

TURTLE TRACKS

SUMMER 2022

Scholarship Winner

by Suzanne D Granfield, Chairperson ESC Scholarship Committee

The Environmental Studies Council awards a deserving Martin County student a scholarship each year.

We look to support those students looking to study in the environmental fields and whom have already shown active, passionate participation throughout their young lives.

This year's recipient is Christopher Carnes from South Fork High School!

He will be studying at University of Florida and plans to study International relations with focus on sustainability in Environment.

We wish this accomplished young man all the success in school and hearing back from each year as to how he is doing!



Dr. Walter Stokes Environmental Science Fair Winner



The Dr. Walter Stokes Environmental Science Fair Award is presented each year to a student whose project touches on an important environmental issue and exemplifies the type of scientific research and knowledge that Dr. Stokes so avidly pursued and promoted in his lifetime.

We're proud to announce that this year's award goes to Nira Goyal of Martin County High School for her project titled, "Plastic Mulch and Organic Amendments- Can They Help Us Control Nutsedge?"

Congratulations Nira!

Please consider leaving a legacy by naming the Environmental Studies Council in your estate plans.



The Environmental Studies Council, Inc.

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Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the education programs of the Environmental Studies Center and to promote and extend environmental awareness through community education.

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From the desk of the President

The end of the year is always a time of reflection, and this holds true for the end of the school year. Time to reflect back on memories made, knowledge gained, and on growth- both physically and mentally. It's been a wild ride the last couple of years, but children are now back at the Center and Summer Camp 2022 is a

As my term as president comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for all you've helped us accomplish over the years. Because of your support, the Council has been able to:

- Raised funds for the sea turtle exhibit and covered its maintenance
- Enhance the Wet Lab
- Sponsor countless students for summer camp
- Provide a four year college scholarship to one student
- Fund a full-time teaching position at the Center- for over twenty years
- And so much more!

All of this is because of YOU - the supporters of the Center and the Environmental Studies Council. Growing up in Martin County, the Center played a huge role in shaping my career path, and it's an indescribably wonderful feeling watching the Center work its magic on the youth of today. I am very pleased to introduce you to the incoming

president, Coltin Radabaugh. Coltin is a former student and camper of the Environmental Studies Center, and has been an integral member of the Council. I am excited for his leadership and the perspective he will bring to the Council as president.

Thank you for your continued support of the Environmental Studies Council and Happy Summer!

> Best wishes. Kara Muzia



Mrs. Bradford's 5th grade class from JD Parker Elementary enjoyed a field trip to the ESC. The kids say they love visiting the man made spoil islands and seining in our pretty river. What an amazing opportunity the kids in our community get to experience!

Did Your Membership Expire?

ave you renewed your membership to the Environmental Studies Council? We need your support!

To sign up, log on to www.escmc.org or call (772) 219-1887 x 121

In Loving Memory of Maggy Hurchalla

by James Hurchalla

Maggy always believed strongly in the mission of ESC. She thought if all the children had hands on knowledge of the environment around them, they would grow up to be intelligent protectors of the pretty places they learned about. This has been true and it shows up in the Martin County community today. The beauty that Maggy saw in the ESC program was that it gave all the children of Martin County equal ability to share in the wonders of the good nature of Martin County free of charge. There was nothing



more joyous to her than knowing there would be children seeing the ocean for the first time, riding a boat and walking on an island, wading through the magic of the mangroves and seining in the lagoon.

Maggy was a wonderful grandmother and raised her grandchildren in the waterways and on the reefs, walking through the woods sniffing leaves and meeting Gopher Tortoise friends. She made them children's books about what they learned so they would never forget. We can't all live like Maggy Hurchalla, but at least we have the ESC to teach them, and they will never forget the lessons they learned as children.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HENRY CAIMOTTO



Fish On

Henry Don Caimotto of Jensen Beach, Florida

3/08/1945-1/12/2022

Henry was born in Detroit, Michigan, on March 8, 1945. As a young man, Henry started his career as a cosmetologist, opening several locations of The Carriage Trade Salon. He was well known in the industry with generations of clients who loved "Hank" and the way he treated them in the chair.

In the early 1980s, he traded in his scissors and long pants to follow his dream to work on the water in South Florida. Here he became sole owner of his beloved Snook Nook Bait and Tackle. He soon built a reputation as the place to go for angling advice and quality merchandise and as a staunch supporter of the community and local causes.

In the following years, his campaign to preserve our beautiful waterways began. Through radio shows, seminars, television and from the helm of the Snook Nook, he would discuss the state of fisheries to anyone that would listen. He let you know the facts when it came to the fight for clean water he was a legend.

The Environmental Studies Center is grateful to Henry and his entire family for not only their support of the community but more specifically our center.

Thank You to Aquatic Surfaces for the repairs and resurfacing of Shelby the Sea Turtles tank! Shelby is once again swimming happily in a safe tank environment!

Wish List

The Environmental Studies Center needs your support! The Center has a current need for:

- Critter food for our residents
- Check out the Environmental Studies Council facebook page for the Amazon wish list!

If you are interested in supporting any of the above opportunities, please contact us at info@escmc.org or by calling 772-219-1887 x121. Or stop by the Center - we'd love to see you!

Thank you to the Martin County School District and Palm City Yachts, we now have a new motor for the River Scout!

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Get to know Shelby the Sea Turtle!

Shelby is the ESC resident loggerhead sea turtle! She was born in Boca Raton on June 26, 2019. Shelby will most likely be at the ESC until the end of summer 2022. At that time Shelby will go free in the ocean to be with



her turtle friends and live her best life in the wild! She enjoys a diet of fish each day. In addition, Shelby loves when the staff gives her a live crab or shrimp because she will chase them all around her pool until she catches them with her powerful jaws! When we have students around Shelby's pool they love her curious personality as she swims up to them to say hello.

Find us on Amazon Smile to support the Council!