

**Letters of appreciation from the 2017 Walleyes Unlimited Scholarship Award recipients
Andrew Zabel & Justin Kowalski both from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.**

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Andrew Zabel
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Dear Mr. Zegar,

I wanted to say thank you to you and Walleyes Unlimited for the scholarship that I received. I am honored to be the recipient of your scholarship and I appreciate the financial support that it will provide me to attend college.

I am currently a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries. I am an active member in several clubs along with participating in other extracurricular activities. Two clubs on campus that I am involved with are the Fisheries Society and the Ichthyology and Aquarium Sciences Society. Both of these clubs have provided many opportunities to gain experience and knowledge in my field. I am also involved in two research projects including analyzing movement patterns of Brook Trout and Black Spot parasitism in Common Shiners.

I would like to say thank you again for the scholarship. I appreciate the financial assistance that this scholarship provides. The money is instrumental for me to further my education and increase my odds of pursuing a successful career in the future.

Sincerely,



Andrew Zabel

Dear Mr. Jim Zegar,

I am honored to be selected as a recipient of Walleyes Unlimited USA Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support, I am able to further enhance my college experience and education at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.

I am currently a junior at UW- Stevens Point majoring in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences as well as Biology. After I graduate, I hope to attend graduate school for a masters and possibly a doctorate degree. Upon earning my advanced degree, I hope to work out west working to maintain and restore native trout populations. In the UWSP College of Natural Resources, I am very active in Fisheries Society by participating in events such as shocking the Little Plover River and fyke netting the Wisconsin River, and am also serving as the treasurer this year. I am also very involved in the Fly Fishing Club, American Water Resources Association, and the UWSP Ichthyology and aquarium society. Outside of the College of Natural Resources, I am a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia which is a music fraternity on campus with an emphasis on community service and spreading music in America.

This scholarship will help me further continue my education in a field that I love. Thanks to your generosity I will be able to continue toward my goal of preserving the beauty of our natural resources for future generations to enjoy.

Once again, thank you for selecting me for this honor and helping me further my education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Kowalski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Justin Kowalski