

# 2022 SWS Scholarship Winner Announced

Each year CAPCA, through the Stanley W. Strew (SWS) Education Fund, awards a scholarship to an exceptional student who is pursuing a career in the pest management industry. The Stanley W. Strew Educational Fund, Inc., Mission Statement says: “We promote and communicate the development and implementation of educational and scholarship programs to ensure the future prosperity of our nation’s food, fiber and ornamental enterprises.” The Fund is dedicated to establishing educational opportunities and career growth avenues for the students of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

The Stanley W. Strew Education Fund administers these programs. Applications were posted on CAPCA’s website and distributed to universities and interested students. The CAPCA Scholarship recipient receives \$3,000. **This year we congratulate our 2022 Stanley W. Strew Scholarship recipient, Aalexias Woolf.**

## **Aalexias Woolf** **2022 CAPCA Scholarship Recipient**

Aalexias is a Senior at CSU Fresno, set to graduate in the Spring of 2023. She is majoring in Plant Science with emphasis on crop production. Aalexias hopes to obtain her PCA license and CCA certificate. After graduation, she wants to dive right into the industry and become a PCA or a sales rep. Aalexias has had the support of Syngenta over the course of her college career, as she has interned with them for the past three summers. As the oldest of four children, Aalexias will be the first in her family to graduate with a college degree, something she is proud to proclaim and share with the world. Along with her internship with Syngenta, she has also been involved with many on and off-campus extra curriculars, such as the FFA Field Day Committee and the Agricultural Leadership Council. Every single reference she gave had nothing but praise for her hard work, dedication, and positive attitude toward life and her education. Aalexias is a strong student with tremendous drive to get the job done. It is with great pleasure and excitement that we announce Aalexias as our 2022 Stanley W. Strew Scholarship recipient.

### **We received the following letter from Aalexias this summer:**

*Hello, my name is Aalexias Woolf and I am so thankful to be selected as a recipient of the 2022 CAPCA/Stanley W. Strew Scholarship. It truly means so much to me that I was given this opportunity and your generosity is truly appreciated. This scholarship is going to help me become the first person in my family to graduate college with a degree. I am the oldest sibling, so setting a good example to my three younger siblings is very*



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*important to me. I wanted to extend my gratitude to you for helping me make my dream of graduating college become a reality.*

*I am currently in my final year at Fresno State and will be graduating in the Spring of 2023. I am majoring in plant science with an emphasis on crop production. I have interned with an agricultural chemical company, Syngenta, for the past three summers and it has sparked my interest to become a PCA or sales rep once I graduate. I have hopes to obtain my PCA and CCA licenses once I have taken all the necessary coursework to do so. It is my hope to go straight into the industry and get as much first-hand agriculture experience before going back in my later years to teach agriculture education. I have a passion for the agriculture industry and teaching, so I am excited to possibly educate young minds on the industry that feeds the world. Besides going to school full-time, I am also involved in multiple clubs on campus. I am heavily involved in the agricultural ambassadors program, the FFA field day committee, the agriculture leadership council, the plant science club, and CAPCA as a student member. I also devote any free time to the FFA organization both at the local level and state levels. I help judge at various speaking competitions and serve as a team leader for multiple conferences that are held up and down the state of California.*

*I truly am so grateful for your scholarship support to college students like myself. This scholarship allows me to truly devote extra time and effort to my studies and for that I am extremely thankful. Thank you for not only investing in me, but my future aspirations as well.*

*With many thanks, Aalexias Woolf*