

Berks County Conservation District Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner

Over 100 people celebrated the accomplishments of students, environmental organizations and individuals on Monday, July 28th, 2024 at the Oley Fairgrounds, Jefferson Street, Oley PA.

The Berks County Conservation District awarded over \$20,000 in scholarships and also awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Pine Creek Watershed Association. The following is a list of the scholarships and their recipients:

- \$10,000 Berks County Conservation District Scholarship
Sherry Heckman, a graduate of Exeter Township, attending Penn State
- \$ 6,000 Berks County Conservation District Scholarship
Madison Angstadt, a graduate of Brandywine Heights Area School District, attending Penn State
- \$ 4,000 Berks County Conservation District Scholarship
Kallia Brendle, a graduate of Tulpehocken Area School District, attending the University of Delaware
- \$ 500 Berks County Conservation District Memorial Endowment Scholarship
Lindsay Solomon, a graduate of Fleetwood Area School District, attending Ursinus College
- \$ 1,000 Berks County Conservation District's John Schueller Scholarship
Lillian Hetrick, a graduate of Oley Valley School District, attending Penn State
- \$ 1,500 Pine Creek Watershed Association Scholarship
Lindsay Solomon, a graduate of Fleetwood Area School District, attending Ursinus College

Also presented were awards to individuals and organizations for their outstanding work in conservation, environmental and agricultural best management practices in Berks County. The winners are:

- Chair's Award
Glenn Seidel
- Dirt and Gravel Road Project
Penn Township
- Low Volume Road Project
Union Township
- Contractor of the Year
J. Phillips Excavating & Hauling, LLC
- Engineer of the Year
Tyler Quick
- Engineering Firm of the Year
Langan Engineering
- Conservation Individual of the Year 1 of 2
Karlyn Haas
- Conservation Individual of the Year 2 of 2
Scott Hauseman
- Conservation Organization of the Year
Berks County Water and Sewer Association
- Environmental Educator of the Year
Reading Ecology Club
- Farm of the Year
S&P Willow Run Farms, LLC
- Reading Berks Science & Engineering Award Winner
Aubrey Baker

During the presentations of the scholarships and awards, certificates from the Berks County Commissioners (Commissioner Christian Leinbach, Commissioner Michael Rivera, Commissioner Dante Santoni, Jr.), Representative Maloney, Representative Gebhard, Senator Schwank, and Senator Pennycuick were presented.

The weather was perfect, and guests enjoyed dinner prepared by (Moyer's Catering) and music played by (Golden Twine) after the presentations.

A huge thank you to our generous donators:

Yellow House Farms - grew the flowers and made the centerpieces

Reading Soda Works - donated drinks for the evening

Unique Pretzels - donated pretzels for the evening

Tom Sturgis Pretzels - also donated pretzels for the evening.

Another huge thank you to the following for donating door prizes: Runwell Solutions

Reading Soda Works

Manatawny Creek Winery

Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit

Boscov's Department Stores

Berks County Department of Ag

Homewood Suites by Hilton

The Rock Cart

Jennifer and Christian Leinbach

Finally, thank you to the Berks County Conservation District Board of Directors and Staff!

Until next year, cheers!