



Caroline Beck, the 2016 outstanding graduating senior in the Department of Environmental Sciences, is recognized by Dean Karen Bjorkman as the outstanding 2016 graduating senior from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, at the May 7<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony.

Carly graduated with a B.S. in Ecology and Organismal Biology, *summa cum laude* and Departmental and College Honors this May and has been on the President's list every semester. During her time at UT, she served as SI Instructor, Orientation Leader, NSM Peer Mentor, Youth Nations Global Leadership Experience Counselor, Collegiate Leader in Environmental Health, Community Garden Intern, Sustainability Intern and student manager for the University of Toledo's Green Fund. Carly is a member of the Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society and has served in a prestigious C.D.C. internship in Atlanta where she was given the distinction of best overall scientific presentation. Unrelated perhaps, Carly is an accomplished ballroom dancer/instructor and serves the president of our Ballroom Dance Society, chair of the Yule Ball and vice-president of competitive dance. As a member of the Student Honors Council and W.I.S.E. (Women in STEM Excelling), Carly has been recognized in her efforts to promote opportunities for women in science.

Carly's career interests focus on the interface between environment and health. Before embarking on a Ph.D. program, she has decided to pursue one of several prestigious fellowship programs. At this time, she is listed as finalist for several of these fellowships. She completed an honors thesis ("From Lab to Real Life: Analyzing General Ecology Laboratory Data for Management Implications") in the Department of Environmental Sciences and presented her work at the Department of Environmental Sciences recent honors symposium. Her findings will ultimately influence the management choices of local nature preserve managers.

Clearly, Carly is a future leader in the field of global health and the environment and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors!