

Alabama Student wins Munson scholarship for Black Warrior Riverkeeper internship

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

Since 2008, Munson grants to the [UA College of Communications & Information Sciences](#) have funded conservation internships for students in the [Advertising and Public Relations department](#).

“The environment needs strong advocates, and thanks to the generous and continuous support of the Munson Foundation, our students like Seth use the public relations skills they have acquired from our program to highlight, promote, and think strategically about gaining support for environmental conservation efforts,” said Dr. Damion Waymer, chair of the department.

Self was chosen by the department to receive the scholarship in 2022. Self serves as the communications director student officer for the [Blackburn Institute](#) and as a student ambassador for the College of Communication and Information Sciences.

“I am so honored to receive this scholarship to intern with Black Warrior Riverkeeper,” Self said. “As someone from Alabama who’s passionate about the environment, this is such an incredible opportunity. I cannot wait to get to work and support the mission of Black Warrior Riverkeeper with the knowledge and skills I’ve gained from UA.”

A member of [Waterkeepers Alabama](#) and [Waterkeeper Alliance](#), Black Warrior Riverkeeper patrols waterways, fields pollution reports, [enforces environmental laws](#), and [educates the public](#).

“It is always an honor to work with The University of Alabama’s nationally ranked Department of Advertising and Public Relations,” said Charles Scribner, executive director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. “This year, we are excited that our Munson Intern, Seth Self, is from the Black Warrior River watershed in Cullman County.”

The Black Warrior River watershed covers over 17 counties within Alabama, including both Cullman and Tuscaloosa counties. Among many other projects, Self plans to expand Black Warrior Riverkeeper’s annual free distribution of [Southern Exposure Film Fellowship](#) environmental documentaries to public libraries throughout the watershed.

For a high-resolution picture of Seth Self by Anna Butts, [click here](#).

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Black Warrior Riverkeeper’s mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The membership-based nonprofit organization promotes clean water for the sake of public health, recreation and wildlife habitat throughout the Black Warrior River watershed.