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## **TAYLOR BROOKE WINERY AWARDS ITS 4th ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Richard and Linda Auger, owners of Taylor Brooke Winery in Woodstock, CT have established an annual scholarship of \$500 which is awarded to a graduating senior from Woodstock Academy. Qualifying seniors must be planning on entering the field of agriculture. This can include: viniculture, horticulture, agronomy, landscape architecture, botany, food science, forestry, environmental science, etc.

Each year, Taylor Brooke Winery is presented with exceptional candidates for its scholarship, and this year was no different. After reviewing three very qualified candidates, the \$500 scholarship was awarded to Lukas Almquist of Woodstock.

Lucas intends to pursue a degree in Environmental Science at the University of Redlands, located in Redlands, CA. In addition to his impressive academic record and membership in the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, Lucas has been involved with Muscular Dystrophy Association “Turkey Dip” for over ten years. His community spirit has also been displayed through his volunteering as a referee in the Woodstock Recreation Boys Basketball program for the past four years.

Lucas intends to use his proficiency in Spanish to become a member of a governmental organization specializing in environmental protection in a country like Costa Rica. An outdoors lover, Lucas spends as much time as possible in the woods, surrounded by birds, insects and flowers. “Missing a chance to study and even just appreciate the natural systems that make up this earth would leave me heartbroken” says Lucas.

Taylor Brooke Winery, a Connecticut Farm Winery and a USDA Registered Family Farm, grows six different wine grape varieties on three acres using intensive method farming. The Augers have been residents of Woodstock for 29 years and both of their children are Woodstock Academy alums.