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Arkansas Department of Agriculture and University of Arkansas at Monticello Announce the 2023 Foresters for the Future Scholarship Recipient

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division and the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) have named Jackson Boles as the recipient of the 2023 Foresters for the Future Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$4,000 per semester, for four years, to an incoming freshman pursuing a forestry degree at UAM’s College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources.



Boles is a native of Waldron, Arkansas, and has had a longtime desire for a forestry career. His favorite activities have always been outdoors, and in high school he most enjoyed biology and environmental classes and was active in the environmental club. A visit with a career counselor pointed him in the direction of forestry because of his interest in nature and biology. After he graduated high school, he interned for the United States Forest Service, where he received training and certifications in prescribed fire, chainsaw use, and other forestry activities that bolstered his passion for pursuing a forestry degree.

“I feel very blessed for this opportunity, and I look forward to having an impact and working with my colleagues and professors to make the UAM forestry program an even better place,” said Boles.

“Jackson has impressed us all with how well-formed his ambitions for a career in forestry are,” said Dr. Michael Blazier, Dean of the UAM College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. “He has a readily apparent affinity for working in forestry, already gained experience before coming to college working with the Forest Service and has goals for his education and career. It’s a privilege to help get Jackson started with the Foresters for the Future scholarship.”

Foresters for the Future Scholarship recipients will participate in a paid internship exploring the various sections of the Forestry Division annually throughout their college career. The internship will allow them to experience the many career paths within forestry and strengthen their skill set before they enter their respective field.

“The Foresters for the Future Scholarship is a wonderful way to provide support and introduce students to the wide range of careers in forestry,” said State Forester Kyle Cunningham. “We are excited to provide Jackson Boles with this opportunity and proud to collaborate with UAM.”

The scholarship program was established by Act 399 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Arkansas General Assembly. Learn more about the program at uamont.edu/academics/CFANR/forestersforthefuture.html.

The College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, and the Arkansas Forest Resources Center, a University of Arkansas System Center of Excellence, brings together interdisciplinary expertise through a partnership between the University of Arkansas at Monticello and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. The College and Center are headquartered at the University of Arkansas at Monticello campus, but their programs range statewide with the mission of developing and delivering teaching, research, and extension programs that enhance and ensure the sustainability and productivity of forest-based natural resources and agricultural systems. Academic programs are delivered by the College of Forestry, Agriculture, and Natural Resources through the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Through the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, research is administered by the Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, and extension and outreach activities are coordinated by the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service.

The University of Arkansas at Monticello offers all of their programs to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, disability, marital or veteran status, genetic information, or any other legally protected status, and are Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employers.

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