

2021 Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Awards

The Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Committee is delighted to honor two outstanding candidates with scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year. Each scholarship recipient receives a \$3,000 award.



Cole Zandell is the son of Dan and Kelly Zandell and has been raised on their family tree farm in Onalaska. Dan and Kelly are members in our Lewis Chapter and Kelly also serves as our WFFA Executive Assistant. Cole will be attending Montana State University this fall where he plans to study mechanical engineering. Cole is also the owner of ColeMakesStuff, a self-made woodworking business. He makes wood bowls, cutting boards, spinning tops and custom orders using a variety of wood species. Cole enjoys using the wood from his family's tree farm for many of his projects. WFFA has included a couple of Cole's creations in our WFFA Annual Meeting auctions.

In his scholarship application, Cole wrote, "I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Stinson on his Logan Hill property about ten years ago. He taught my family how to pick chanterelle mushrooms under the canopy of the old-growth Douglas-fir trees. It had a big enough impact on me as a child that I still remember that trip today. He taught my siblings and me how to identify them, where to find them and how to pick the mushrooms properly. We used a sharp pocket knife and Mr. Stinson gave us paper bags to collect our chanterelles. He reminded us to take care of these little pockets where the chanterelles were found, so that we'd be able to harvest again in the future. It makes me think about the perspective we all should have for managing our forests...manage them well, so that we'll be able to have future harvests."



"Thank you Steven D. Stinson Leadership in Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the generous 2021-22 scholarship award. I am looking forward to beginning my college education at Montana State University this fall, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering." - Cole Zandell



Matthew Scheuber is the grandson of Dennis Larson of Winlock. Dennis is a member of our WFFA Lewis Chapter. Matthew is a second year Forest Engineering/Civil Engineering student at Oregon State University (OSU). He is very involved at OSU and belongs to the OSU Forestry Club, the OSU Forest Stewards Guild, and the OSU Logging Sports Team. Matthew has also worked the past two summers for the DNR as a Wildland Firefighter. He's learned a lot of skills that are relevant to his future career and have helped in his forest engineering studies. Matthew has gained confidence working in the woods which gives him well-developed on-the-ground knowledge.

Matthew shared that, "My grandfather has expanded my knowledge of managing a forest and how to properly maintain the trees for marketable timber, recreation, and firewood for heating their home...I have enjoyed the replanting. Planting is hard work, but it has been very satisfying to watch them grow from seedlings to where they now tower above me."



"Thank you so much for the opportunity to receive the Steven D. Stinson Scholarship! I look forward to putting it to good use in the coming school year while I pursue my degree in forest and civil engineering. Your contributions will greatly reduce the stress and worry of paying for school. Thanks again!" - Matthew Scheuber

Each of these deserving students comes with great recommendations and we believe they will become the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for your generous support to the Steve Stinson Scholarship Fund that continues to make this perpetual offering of scholarships to deserving students in natural resource fields a reality. For more information on how to make donations to the fund please visit www.wafarmforestry.com/node/52.