

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Greater Everglades Student Memorial Scholarship



We are pleased to announce that **Mackenzie Su** is the recipient of the 23rd annual scholarship for undergraduate studies, administered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Mackenzie is a senior at the University of Florida, majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, with a forestry conservation emphasis. She expects to graduate in Spring 2021.

During her undergraduate experience, Mackenzie has participated in a number of internships, volunteer activities and field projects on diverse topics. She conducted independent research projects on phytoplankton as water quality indicators and saw palmetto density effects on understory diversity. She has worked on several research projects involving game camera image processing, including one on carnivore (tiger) interactions on a preserve in India and another on Florida bonneted bats. Volunteer projects have included invertebrate sampling/identification and malaria detection in lizard blood.

Mackenzie joined the UF Student Chapter of TWS and currently serves as Treasurer. In dealing with Covid19 challenges, she showed leadership in encouraging student involvement and suggesting creative fundraising efforts. Mackenzie plans to gain more field experience, especially in forest conservation and habitat management, and eventually pursue graduate research, possibly in conservation genetics.

The FLTWS Undergraduate Student Scholarship was established in 1998 to recognize and financially assist undergraduate students pursuing a career in wildlife biology at a 4-year school in Florida, during their Junior or Senior year. In 2008, the scholarship was renamed the *Greater Everglades Student Memorial Scholarship* in honor of 3 FAU students tragically lost during a wading bird survey. Applicants for the scholarship are judged based on extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, professional potential, financial need, personal goals, contribution to Florida wildlife and a letter of reference from a wildlife professional. The Florida Wildlife Federation co-sponsors the scholarship. As this year's recipient, **Mackenzie** will receive a check for \$1,500 and be recognized at the FLTWS VIRTUAL Spring Meeting on March 23 at 9am.

To join the March 23rd Zoom Meeting:

<https://ucf.zoom.us/j/95533672097?pwd=SmM1K052bzM3b2MwakFKc3dpd1JqQT09>

Meeting ID: 955 3367 2097

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