AGI Announces Hannah Field and Mikaela Pulsipher as 2021 Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship Recipients

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) congratulates master's student Hannah Field and doctoral student Mikaela Pulsipher as the 2021 recipients of the Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship. This highly competitive scholarship, which is awarded to women pursuing graduate degrees in geoscience, provides each recipient with a $5,000 award for one academic year.

Hannah Field is a first-year graduate student in the School of Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University. Her research focuses on the retention of agricultural nutrients in small headwater streams and drainage ditches that are common in the midwestern United States, where agricultural productivity depends on tile-drained cropland. She anticipates that her master's research will enable her to help inform effective management water practices.

"I believe that receiving the Harriet Evelyn Wallace Scholarship reflects AGI's commitment to supporting geoscientists who are focused on leveraging our expertise to tackle complex issues at the interface of geoscience and society," said Field. "I intend to lead initiatives and hold mentorship roles that support the engagement of young geoscientists from diverse backgrounds, and receiving this scholarship supports these objectives by helping to dissolve the ongoing financial barriers that have made my journey through the field of geoscience challenging."

Mikaela Pulsipher is a doctoral candidate at the University of Missouri in the Department of Geological Sciences studying geology. Her research targets the Ediacaran Shuram excursion, the largest known carbonate carbon isotopic excursion in geologic history. She plans to investigate which variables have a statistically significant control on variability in the expression of the Shuram excursion. Perhaps importantly, Pulsipher says, the Shuram excursion may play a role in forthcoming subdivision of the Ediacaran Period, helping to reveal its driving mechanisms and variability worldwide.

"As a first-generation college student, I know that I would not have made it to this point in my academic career without the personal and financial support that I have received from the people and organizations around me," Pulsipher said. "I am so thankful for this opportunity, and I am confident that this scholarship will allow me to fulfill important research goals during the course of my Ph.D. and propel me toward a successful career in geoscience education."

The Wallace Scholarship is celebrating its ninth year supporting women geoscientists in graduate school. The original bequest was given by Harriet Evelyn Wallace, who was one of the founding members of the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS), a national organization and AGI Member Society that facilitates the exchange of information in the geosciences. The scholarship is awarded to the top applicants who most demonstrate a strong likelihood of successfully transitioning from graduate school into the geoscience workforce. Learn more at https://www.americangeosciences.org/workforce/harriet-evelyn-wallace-scholarship

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