



CLAUDIA KOEPPEN RECEIVES THE AQUETONG WATERSHED ASSOCIATION'S 2018 MALCOLM P. CROOKS HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

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(New Hope, Pennsylvania) Ms. Claudia Koeppen has been awarded the Malcolm P. Crooks Honorary Scholarship from the Aquetong Watershed Association. On hand to present the award at New Hope-Solebury High School's June 13th Senior Award Ceremony was AWA's Director and Secretary, Jade Greene.

In the fall, Claudia will attend Duke University and plans to major in chemistry. She has excelled in every AP science course offered at NH-S High School. In an interview, Claudia stated she better understands the interaction and impact humans have on the environment after taking the AP Environmental Science course.

The AWA established the Malcolm P. Crooks Honorary Scholarship in 2013 to be awarded to a civic minded New Hope-Solebury High School senior who has displayed excellence in science and who plans to continue his/her formal education in the broad field of physical sciences. "The scholarship honors Malcolm's many outstanding contributions, regionally and nationally, which has fostered a greater public appreciation for conservation and the value in protecting the environment," said Greene. "His work in our community will forever serve as an excellent example of how one individual can make a lasting impact." Malcolm is a Solebury Township native, a lifelong conservationist, and the founder of many conservation-oriented nonprofit organizations including the AWA. Malcolm has been actively involved with conservation since the 1940s and continues today to be a strong voice for protecting our environment in many nonprofit organizations and municipal committees.

"Claudia was selected to receive the annual AWA Scholarship award on the basis of her scholastic and community achievements. In addition, Claudia represents exactly the type of student the AWA wishes to honor in its Malcolm P. Crooks Scholarship program," added Les Isbrandt, chair of AWA's Scholarship Committee and President of the AWA.

The AWA was formed in 2007 as an all volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve, preserve and protect the natural resources of the Aquetong watershed. The Aquetong watershed covers about eight square miles and drains its surface and ground water through Solebury Township and New Hope Borough to the Delaware River. Since its formation the association has served as the voice of the Aquetong watershed to the community and to Solebury Township and New Hope Borough elected officials. To learn more about the AWA or to contribute to the Malcolm P. Crooks Scholarship Fund, please contact them by calling 267-714-8170 or emailing info@aquetongwatershed.org or visiting their web-site at www.aquetongwatershed.org.

Enclosures: Photo (L to R): Claudia Koeppen and Malcolm P. Crooks (Photo taken by Les Isbrandt)

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