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Terrapin Tours Announces Recent Travel Scholarship Award Winners

North Woodstock, NH: Terrapin Tours is pleased to announce the first Travel Scholarship of the year has been awarded to Noah Smith of Gilmanton, NH. The \$500 Travel Scholarship has been provided for Noah to put towards his education-based travel opportunity. Noah's completed application included a strong letter of recommendation from a staff member of Gilford High School and an essay detailing his travel plans, why this travel opportunity is important to him, and how he intended to use the award.

A student at Gilford High School, Noah will be traveling to Costa Rica in February with his Advanced Spanish Conversation Class instructor, Janice Stowell. The class will be using their language skills and knowledge of Costa Rica helping in a service project, donating items to a local school, getting to know some of the students, and planting trees, as well as learning about music, food and dance.

The scholarship fund – which is part of Terrapin's "Give Back Initiative", is available to New Hampshire High School students with the goal of the helping students experience cultural, educational, and personal growth through travel. In 2022, Etta Wobber of Inter-Lakes High School was awarded a Travel Scholarship to participate in a French language immersion semester in Québec through the Edu-inter program. Etta's brother, Amos Wobber, was a recipient of an award in 2019. Overall, the Terrapin Tours Travel Scholarship fund has awarded over \$3200 in student scholarships since the "Give Back Initiative" inaugural year of 2018.

Terrapin Tours owner, Kelly Cooke, participated in an education-based tour to Europe as a high school student and is excited to support students that have the same opportunity. "Traveling to Europe at a young age inspired me and helped shape my personal and professional career" explained Mrs. Cooke. A travel industry professional for over 25 years, Mrs. Cooke has seen first-hand the benefits of travel, "Whether it's the chance to gain independence and confidence or to deepen your knowledge and understanding of other cultures, the benefits of travel are endless. I am thrilled that Terrapin Tours can support students in their quest to learn and grow through travel".

Terrapin Tours looks forward to continuing their scholarship program and is currently accepting applications. For more information about Terrapin Tours and their Travel Scholarship program, visit terrapintours.com, call 603-348-7141, or email info@terrapintours.com.