

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

*Courtney A. Tye Memorial
Graduate Student Scholarship*



We are pleased to announce that **Lindsay Curl** is the 2022 recipient of the annual scholarship for graduate studies, administered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Lindsay is expected to graduate with her MS in Biology from University of West Florida in Summer 2023.

Lindsay earned her BS degree in 2017 from Kansas State University. She has participated in numerous marine ecosystem research and education projects, including internships in Greece and Cambodia and sea turtle work on North Carolina and Florida beaches. She also completed a term in the Peace Corps in Zambia Africa.

Lindsay's research interest is microplastics and their effect on marine ecology. Her current project is a study of microplastic contamination in sea turtle eggs. She previously studied microplastics in sea urchins in Greece, so her expertise and contribution to knowledge in this field is substantial and increasing.

The FLTWS Graduate Student Scholarship was established in 2012 to recognize and financially assist graduate students pursuing a career in wildlife biology at a 4-year school in Florida. In 2014, the scholarship was renamed the Courtney A. Tye Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship in honor of a respected FFWCC employee and graduate student scholarship applicant, who was tragically lost to the conservation community. Applicants for the scholarship are judged based on career interest, research relevance, contribution to Florida wildlife, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, TWS involvement, financial need, and recommendation from a professor. The Florida Wildlife Federation co-sponsors the scholarship.

As this year's recipient, **Lindsay** will receive a check for \$2,000, which will help fund the logistics of her sea turtle research. She will be recognized at the FLTWS Virtual Spring Meeting on March 24th at 2pm.

To attend our Spring Conference, register at: [FLTWS 2022 SpringMeeting](#).

Monica Folk

Chair, FLTWS Scholarship Committee