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UA Student Wins Munson Foundation Grant for Black Warrior Riverkeeper Internship
Hudson Nuckolls receives largest scholarship offered by UA's APR department

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The [Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation](#) has awarded Hudson Nuckolls, a rising senior studying public relations at The University of Alabama, a scholarship grant to intern at [Black Warrior Riverkeeper](#) in Birmingham, Alabama, for the summer.

Two years ago, the Munson Foundation supplied UA's Advertising and Public Relations department with a three-year grant awarding scholarships to Black Warrior Riverkeeper interns in [2017](#) and [2018](#).

“Thanks to the generosity of the Munson Foundation, it's the largest scholarship that the APR department awards,” said Joseph Phelps, APR department chair.

Nuckolls, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, was chosen by the department to receive the honor in 2019. He also serves as firm director for [Capstone Agency](#), [the nation's top student-run communications firm](#).

“I'm thankful for this unique opportunity to use the communication skills I've learned at UA to help Black Warrior Riverkeeper protect residents and wildlife all over the Black Warrior River's 17-county watershed. As an out of state student, it's important to me that I give back to a community that has made me feel at home during my time at UA,” Nuckolls said.

As a member of [Waterkeeper Alliance](#), Black Warrior Riverkeeper patrols waterways, responds to citizen complaints, enforces environmental laws, and educates the public. The organization also engages partner groups and individuals in its efforts. Last year, 485 volunteers donated 4,710 hours of community service through Black Warrior Riverkeeper's projects. The majority of those volunteers were students from The University of Alabama.

“We strive to make the Munson internship an exciting, valuable and well-rounded experience for the intern each summer,” said Charles Scribner, executive director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. “At the same time, we benefit tremendously from new communications tactics we learn from the nationally-ranked UA PR program's top students.”

For a high-resolution picture of Hudson Nuckolls at The University of Alabama, [click here](#).

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[Black Warrior Riverkeeper](#)'s mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The citizen-based nonprofit organization promotes clean water for the sake of public health, recreation and wildlife habitat throughout the Black Warrior River watershed.