



Nina has exhibited the potential to make a contribution to the protection of the environment through study, volunteerism, and commitment. She is a rising senior at John Carroll University, studying environmental science. She notes that after graduation she would like to join the workforce in an environmental science career. Her time at John Carroll has given her the chance as she says “to expand her scientific knowledge” as well as complete two impressive research projects related to frog behavior. After graduating, she says she hopes to start working right away in an environmental science career so she can, as she says, make an impact. “Through my extracurricular activities in high school and courses in college, I have been developing my passion for environmental issues and making a difference.”

Nina has done much volunteer work related to environmental science, in part, as she participated in stream assessments, hikes, bus trips, and community outreach when she was an active member of the Biology Society at Independence High School. She helped host open house activities - open to the community - allowing them to complete mock stream assessments, search for aquatic creatures in the pond, and go on guided hikes. The mock stream assessment was geared towards introducing children to some of the invertebrates that live in Ohio's freshwater streams. This event and others like it allowed her to serve her community and help instill what she calls “an appreciation for the natural environment.”