

# Mountain Garden Club awards Madden scholarship

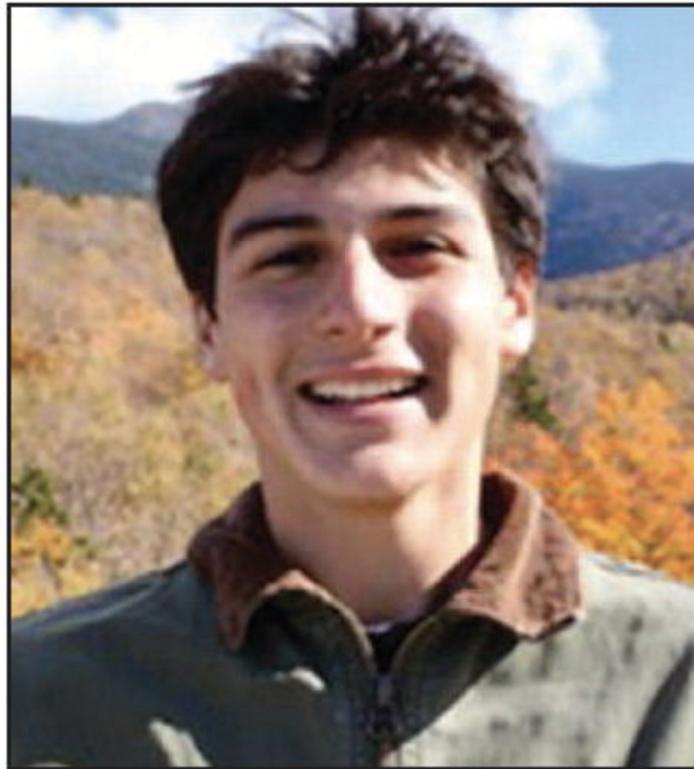
The Mountain Garden Club has announced the recipients of its 2025 Alice T. Madden Scholarship. Each year, the club awards scholarships to deserving applicants from the Mount Washington Valley, including all towns served by Kennett High School and Fryeburg Academy. This year's three recipients each received a scholarship in the amount of \$1,600.

Scholarships are offered to support students aspiring to pursue careers in agriculture education, environmental studies, horticulture, conservation, landscape design, floriculture, botany, forestry, habitat or forest systems ecology, land management and/or other allied studies.

The 2025 recipients are:

- Julian Brito, a member of the Fryeburg Academy Class of 2025, will be attending the University of New Hampshire. He has been granted the opportunity to study in Seville, Spain, for the upcoming fall semester focusing on global environmental issues. Julian will return to the UNH Durham campus to continue his studies second semester. In addition to his academics,

Julian was a member of both the Fryeburg Academy's hockey team and the lacrosse team. As an example of his versatility, Julian joined the theater department and appeared in the school's fall musical. Julian credits his high school teachers for sparking his interest in conservation, ecology and fieldwork. Those experiences guided Julian's choice



From left: Justin Brito, Mira Hotait and Amy Burton are all recipients of the Mountain Garden Club's Alice T. Madden Scholarship. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

to major in environmental science.

- Mira Hotait, also a member of the Fryeburg Academy Class of 2025, has developed a profound sense of responsibility toward her community and the overall environment. Mira played an integral role in Fryeburg Academy's Green Team; a student group dedicated to identifying and addressing climate issues while promoting sustainable practices on campus.

Mira's extracurricular activities include theater arts including performance, set design, playing the harp in the pit orchestra, and vocal jazz. Mira will attend Bennington College in Vermont, and has chosen to major in Environmental Science. Mira hopes that her further education will guide her in her commitment to making an impact on global environmental issues.

- Amy Burton, member of the Kennett High

School Class of 2022, is currently in her senior year at the University of Vermont. Amy is pursuing a degree in environmental studies. Students may request a renewal of their scholarship after completing their freshman year in college and submitting their college transcripts for review.

Amy's exceptional academic performance coupled with her commitment to project based learning has earned her this honor for 3 consecutive years. During her junior year, Amy was selected to do a semester abroad. The program was entitled Center for Climate Studies and it was held in Patagonia, a region shared by Argentina and Chile.

She excels in her studies as evidenced by her transcripts and demonstrated through her passion for authentic learning. Amy has worked diligently to achieve her goal of serving as a vibrant steward of the global environment.

Amy represents, not only Mount Washington Valley, but also her generation of increasingly environmentally conscious young adults.