SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR ALL WASHINGTON STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

HI RES LEARNING EXPLORER SCHOLARSHIP WITH ROBERT P. KARR

The IslandWood Graduate Program is proud to announce the establishment of the Robert P. Karr Scholarship. Established in memory of long-time IslandWood community member Robert P. Karr, the scholarship reflects his commitment to contributing to the much-needed diversity of the environmental education field by supporting teacher candidates who are BIPOC, first-generation college graduates, or who demonstrate financial need, prioritized in that order.

We are thrilled to announce that, beginning this year, five students will be selected annually to receive the $20,000 Robert P. Karr Scholarship. Learn more about the scholarship opportunities and how to apply.

IslandWood Graduate Program Studies!

Dr. Déana Scipio, Director of the IslandWood Graduate Program, participated in IslandWood’s magical 250-acre campus, and diving into fun, project-based learning opportunities, which she has since brought into her own research. Learn more about how her own research projects contribute to this ongoing conversation, and how this work strengthens the relationship between academic theory and practice in the graduate program.

During this extraordinarily challenging year, we’ve asked teachers how we can support them in the classroom, which has led to open and ongoing conversations about the importance of nature, and teachers need equity-based, easy-to-use strategies to support children's well-being, socio-emotional growth, and learning. That's why we have a full day dedicated to helping teachers connect children ages 10 and up.

Afternoon Ecologists

Beginning on April 16, the eight-week spring session of the Afternoon Ecologists program is dedicated to helping teachers connect children ages 10 and up. We're still going strong!

The first half of the program is outdoors, connecting kids to their communities, environments, and each other. Right now, we're working to ensure that Residential Environmental Learning Centers (RELCs) like IslandWood will still be here, ready to serve students when schools are able to operate again.

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If you've been considering new professional development opportunities this winter and spring to meet teachers exactly where they are right now, STEM Clock Hours and full-stipends available!

Check out the STEM Tools series, the resource explores considerations, recommendations, and tools and strategies to make climate science meaningful and relevant by connecting it to students' own lives.

Learn more about the scholarship opportunities and how to apply.

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