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## Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Scholarships

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District awarded two high school students with scholarships for the 2015 Resource Conservation Workshop at N.C. State University.

Katherine “Katie” Pitchford, a rising junior at Jack Britt High School, and Taylor Blauser, a rising junior at Cape Fear High School, were presented \$575 scholarships to attend the workshop held June 21-26. The week-long course in Raleigh included hands-on participation in a wide range of conservation topics and exposed students to career opportunities in the management of natural resources. The scholarships paid for registration, lodging, food and travel expenses.

Pitchford and Blauser joined other scholarship recipients from across North Carolina to learn about environmental conservation and careers. The group visited a water treatment plant, educational forest, university conservation projects and met representatives from natural resource management agencies.

Pitchford is the daughter of Keith and Kay Pitchford of Fayetteville. Blauser is the daughter of Harlan and Lisa Blauser of Autryville.



**Pitchford**



**Blauser**