

Jack Creek Preserve Foundation awards two outstanding students for their efforts

Madison Traucht and Ryan Hamilton, both of Harrison High School, have been awarded \$2,500 scholarships by the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation. Both seniors will be eligible for further awards in subsequent years depending on academic performance and their course of study.

Ms. Traucht, who grew up in Norris, MT, will attend Montana State University, where she plans to major in biochemistry. She is especially interested in studying diseases that affect wildlife, like anthrax and brucellosis. “There are a lot of opportunities on campus,” she says, “but with my expected course load, I’ll likely focus on doing undergraduate research through the honors program”.

Mr. Hamilton grew up on a ranch in McAllister, MT and will study animal science – also at MSU – in preparation for becoming a veterinarian. He’s been very active in 4-H, completing numerous advanced animal science projects as well as serving as ambassador for the county for several years. He hopes to continue his involvement through Collegiate 4-H.

“The Jack Creek Preserve Foundation is proud to offer these two exceptional students scholarships for the coming year,” said Jon Fossel, Co-Chairman of the Jack Creek Preserve Foundation. “Both students have maintained the highest academic records while also committing significant time to athletics and volunteerism. They are just the kind of youth we want to inspire and support.”

The scholarships were offered to all Madison County graduating seniors through their respective high school counselors. This year, students from Big Sky’s Lone Peak High School were eligible as well. Over \$36,000 has been awarded to 13 students since 2005.

The Jack Creek Preserve was founded in February 2005. The Foundation’s mission is to provide education opportunities for young people in the areas of habitat conservation and ecology, wildlife management, and ethical hunting, and to conserve and protect wildlife in Jack Creek and the surrounding area.

For more information about the Preserve and its Foundation, please visit www.jackcreekpreserve.org, or call (406) 995-7550.
