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79th Annual MACD Meeting Raises \$24,000 in Scholarships



The Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) convened its two-day Annual Meeting on January 17th and 18th, 2024, at the Sheraton Hotel in Flowood, MS. Despite the challenging weather conditions characterized by dangerously low temperatures and hazardous icy roads, the event, also known as the "Winter Meeting," unfolded flawlessly. Members of the Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission (MSWCC) and MACD demonstrated unwavering dedication to ensuring every aspect of the conference was meticulously arranged.

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We take great pride in announcing that this year's meeting generated over \$24,000, all of which will be allocated towards scholarships for the upcoming academic year. It is imperative to note that the primary objective of this gathering is to raise funds for student scholarships. At the banquet segment of the conference, multiple scholarships are bestowed upon deserving Mississippi students whose educational pursuits are centered around careers in agriculture, wildlife, or environmental studies. None of these achievements would be attainable without the steadfast support of our fellow Mississippians who generously register, donate, and invest in this annual event.

What always runs and
yet never walks often
murmurs but never
speaks!
Has a bed but never
sleeps and a mouth
but never eats. Who
am I?

A: A STREAM





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Throughout the meeting, two significant award ceremonies serve as platforms for MACD to honor individuals within our community who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to conservation efforts. The "President's Award Luncheon" celebrates those whose dedication to preserving the resources of our state is unparalleled. MACD President, Nick Elmore, personally extends congratulations to each recipient. Additionally, at the "MACD Awards Banquet," we commend and reward employees, commissioners, and State Legislators for their tireless contributions, day in and day out.

Pictures from the convention can be viewed via our website: <https://www.mswcc.ms.gov/related-links>

What's a worm's favorite thing about the soil?

IT'S ALWAYS DOWN TO EARTH.





MAGD ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

M.C. Sparks Jr Memorial Scholarship Awarded to:

Karolina Heathcock (Wayne County)

Herman L. Dungan Jr. Scholarship:

Adaline Rouse (Jackson County)

Paul R. Myrick Scholarship:

Ryan Purvis (Smith County)

Jack Winstead Scholarship:

Marlee Turner (Alcorn County)

Don Underwood Scholarship:

Ryan Spratlin (Calhoun County)

Pete Hunter Endowment Scholarship:

Andrew Brown (Lowndes County)

MSWCC Youth Camp Scholarship:

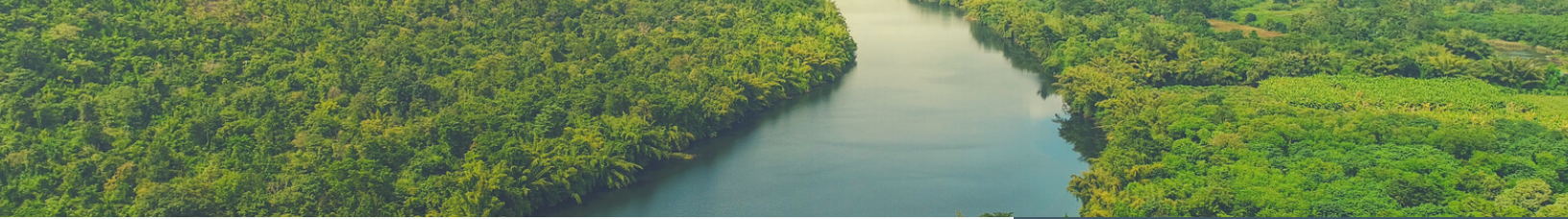
Will Cedotal (Madison County)

Due to inclement weather some winners were not present for their picture. Here are a few participants who could be present.

"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals & happiness."

-THOMAS JEFFERSON





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