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West Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District names Coweta County's David Stanford Conservationist of the Year *Carroll County's Tiffany Brown awarded scholarship*

ATHENS, Ga. – The West Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District recently presented Coweta County dairy farmer David Stanford with the Conservationist of the Year Award.

District Chair Mac C. Abercrombie noted that “soil and water conservation are critical to Georgia’s development. We must preserve a healthy natural environment so future generations can achieve even greater economic prosperity.”

Each year the West Georgia Soil and Water Conservation District honors an individual or enterprise that has demonstrated a commitment to conservation in the district, which includes Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson and Heard counties.

Tiffany Brown, a junior at Bowdon High School in Carroll County, received a scholarship award because she attended the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop and scored the highest on the final exam of all the students who attended from the West Georgia SWCD.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts were created in 1937 by the Georgia General Assembly to protect the state's soil and water resources following the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. Districts provide a way for citizens to set local resource priorities for state and federal assistance programs.

At the state level, the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission (GSWCC) supports locally led soil and water conservation districts through education, technical, financial and planning assistance and through program oversight.

Local conservation project funding is provided by the State of Georgia, along with grants from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, USDA-NRCS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. More information is available at www.gaswcc.org or by calling (706) 552-4470.



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