

2020 Rick Morse Award

At a virtual Fall Awards Program held in partnership with the Adirondack Park Institute on September 18th, 2020, the Adirondack Research Consortium awarded the 2020 Rick Morse Scholarship.

This year the selection committee came down to two students, so equally qualified for the Rick Morse Award, the ARC decided to give a \$500 scholarship to each of them.

The first scholarship winner is **Jordan Spordone**. Jordan is a Natural Resources and Conservation Management major at Paul Smith's College where he is active in outdoor leadership roles and represents the College as part of its relationship with the Resilience Studies Consortium. Jordan was nominated by Paul Smith's College Professor Dr. Joseph Henderson who travelled to South Africa with him this past winter to study sustainable tourism. Joe found him to possess a sharp intellect, a careful analysis of complex issues, and a general friendliness with his peers that allowed him to access their complex thoughts on difficult topics related to environmental politics and policy. He is a disciplined thinker and has a bright future ahead of him in the field of environmental studies. Jordan loves outdoor activities and is often found playing music around campus.

Paul Smith's College Professor Dr. Curt Stager nominated **Malerie Muratori** for the Morse Award. Mal is a student at Paul Smith's College. In addition to having a strong passion for and an excellent academic background in the natural sciences, Mal is an extremely talented and productive visual artist in multiple media including painting and sculpture. Most of the work centers on subjects from the natural world, including for example deer skulls that have been decorated and turned into planters. She is also a skilled musician as demonstrated at open mics and other events at the College. Mal enjoys spending most of her time in the outdoors; be it collecting aquatic invertebrates in lab to hiking mountains, swimming, kayaking, camping, stargazing, snowshoeing, and this winter learning to ski. Mal Muratori is exactly the kind of person for whom the Morse award was intended.
