



Mikayka DiAngelis

Joseph Herb

Brandon Snavely

2012 Scholarship Awards

Three of Lebanon County's school students have received cash scholarship awards for their efforts and commitment to conservation in our area. These students were three of twelve applicants to an annual Scholarship Awards Program offered by the Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Inc.

Each year the Conservancy urges high school age students or student groups who have made significant contributions to the conservation of natural resources in our County, to apply to the Conservancy detailing the projects they have been involved in during the year. Recommendations from teachers and project supervisors are also considered in the applicant review process.

This year, a first prize of \$300 was awarded to **Mikayla DiAngelis** of Northern Lebanon High School. Mikayla initiated a magazine drive to recycle glossy paper. This recycling effort helps in the production of new products and reduces the amount of space in the landfill. She collected over 12,000 pounds of magazines over the course of a year. Her efforts benefit the Ronald McDonald House, Community Garden.

There was a tie for second place and \$150 was awarded to each applicant. **Brandon Snavely** from Eastern Lebanon County High School was selected for his conservation project and his efforts were used towards fulfilling his Eagle Scout requirements. He supervised 9 people in the planting of 185 tree saplings along the banks of Bachman Run, as well as conducting stream studies as part of his project.

Also receiving a second place award of \$150 was **Joseph Herb** from Lebanon High School. His project also involved completion of Eagle Scout requirements and Joseph supervised 15 people in the planting of 43 trees along another area of Bachman Run. Bachman Run leads into the Quittapahilla Creek. Planting trees adjacent to the creek reduces erosion along the stream bank and filters sediment and other materials from entering the creek.

The awards presentation took place on May 10th at the Conservancy's Board of Directors meeting in Willow Suites in downtown Lebanon. The award winners were recognized at the ceremony with presentation of certificates and checks in the amount of each prize awarded.