

North Queens student receives bursary

A North Queens Community School student was recently given a bursary for his work studying turtles.

Fabian Lechner was presented with the Clapp Conservation Award by the Mersey Tobiatic Research Institute.

The institute is a non-profit cooperative with a mandate to promote sustainable use of natural resources and biodiversity conservation in the Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve. It promotes sustainability through research, education, and the operation of a field station.

The Clapp Conservation Award honors the efforts of Diane and Harold Clapp, founding members and volunteers who built MTRI.

The award was presented to Fabian and Randy Fredericks of Bridgetown Regional High School.

Lechner has assisted with blanding's turtle data collection by canoeing a main brook in Pleasant River, Queens County, during nesting season and performing a visual survey. He also participated in the tracking efforts of a female blanding's turtle in the area.



Fabian Lechner of North Queens Community School was presented with a bursary for his work researching turtles.

"Being given a taste of what research in the field can be like has simply made me more determined to follow a career in this field of study," Lechner said in a news

release. Lechner plans to attend Acadia University in Wolfville where he will complete undergraduate studies in the field of biology.