

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



Undergraduate Diversity Student Scholarship



We are pleased to announce that **Felix Roy** is the recipient of the 6th annual undergraduate diversity scholarship, administered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Felix is a junior at UF, majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. He expects to graduate in Spring 2025.

Felix is the External Outreach Coordinator for the UF Student Chapter of TWS, and a member of the Natural Resources Diversity Initiative, which aims to expand diversity and inclusivity in natural resource-related workspaces. He is enrolled in the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program, which has led to several opportunities to increase skills and experiences, including participation in a snail kite nesting success research project and gopher tortoise burrow surveys at UF's Ordway-Swisher Biological Field Station.

According to Felix's mentor: "Felix is a wonderful example of a student dedicated to pursuing both research within the field of wildlife and conservation and outreach and extension to marginalized and minority communities. Felix has shown a tremendous interest in outreach, particularly to underserved communities in the Gainesville area. Felix is an outstanding student and goes above and beyond to teach his fellow classmates about wildlife that can be found here in Florida."

The FLTWS Undergraduate Diversity Student Scholarship was established in 2018 to recognize and financially assist an undergraduate student wishing to pursue a career in wildlife biology in Florida whose participation in the profession actively promotes equality, inclusivity and diversity. This can include those who work to enable diversification, as well as those who identify with a minority status. Applicants for the scholarship are judged based on extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, financial need, personal goals, contribution to Florida wildlife, a letter of reference from a wildlife professional and an essay reflecting on their status and how they can contribute to increased diversity and inclusion in the field of wildlife management.

As this year's recipient, **Felix** will receive a check for \$1,500. He will be recognized at the FLTWS Spring Conference, 24-26 April 2024 in Cape Coral, FL. To attend our Spring Conference, register at: <https://fltws.org/>.

Monica Folk
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