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Ms. Lori Sutter
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Greate Road
Gloucester Point, VA 23062-1346

Dear Ms. Sutter,

It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of America awards you the **2011 GCA Award in Coastal Wetland Studies**. Your research in the implications of global climate changes and how the effect of an increase in sea level will put freshwater marshes at risk will undoubtedly be valuable research for scientists in this field. We look forward to learning more about your studies and wish you continued success.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Owen McDonough
13204 Clipper Circle
Solomons, MD 20688

Dear Mr. McDonald,

It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of America awards you the **2011 GCA Award in Coastal Wetland Studies**. Your research in the hydrology, structure and biogeochemical function of streams intermittently linked to freshwater wetlands will be valuable information for scientists studying in this field. We look forward to learning more about your work and wish you continued success.

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Ms. Leah Beckett
3551 13th Street NW
Washington, DC 20010

Dear Ms. Beckett,

It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of America awards you the **2011 GCA Award in Coastal Wetland Studies**. Your research in measuring accretion and elevation dynamics of Chesapeake Bay marshes in response to global changes and the resultant saltwater intrusion from a sea level rise will be valuable information for scientists working in this field. We look forward to learn more about your studies and wish you continued success.

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Ms. Marissa Lee
606 N. Buchanan Blvd
Durham, NC 27701

Dear Ms. Lee,

It is with great pleasure that the Scholarship Committee of The Garden Club of America awards you the **2011 GCA Award in Coastal Wetland Studies**. Your study of the invasive grass, *Microstegium vimineum*, which poses a serious threat to native species and wetlands, will be valuable information for other scientists studying in this field. We look forward to learning more about your research and wish you continued success.

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