

OHIO SEA GRANT *and* STONE LABORATORY

November 9, 2015

Dear Stone Lab Alumni and Friends,

I'm Zachary Diehl, a senior at The Ohio State University, double majoring in evolution, ecology and organismal biology (EEOB) and plant cellular molecular biology. The summer I just spent at Stone Laboratory, Ohio State's island campus on Lake Erie, was the best of my college career – and it's all because of you.

Because I'm a double major, I've had to take a lot of science classes. My academic advisor suggested Stone Lab's accelerated summer courses as a way to earn several credits in a condensed time frame. I took three courses in seven weeks for a total of eight credits. But my time on Gibraltar Island meant so much more to me than just credits toward my degree.

As I took ecology, field ecology and spider biology, I found myself immersed in scientific research in a way I hadn't previously known was possible. I got hands-on experience in areas I'd learned about in the classroom, but didn't fully understand. During my spider biology class with Dr. Richard Bradley, I conducted my own experiment on the cardiovascular rates of spiders before and after they consumed prey. Stone Lab gave me the opportunity to get my hands dirty and actually do the work that I may be doing in the future.

In addition, the people I met – professors, staff and other students – have impacted my life in immeasurable ways. They've created a supportive, encouraging network of peers and mentors that I've kept in touch with in the months since.

After graduation, I'm considering going to school to become a physician's assistant. No matter what field I choose to pursue, I know the skills I learned at Stone Lab, especially attention to detail and the experience conducting my own research project from beginning to end, will be an incredible asset.

As a first-generation college student who is paying his own way through college, affordability is one my top priorities. I would not have been able to attend classes at the lab without the help of generous donors like you. No matter how big or how small a donation you are able to make, know that your gift matters. You are helping students like me get an education of the highest quality. Stone Lab is the best of what The Ohio State University has to offer.

Sincerely,
Zachary Diehl
Class of 2016



Make your donation online today at go.osu.edu/stonelabgift15.
To support reducing the cost of tuition for all students attending Stone Lab,
select the F.T. Stone Laboratory Tuition Reduction Endowment.
For general support of the laboratory, choose the Stone Lab Annual Fund.

GENERAL FUNDS

Aquatic Visitors Center

Fund used to support vital public Lake Erie outreach and education programs through the Ohio Sea Grant Aquatic Visitors Center.

(313339) **2-25-2010**

Cooke Castle

Fund used for the preservation and restoration of Jay Cooke's 1864 summer residence on Gibraltar Island. Acquired by Ohio State University in 1925 it is now listed on the National Registry of Historic Landmarks.

(301508) **6-1-1998**

John H. Dunlap Endowment

Fund used to support education, outreach, and development programs at Stone Lab that will ultimately improve the Lake Erie ecosystem and enhance economic development.

(241860) **2-6-2004**

Friends of Stone Laboratory Fund

Fund used by our support organization to promote education and outreach at Stone Lab.

(303701) **1-13-1982**

Jennings Facility and Institutional Support

Fund used to build or renovate housing, purchase scientific equipment for education, and improve facilities for instructional programs.

(243446) **6-5-2015**

Ohio Sea Grant Endowment

Fund used to support Ohio Sea Grant education, research, and outreach efforts.

(205406) **2-6-1987**

F.T. Stone Laboratory/ Sea Grant Annual Fund

Fund used to support the needs of Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab.

(308272) **12-18-1986**

F.T. Stone Laboratory Sustaining Endowment

Fund used to enrich the research, teaching, and service programs and facilities at Stone Lab.

(207015) **12-8-1983**

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Wilbert (Spark) Baumler Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide financial assistance to students attending Stone Lab with first preference to studying fisheries and second preference to studying Lake Erie aquatic sciences.

(200389) **3-5-2004**

Arley Duff Blankenship Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide financial assistance to students taking introductory courses at Stone Lab with first preference to students from Appalachia.

(240573) **5-14-2010**

V. Ray Frederick Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide financial assistance to non-Ohio State students or those from out-of-state.

(202290) **4-4-1986**

Kelly Prochazka Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide financial assistance to high school students taking introductory courses at Stone Lab with first preference to students from Elyria High School and second preference to students from Lorain County.

(205928) **3-5-2004**

A. Jackson and Sally Koepp Smith Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide financial assistance to students attending Stone Lab.

(246690) **11-5-2004**

F.T. Stone Laboratory Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide financial assistance to students attending Stone Lab.

(207012) **9-2-1983**

F.T. Stone Laboratory Tuition Reduction Endowment

Fund used to reduce the cost of tuition for all students attending Stone Lab.

(247005) **6-18-2010**

RESEARCH AND REU FUNDS

John L. Crites Research Experience Forum Fellowship Endowment

Fund used to support research fellowships for scholarly work at Stone Lab.

(201510) **9-6-2002**

Thomas Huxley Langlois Research Fellowship Endowment

Fund used to support research fellowships for scholarly work at Stone Lab.

(203930) **12-5-1986**

F.T. Stone Laboratory Research Endowment

Fund used to support research and related expenses at Stone Lab.

(202289) **9-6-2002**

TEACHING FUNDS

Fortner Teacher Enhancement Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide scholarships for teachers in environmental science education and Great Lakes studies at Stone Lab.

(262261) **9-22-2006**

F.T. Stone Laboratory Visiting Professor Endowment

Fund used to help provide for one or more visiting professorships to enrich the instructional programs at Stone Lab.

(207014) **9-7-1984**

Ronald L. Stuckey Stone Laboratory Teaching Endowment

Fund used to support faculty teaching with preference to plant science courses at Stone Lab.

(247052) **2-2-1996**

FUNDS WE ARE TRYING TO GROW TO THE \$50,000 LEVEL

Jeff Reutter Stone Lab Endowment

Fund used to support REUs, scholarships and/or equipment for research and education.

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Wiczulis Family Scholarship Endowment

Fund used to provide one or more scholarships to undergraduate or graduate level students with preference to students from Cuyahoga County.

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