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The Nebraska Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society (SWCS) announces the recipients of 5 college scholarships awarded through its two chapter-supported foundations. The scholarships are available to students with major courses of study in natural resources, including soil and water conservation, soil science, range management, and wildlife management, among others. Two scholarships totaling \$1,500 were awarded through the Nebraska SWCS-University of Nebraska Foundation, which serves students of the University of Nebraska educational system. Three scholarships totaling \$2,500 were awarded through the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Foundation (NSWCF), including the \$1,000 Tina Carlson-Lorentzen Family Memorial Scholarship, which is funded in memory of Tina by an annual contribution from her husband, Doug Carlson, and her parents, Ron & Agnes Lorentzen.

A total of 26 applicants were reviewed by members of the chapter. The 2012 scholarship recipients, major course of study, university, and hometown are:

- Austin Baldwin, grassland ecology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Center
- Tad Judge, range management, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Emmet
- Joshua Kounovsky, fish & wildlife mgt., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Plainview
- Corey Petersen, range management, Chadron State University, Merriman
- Kathryn Pfaffle, environmental studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sioux City

The SWCS-UN Foundation, begun in 1963, is supported by the chapter through fundraisers and gifts. Student scholarships, beginning in 1998, have totaled \$19,300. The Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Foundation, started in 1988 with the purpose of promoting and supporting special SWCS activities in education, public information and research, is supported in a number of ways, including memorials and tributes, cash, property, and estate donations. To date, the NSWCF has awarded approximately \$20,000 in scholarships.

Organized in 1943, SWCS is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization that serves as an advocate for conservation professionals and for science-based conservation practice, programs, and policy. SWCS has over 5,000 members around the world, including researchers, administrators, planners, policymakers, technical advisors, teachers, students, farmers, and ranchers. Members come from nearly every academic discipline and many different public, private, and nonprofit institutions.

Information on the Nebraska SWCS Chapter and its activities can be found at <http://incolor.inetnebr.com/dougg/swcs/>.

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