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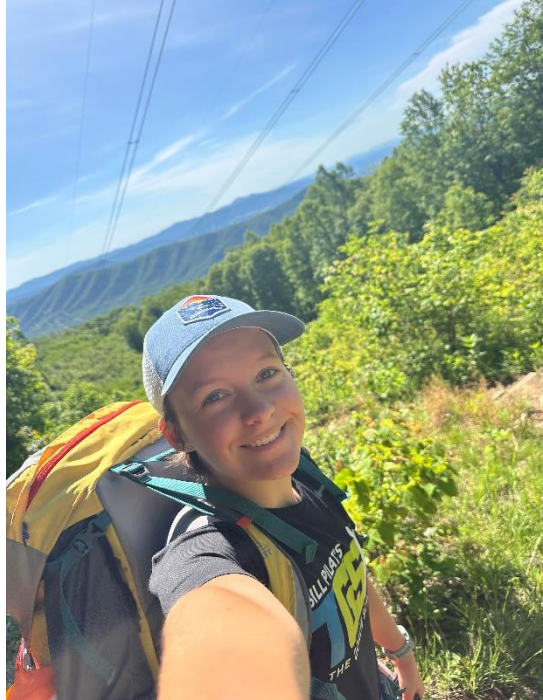
## **Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Awards Environmental Scholarship Award of \$5,000 to Lauren Cone of Roanoke -**

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is pleased to announce that **Lauren Cone of Roanoke** is this year's winner of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's **\$5,000 environmental scholarship**. Ms. Cone is a **Hidden Valley High School graduate** and a rising junior **majoring in ecological engineering at Virginia Tech**. She was given the award at the Wednesday, June 11 meeting of the club at Charter Hall in the Roanoke Market Building.

Born and raised in Roanoke, Ms. Cone expects to remain in the Roanoke area after graduation and work in the field of ecological restoration. As she noted in her scholarship application, "There are some great companies that are using engineering to do work in stream restoration and are having success in restoring biodiversity and health to rivers and habitats." She is currently working for the third summer at Camp Roanoke in Roanoke County where she "gets to educate elementary age students on environmental principles, lead activities, and help to foster an appreciation for the natural world around us."

At Virginia Tech she volunteers as a peer mentor for the Center for Enhancement of Engineering Diversity to mentor first-year engineers. This fall she will be a Streamkeeper to monitor and record water quality data from the Duck Pond on the Virginia Tech campus and a Weeks of Welcome leader to facilitate orientation activities for incoming first-year students. She spends time outdoors, running, hiking and volunteering, helping with road races and pulling trash from the Duck Pond "to help keep the stream and its surrounding area clean and healthy."

Each year, a \$5,000 scholarship is awarded by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke to a student who has attended a high school in western Virginia and who is attending Virginia Tech, Ferrum College, Hollins University, or Roanoke College and majoring or pursuing a graduate degree in environmental protection or natural resource management. Award criteria include financial need, academic performance, experience in environmental protection or natural resources management, and goals after graduation.



### **About the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke**

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is a community service organization in the Roanoke Valley of Virginia that serves the needs of children, the older adults, and the environment. Our Club provides funds and sweat equity to over 25 charitable organizations, Key Clubs at area high schools, and the Phoenix Star AKtion Club for adults with special needs. At the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke you can fulfill your desire to serve the community and build friendships that will last a lifetime. All are welcome to join or participate in programs. The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is one of the largest and most active of the 15,000 worldwide Kiwanis clubs. It meets in Charter Hall on the third floor of the Roanoke City Market Building and guests are welcome at its midday Wednesday meetings. The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke has been serving the Roanoke community for over 100 years.

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke meets each Wednesday from 12:30-1:30PM.

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