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**Newton Marasco Foundation Announces
2006 North Carolina Environmental Stewardship Scholarship**

GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA (May 2006) - The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) has awarded Natalie Gurkin, a graduating senior from D.H. Conley High School, a \$500 Environmental Stewardship Scholarship. Ms. Gurkin plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall to study Biological Engineering with an environmental concentration. She competed with other students in Pitt County for this award.

To be eligible for the NMF Environmental Stewardship Scholarship, students must be high school seniors graduating in spring 2006 and have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 through the first semester of their senior year. Students must also have applied to a two- or four-year college or vocational/technical school and provide an acceptance letter and proof of registration; demonstrate an interest in pursuing an education in an environment-related field; and have participated in a volunteer or community service activity in the past four years.

About the Newton Marasco Foundation:

NMF is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire responsible environmental stewardship. NMF designs innovative programs that foster learning, appreciation and caring for our natural environment. We collaborate, partner and educate to promote awareness and responsibility for the environment by individuals, schools, businesses and communities. We teach the ethos of environmental stewardship, educate and inform companies on sustainable green business practices and environmental ethics, and we promote the conservation and restoration of unique community ecosystems and habitats. We conduct award programs that encourage consideration of and responsibility for environmental stewardship. We recognize and reward small deeds and great acts that promote environmental awareness and further sustainable, environmental solutions.