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Four ECSU Students Awarded AAUP Scholarships

Willimantic—Four Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) students have been awarded the prestigious **Jean H. Thoresen Scholarship**, sponsored by the ECSU chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

The AAUP represents the faculty at ECSU. Its mission includes supporting academic freedom, in addition to maintaining professional growth.

The Jean H. Thoresen Scholarship is awarded to students who are registered for independent projects in the 2002-2003 academic year. Scholarship money is awarded to students to help pay for supplies and other research costs necessary to complete their projects. The ECSU-AAUP awarded a total of \$800, divided among the four winners.

Jennifer Vinci, an environmental earth science major from **Tolland**, received a \$300 scholarship for her project, “Research on Glacial Erosion Near Kangerlussuaq,

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Greenland.” The scholarship money will support her upcoming research trip planned for the summer of 2003.

Lauren Collins, a biology major from **Ledyard**, was awarded a \$300 scholarship which will be used to purchase materials to help support her analysis of brain tissue. She earned this scholarship with her work, “An Assessment of Apoptosis in Pyramidal Neurons in the Visual and Superior Parietal Cortices of Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease.”

Martin Monahan, a biology major from **Charlotte, North Carolina**, earned \$100 for this work, the “Identification of Mutant Flagellar Proteins After Dikaryon Rescue in *Chlamydomonas*.” This grant will aid in Monahan’s study of flagellar proteins.

Johanna White, a sports and leisure management major from **Willimantic**, also received a \$100 scholarship which will go towards the purchase of supplies and further examination of her study, “The Influence of Yoga on Life Quality and Functional Autonomy of Older Adults.”

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