



Remembering our Board President and Friend

Dr. Bruce W. Selleck (1949–1917), the Thomas A. Bartlett Chair and Professor of Geology at Colgate University, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, July 31, 2017. Bruce joined the Adirondack Research Consortium Board in 2011 and was elected President at the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting held during the 24th Annual Conference on the Adirondacks in Lake Placid. Bruce had deep ties to the Adirondacks and brought a wealth of passion and ideas to the Consortium. His friendship and leadership is missed by all his friends and colleagues. Volume 22 of the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies, published this spring, has been dedicated in his honor. Bruce also came up with the idea of a “hot topic” forum at the Annual Conference. The Consortium is also dedicating that program each year at the Annual Conference on the Adirondacks in his honor to be known as the “Dr. Bruce W. Selleck Adirondack Hot Issues Forum”.



The **Elizabeth Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award** is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated significant contributions to the long term sustainability of the Adirondack Park through scholarship, research, and policy initiatives. Past awardees include **Ray Curran**, Adirondack ecologist; **Eileen Allen**, SUNY Plattsburgh; **Barbara Bedford**, Cornell University; **Joe Martens**, former Commissioner, NYS DEC; **Myron Mitchell**, SUNY ESF; **Jerry Jenkins**, Wildlife Conservation Society; **Dudley Raynal**, SUNY ESF; and, **Barbara McMartin**, Adirondack author.

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“25 Years – Research Needs Yesterday, Today, and in the Future”

Conference Center at Lake Placid



The Adirondack Research Consortium

2018 Award Luncheon

May 23, 2018



Richard Dunn Morse passed away on Monday, November 7, 2016. He was 66. Rick received both his B.A. and M.A. from S.U.N.Y. Albany. After spending 32 years at the New York State Assembly, where he was one of the original authors of Superfund legislation, Rick worked as a senior policy advisor at Ecology and Environment, Inc. He was an avid backcountry and alpine skier, sailor,

runner and Ironman triathlete. Music was a central part of Rick's life from an early age and an enduring source of joy. Ecology and Environment has established an annual Award Fund in Rick Morse's name which is managed by the Adirondack Research Consortium. Through the Fund, \$500 awards will be given annually to a student who is studying at one of the colleges/universities in the Adirondack Region that shares the passion Rick had for environmental policy, music, and/or outdoor activities in the Adirondacks.

Amanda Preston, Paul Smith's College

2018 Ecology and Environment Richard D. Morse Award Winner



Amanda Preston, a graduating Senior at Paul Smith's College, is the 2018 Ecology and Environment Richard D. Morse Award Winner. She majored in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Amanda has a lifelong passion for the outdoors. She was on the Paul Smith's Snowshoe team in 2015 and placed 3rd in her age group at the World Snowshoe Championships in Quebec, and won the title in Saranac Lake in 2017. She is currently on the Paul Smith's Canoe team and plans to do the 90miler in the fall. She is a Saranac Lake 6er, and

working towards being a 46er. Amanda enjoys music and plays the piano, guitar, ukulele, mandolin, and sometimes melodica. At Paul Smith's she was a regular participant in Open Mic Night. Amanda's love of the outdoors, the environment, sports, music, and the Adirondacks, certainly embodies the spirit of the Morse Award. Rick would be proud that such a deserving young woman is the 2018 Awardee. Amanda will use the \$500 Award for future educational experiences. Amanda is pictured above on Ampersand Mountain (photo provided).

2018 Dr. Elizabeth W. Thorndike Adirondack Achievement Award Dr. Nina Schoch



Nina Schoch is the Executive Director of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation. A wildlife veterinarian and biologist, Dr. Schoch has been studying loons in the Adirondacks since 1998. She practiced small animal medicine from 1991-2002 and is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. She is a member of numerous conservation and wildlife health related organizations, and has written many scientific and lay articles about the results of the Adirondack loon research. She received the NYS Outdoor Writers Association M. Paul Keesler NY Outdoor Citizen Award in 2011, and was inducted into the NYS

Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame in 2014.

Elizabeth Thorndike has spent her professional career in the nonprofit and education sectors, and in public policy positions concerned with the environment at the local, state, and federal levels. Dr. Thorndike was founder, executive director, president, and member of the board of the Center for Environmental Information (CEI) in Rochester, NY from 1973 to 2007. She has held appointments as adjunct faculty at Cornell University since 1996. She has served as a Commissioner of the Adirondack Park Agency where she chaired the Agency's Park Policy and Planning Committee from 1980 to 1995, as a member of Governor Mario Cuomo's Environmental Advisory Board from 1985 to 1994, and as a member of NYSERDA's Board since 1997 where she chairs the Waste and Facilities Management Committee with oversight for cleanup of the West Valley nuclear waste site. Dr. Thorndike holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University and Harvard University and a doctorate in natural resource policy and planning from Cornell University.

