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Auburn University's Alysa Gauci Named Alabama Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society Scholarship Recipient

AUBURN, Ala., August 11, 2017– Auburn University (AU) junior Alysa Gauci has been named the Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society's 2017 Scholarship Recipient. Gauci, of Foley,



Auburn University's Alysa Gauci (middle) accepts check from Alabama SWCS President Randy Sims (left) and AU's Oladiran Fasina (right).

Alabama, is the recipient of the \$2,000 academic scholarship that will help her as she continues to pursue a degree in Biosystems Engineering from Auburn's College of Agriculture and a minor in Sustainability from AU.

Gauci's interest in conservation led her to pursue a degree focused on creating technology that will help make improvements in the agriculture industry and protect natural resources. Raised in a farming community on the Gulf Coast, Gauci developed a passion for natural resources conservation and water management.

"In a world with exponential population growth, conserving our water and soils is critical," Gauci said.

When Gauci isn't busy studying, she works alongside research engineers in AU's Biosystems Engineering department. Their work focuses on minimizing waste, maximizing resources, and improving technology. She has also started her own undergraduate research project related to the accuracy of drones or UAVs (unmanned aircraft vehicles).

Randy Sims, President of the Alabama Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society said, "We were very impressed with Alysa's resume. A hard worker who is passionate about her field, we knew that she would take full advantage of our annual scholarship to further her education."

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The Alabama Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society offers a scholarship to one student enrolled in an Alabama college or university. Since 2010, the society has provided seven scholarships to college students.

The Alabama Chapter of SWCS fosters the science and the art of soil, water, and related natural resource management to achieve sustainability. We promote and practice an ethic recognizing the interdependence of people and the environment.

For more information about the scholarship, please visit the Alabama Chapter of SWCS website:
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