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Auburn University’s Annelise Salzmänn Named Alabama Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship Recipient

AUBURN, Ala., August 26, 2015– Auburn University (AU) junior Annelise Salzmänn has been named the Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society’s 2015 Scholarship Recipient. Salzmänn, of Elberta, Alabama, is the recipient of the \$2,000 academic scholarship that will help her as she continues to pursue a degree in Biosystems Engineering in Auburn’s College of Agriculture.



Alabama SWCS scholarship recipient Annelise Salzmänn stands in AU lab where she analyzes data for a research project.

Salzmänn’s background has played a large role in leading her into a field focused on helping the environment. She was raised on her family’s sod farm, Salzmänn Turf Farms on the Gulf Coast, and she worked summers with the Suncoast Beach Service in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

“Working on a farm teaches you a lot about how important it is to take care of the land,” Salzmänn added that working on the beach

taught her the value of the Gulf Coast and ignited a passion for taking care of beaches and keeping coastal waters clean.

An active participant in academic and extracurricular activities, Salzmänn was the ideal candidate for this year’s scholarship that is provided through the Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. She was selected to participate in AU’s Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) for the summer 2015 session. Through REU, Salzmänn analyzed volatile compounds from bio-oil. Endeavors such as this and her coursework in Biosystems Engineering, are grooming Salzmänn to pursue a career centered on practicing sustainability and efficiency in order to improve agriculture and the environment.

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Perry Oakes, Chair of Alabama's SWCS Education Committee said, "The annual scholarship helps worthy students like Annelise further their education. It also connects them to our society and the values of conserving natural resources."

The Alabama Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society offers a scholarship to one student enrolled in an Alabama college or university. Since 2010, the society has provided five scholarships to college students.

The Alabama Chapter of SWCS fosters the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability. We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment.

For more information about the scholarship, please visit the Alabama Chapter of SWCS website:
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