurally Dependent Araceae Life Forms in Ecuador
- **Milo Neelands** (University of Florida, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – Developing a conservation strategy for the Broad Leafed Noddingcap Orchid
- **Taylor Cline** (Florida State University, Bachelors) – *The Clara Carter Higgins Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Quantifying Soil Organic and Inorganic Nitrogen Fractions in Florida's Coastal Wetland Ecosystems
- **Tori Guarino** (University of Florida, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Montine M. Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies* – Hidden Layers of Saltmarshes: Uncovering the Genetic, Microbial, and Economic Foundations of Spartina- Based Living Shorelines

Zone IX (9)

- **Annabelle Ball** (St. Mary's University, Bachelors) – *The Keller Scholarship in Conservation Horticulture* – St. Mary's University Pocket Prairie Project
- **Collin Dice** (University of Houston, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – Comparing Local and Non-local Mixes of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi for Restoration of Texas Coastal Prairies
- **Gwendolyn Watt** (Texas Tech University, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – A floristic survey of a critically understudied region of West Central Texas for enhancing conservation, research, and education
- **Jeffrey Roth** (Louisiana State University, PhD) – *The Frances M. Peacock Scholarship for Native Bird Habitat* – Effects of mosquito spraying on mosquito borne disease prevalence, diet, and fitness in Prothonotary Warblers (*Protonotaria citrea*) in urban forests of Louisiana
- **Joshua Griffith** (Texas Tech University, Bachelors) – *The Keller Scholarship in Conservation Horticulture* – Rose Production System Soil Management
- **Kadee Rose Rodriguez-Gonzales** (Alcorn State University, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Awards for Summer Environmental Studies* – Geological study of submarine regions of the Lower Mississippi River Delta, downstream from New Orleans
- **Louis Smith** (The University of the South, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – Assembling A Flora of the Vascular Plant Species Within Head of the Crow State Park

- **Samuel Davidson** (Southeastern Louisiana University, Masters) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Comparison of Endophyte Communities between Cultivated and Wild Strawberries
- **Victoria Vo** (University of North Texas, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – Beetle Contributions to Plant Reproduction

Zone X (18)

- **Abigail Koman** (Kent State University, PhD) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Strategic Pruning Limits Rose Rosette Virus Spread in Invasive *Rosa multiflora*
- **Akane Takenaka** (Michigan State University, Masters) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Integrating cultural, chemical, and mechanical strategies for weed management in onion and celery systems.
- **Alexander Engelsma** (Michigan State University, PhD) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – μ X-ray fluorescence analysis of calcium concentration gradients of vascular and non-vascular tissues in the flesh of ‘Honeycrisp’ apple fruits
- **Claudia Victoroff** (Cleveland State University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry* – Green Islands in the Rust Belt: Examining the capacity of urban forests to serve as mycorrhizal fungal inoculant in restoration tree plantings
- **Dean Hjerpyn** (The Ohio State University, Masters) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Carved. Mounded. Hollowed.
- **Evan Foster** (University of Notre Dame, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Tropical Botany* – Tree-herbaceous interactions as mediators of biotic resistance against invasive plant species in a hyper-diverse African savanna
- **Jacob Woodard** (Miami University, PhD) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Comparative Genetic Expression Analysis of Floral Dimorphism in American Persimmon (*diospyros Virginiana*) Landraces
- **Jorge Del'Angel** (Purdue University, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Desert Studies* – The Viability of Using Landfill Leachate as an Adequate & Safe Alternative to Commercial Fertilizer for Developing and Water Scarce Regions
- **Joseph Draganowski** (University of Notre Dame, Bachelors) – *The Elizabeth Gardner Norweb Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Interacting effects of mega- and microherbivores on plant dynamics in an African savanna
- **Joseph Stull** (The Ohio State University, Masters) – *The Moore Family Fellowship in The Making of the American Landscape* – American Priorities that Shape Landscapes: A Comparative Analysis of the Erie Canal's Design Legacy
- **Kayleigh Vance** (Cleveland State University, Masters) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – A Study of Management Techniques for Invasive Lesser Celandine (*Ficaria verna*)
- **Lillian Katz** (Hiram College, Bachelors) – *The Mary T. Carothers Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Investigating the Impacts of Beech Leaf Disease on Photosynthetic Reactions Responsible for Plant Health

- **Natalie Miller** (The Ohio State University, Masters) – *The Frances M. Peacock Scholarship for Native Bird Habitat* – The Impacts of Habitat Type on Juvenile Survival in an Imperiled Grassland Songbird
- **Nathan Gilbert** (Miami University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Montine M. Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies* – Understanding Perennial Organ Microbiomes to Improve Bare Root Establishment of Dutchman’s Breeches
- **Noah Hanisch** (University of Notre Dame, Bachelors) – *The Mary T. Carothers Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Large Mammalian Herbivore Impacts on African Savanna Plant Defenses Across Individual, Population and Community Scales.
- **Reign Lester** (The Ohio State University, Masters) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Master's of Landscape Architecture
- **Sophia Richter** (University of Notre Dame, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Tropical Botany* – Effects of large herbivore extinction on Euphorbia in African savannas
- **Tabitha Bartrum** (Michigan State University, Bachelors) – *The Katharine M. Grosscup Scholarships in Horticulture* – Tuition for Undergraduate Degree at Michigan State University

Zone XI (7)

- **Edlyn Martinez** (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry (The Casey Trees - Barbara Shea Award in Urban Forestry)* – Below the canopy: Soil health and urban inequity across Chicago’s parks and street trees.
- **Evana James** (Northwestern University, PhD) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Fiber Gene Discovery and Expression Analysis in Sansevieria spp. via Transcriptomics
- **Kassandra Carter** (University of Illinois, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Board of Associates Centennial Pollinator Fellowship* – Assessing Pollen Nutrition in Illinois Remnant Prairies to Support Native Bee Conservation
- **Libby Shafer** (Northwestern/Chicago Botanic Garden, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – Bees on the Block: A Collective Planting Project for Urban Restoration
- **Olivia Larrison** (Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Bachelors) – *The Mary T. Carothers Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Park and Wildlands Management Camp: Exploring Management Techniques for Forest Recreation Opportunities
- **Taleigh Adrian** (North Dakota State University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Board of Associates Centennial Pollinator Fellowship* – Influence of Woody Encroachment on Grassland Butterfly Populations, Including Threatened Dakota Skipper Populations
- **Theo Knowles** (North Dakota State University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – A Functional Guild Seeding Approach to Optimize Recruitment in Tallgrass Prairie Restoration

Zone XII (25)

- **Alexia Martin** (University of California, Davis, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Board of Associates Centennial Pollinator Fellowship* – Non-native horn-face bees (*Osmia cornifrons*) as possible disease reservoirs for native blue orchard bees (*Osmia lignaria*)
- **Amy Dixon** (University of California, Santa Barbara, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry* – Urban tree resilience to heat extremes in Los Angeles
- **Andrea Medina-Ramos** (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Masters) – *The Joan K. Hunt and Rachel M. Hunt Summer Scholarship in Field Botany* – Long-term change and fire effects on vegetation and soil seed banks in western dry forest communities
- **Anna Perry** (Oregon State University, Masters) – *The Corliss Knapp Engle Scholarship in Horticulture* – Characterizing Microplastic Contamination in Oregon Community Garden Soils
- **Catherine Young** (Northern Arizona University, Bachelors) – *The Clara Carter Higgins Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Evolution in Action: Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Genomics to Predict Repeated Hybridization Threats in the Endemic *Packera franciscana*
- **Cosme Borunda** (Northern Arizona University, Bachelors) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Desert Studies* – Cultivating Native Corn Varieties as a Sustainable Alternative in Desert and Arid Settings.
- **Easton Klein** (University of Colorado Boulder, Bachelors) – *The Clara Carter Higgins Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – Predicting germination success of Colorado alpine plants in future climate conditions
- **Garrett Higgins** (University of Wyoming, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – An Experimental Test of the Compensatory-Stability Hypothesis in an Island System: Implications for Seed Dispersal and Native Ecosystem Restoration.
- **Holly Hawthorn** (Oregon State University, Masters) – *The Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany* – A Non-timber Agroforestry Conservation Strategy for Pacific Northwest Medicinal Plants
- **Jacob Baldner** (University of Montana, Bachelors) – *The Zeller Summer Scholarship in Medicinal Botany* – Conservation Research of Species of Concern in the Darhad Valley of Mongolia
- **Jacob Swanson** (University of Oregon, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – Restoring Mutualistic Pollination Networks
- **Jane Giza** (University of California, Davis, Bachelors) – *The Clara Carter Higgins Summer Environmental Studies Scholarship* – The Adaptation of Bumblebee Foraging Paths to Natural Variation in Flower Density in a Subalpine Meadow of the Rocky Mountains
- **Kailey Kruse** (Arizona State University, Masters) – *The Douglas Dockery Thomas Fellowship in Garden History and Design* – Therapeutic Gardening in Transient Shelter Environments

- **Katarina Michel** (UC Davis, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Zone VI Fellowship in Urban Forestry* – Hidden in Plain Sight: Fire and Climate Adaptive Native Tree Species in Developed Landscapes
 - **Leah Van Dyke** (University of California, Santa Cruz, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Coastal Wetlands Studies* – Microbial Communities Driving Carbon and Nutrient Cycling in California Estuarine Wetlands
 - **Lydia Olivier** (University of California Riverside, PhD) – *The Douglas Dockery Thomas Fellowship in Garden History and Design* – Cultivating Care: School Gardens as Designed Civic Landscapes
 - **Malia Naumchik** (Montana State University, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Board of Associates Centennial Pollinator Fellowship* – Assessing the impacts of forest management and revegetation on plant and pollinator communities in the Custer-Gallatin National Forest using traditional and molecular techniques
 - **Mariana Gonzalez Jauregui Prida** (University of Arizona, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Award in Desert Studies* – The Hidden Wildlife Corridors of a Desert City
 - **Mary Badger** (UC Davis, PhD) – *The Frances M. Peacock Scholarship for Native Bird Habitat* – American Kestrels in Agroecosystems: Effects of Extreme Heat and Land Use on Movement and Nestling Diet
 - **Mat Merritt** (Portland Community College, Associates) – *The Keller Scholarship in Conservation Horticulture* – The Living Seed Library
 - **Michael Mitchell** (University of Oregon, Masters) – *The Garden Club of America Montine M. Freeman Scholarship in Native Plant Studies* – Scale of Change: Measuring the Impact of Native Cover Cropping on Soil Microbiome Community Composition in an Urban Brownfield
 - **Nathanael Brunken** (University of Alaska Fairbanks, Bachelors) – *The Keller Scholarship in Conservation Horticulture* – Illuminating the Green Spectrum: Effects of Light Quality on Lettuce Growth and Biomass
 - **Sam Ahler** (University of Colorado Boulder, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Ecological Restoration* – It's a grass's world, but does it have to be? Testing contingencies in the heterogeneity diversity hypothesis
 - **Samuel Bosio** (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, PhD) – *The Garden Club of America Fellowship in Tropical Botany* – Local Impacts of Rats on Native Plant Regeneration in Hawai'i
 - **Victoria Ho** (University of Washington, Bachelors) – *The Loy McCandless Marks Scholarship* – Seaweed in the World Food System
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- Teddy Salgado - RHS Interchange Fellow
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- **Caroline Lavoie, FCELA** - *Garden Club of America Centennial Rome Prize*
(Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, Utah State University) *Drawing the Invisible Waters: Rome, Memory, and the Embodied City*

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