

Good Morning Jersey Coast Shark Anglers!

I hope you are all enjoying this sunny January weather, and I hope you all fared well in the Nor'easter this past weekend. I would just like to thank you all again for presenting me with a generous scholarship 2 years ago.

I am now starting my second semester of my sophomore year at the University of Delaware, and I am loving all the opportunities that are available. I have realized the importance of spreading ocean and environmental literacy, and have added a Secondary Biology Education major along with my studies in Marine Science. Once I graduate, I will receive certification to teach secondary environmental science and biology; however, my goal for after graduation is to attend graduate school so I can concentrate in a specific area of marine science and conduct more research. I am currently working with a professor at UD who is a polar researcher, he is involved in integrating current, local marine science research into local schools and outreach facilities. I am currently working on lesson development and data collection involving zooplankton. After completing Organic Chemistry, Physiology, and Marine Ecology this fall semester, I have maintained a 3.97 GPA. One of my professors nominated me for the NOAA Hollings Scholarship which provides a paid summer internship in any NOAA facility across the country! I am looking forward to hearing back from this internship application and I am eager to see where this opportunity could lead.

I thank you all again for this generous scholarship and support!

Sincerely,
Lauren Zodi