

Parker/Gentry Scholarship in Conservation Biology

The Lakeside Lab Parker/Gentry Scholarship in Conservation Biology is named for the late Theodore Parker III and Alwyn Gentry, outstanding conservation biologists. Students may apply for a \$350 tuition scholarship.

Parker, an ornithologist, and Gentry, a botanist, were killed August 3, 1993, when their light plane crashed into a mountainside as they were making a treetop survey of an Ecuadorian cloud forest. Parker was the world's expert on Neotropical bird songs, able to recognize over 4,000 species. Gentry was the world's expert on Neotropical trees species, comprising fully 1/6th of all the world's woody plants. These men were irreplaceable.

Beginning in 1996, The Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago began offering its Parker/Gentry Award, an international award that honors an outstanding individual, team or organization in the field of conservation biology whose efforts have had a significant impact on preserving the world's natural heritage and whose actions and approach can serve as a model to others.

Dr. Michael Lannoo, a long-time associate of Lakeside Lab, received the 2001 Parker/Gentry Award. He gifted the monetary award to Lakeside to support students interested in conservation biology.

Eligibility

The Parker/Gentry Scholarship is open to students enrolled in the Lakeside Lab Ecology class.

Application Process

Applicants should e-mail the following to the Lakeside Lab Director at Mary-Skopec@uiowa.edu

1. A cover letter
2. Resume or CV
3. Statement of career interests
4. Unofficial transcripts
5. Faculty letter of recommendation

Deadline for application is **April 15**. Recipient(s) will be chosen by the Lakeside Lab Scholarship Committee.