

FLORIDA CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY



Greater Everglades Student Memorial Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that **Joanna Ennis** is the recipient of the 21st annual scholarship for undergraduate studies, administered by the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Joanna is a senior at the University of Florida, majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. She expects to graduate in Spring 2019.

Joanna grew up hunting and fishing with her family in the western panhandle of Florida. During her undergraduate career at Seminole State College and University of Florida, and even before that, she actively sought out opportunities to participate in field projects on diverse topics and in far ranging locations. She has worked on small mammals, birds, bats, beetles, game cameras and vegetation sampling in Africa; radio-telemetry of turkeys, bighorn sheep and bobcats in South Dakota; monitoring of fish, manatees, bobwhite quail, deer, bald eagles and red-cockaded woodpeckers, and invasive plant control in Florida; moose surveys in Maine; and prairie chicken counts in Oklahoma. She is an avid wildlife photographer and has won a number of photo contests; her photo of a mountain goat in Glacier National Park was published in a recent edition of eWildlifer, the weekly TWS e-newsletter. Her honors thesis research on small mammal movements across an agricultural mosaic in Swaziland, Africa has led to a thesis, manuscripts and presentations at international forums.

Joanna is the current President of the UF Student Chapter of TWS. Under her leadership, the chapter coordinated a number of new activities, including a hunter safety course, a shooting sports field day, mentored hunts, a field-trip to Tall Timbers Research Station, chainsaw certification, prescribed fire training, deer aging/Boone & Crockett scoring workshop, and sponsorship for 6 students to attend the 2018 TWS national conference. She brought a delegation of Student Chapter members to participate in the strategic planning workshop for the Florida Chapter of TWS last November. She was recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to administer a Gators, Gals & Guns workshop for promoting outdoor literacy for women.

Joanna plans to pursue a PhD degree in wildlife ecology.

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 and the National Wild Turkey Federation co-sponsor the scholarship. As this year's recipient, **Joanna** will receive a check for \$1,500 at the FLTWS Spring Meeting, 10-12 April 2019 in Melbourne Beach, Florida.

Monica Folk
Chair, FLTWS Scholarship Committee