

John Wright Memorial Scholarship Program

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Supports high school seniors and returning college students pursuing careers related to arboriculture.



TOTAL DONATIONS

January 1 – December 31, 2024: **\$0**



AWARDED IN 2024

2024 John Wright Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Bailey Nez of Dartmouth College for **\$5,000**.



AWARDEE DETAILS

"My interest in environmental science and conservation has been fostered since I was a young child going to protests against power plants to protect traditional Navajo land from polluters. Being raised with traditional Navajo teachings, I grew to have a very special relationship with Dinétah, my homeland that had sustained my people since time immemorial. I learned through Navajo philosophy that every being, whether animate or not, has a spirit and a vibration to it. As I began Western schooling, I learned more about the biogeochemical cycles and the scientific terms to name the things the land had already taught me. My interest in Environmental Science began before I knew there was a term to describe it and it was fostered through my connection with the land and my culture. As I entered higher education I began to learn about the connections between Indigenous knowledge and Western science and became inspired to use the combined knowledge ways to create a better future for Indigenous communities who faced environmental injustices and concerns.." - Bailey Nez