Recognizing QCNR Undergraduates in Research 2021

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We would like to recognize and congratulate 7 of our outstanding QCNR undergraduate students who are actively engaged in research.

River Johnson was accepted to participate this summer in a Research Experience for Undergrads (REU) program, funded by the National Science Foundation: https://www.citizensciencegis.org/nsf-reuret-site.

Due to COVID-related delays, River’s participation will be virtual this summer, but will be followed by fieldwork in Belize sometime over the next year. River is involved with Research Track 2 of the program: “Leveraging community geography and GIS to reduce waste and prevent marine debris.” You can learn more by following River’s blog located on the organization’s website.

Isabella Wetzler received a QCNR Undergraduate Research Grant, under the guidance of Dr. Jim Lutz. Isabella’s project, “Effects of Log Spatial Arrangement on Conifer Seedling Abundance and Survival in an Old-growth Pseudotsuga-Tsuga Forest”, extends through the end of this summer.

Our other 5 undergraduates received Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities (URCO) funding to pursue research under the guidance of our outstanding faculty mentors:

- Emily Lowrimore, “How Does Fire Severity Affect Black Bear Space Use?,” working with Drs. Larissa Yocum and Tal Avgar
- Dominque Davis, "Quantifying Baseline and Chronic Stress Hormone Levels in Dusky Grouse", with Dr. David Dahlgren
- Laura Beck, "Revegetation of Native Plant Communities in Great Salt Lake Wetlands", with Dr. Karin Kettenring
- Emily Bonebrake, "Estimating Cattle Density and Preferred Foraging Sites Using Wildlife Cameras", with Dr. Tal Avgar

Congratulations to all of our outstanding undergraduates, their dedication to the field of Natural Resources reflects positively on the QCNR community.