Bryan Fuhrmann graduated from Humboldt State with a masters degree in Business Administration. During his time in the MBA program he focused heavily on strategic sustainability. This allowed him to incorporate both science and business principles into his master's degree. With this he was able to, “create the design for cluster based economy in Humboldt County, work on the Marine Science Laboratory’s strategic business plan, and run housing market data analysis in collaboration with the Humboldt Association of Realtors.” Bryan also participated in an internship at North Coast Laboratories where he created their strategic business plan for 2016. After graduation, Bryan has stayed here in Humboldt County and continues work at North Coast Laboratories as the Quality Assurance Manager.
Emily Cooper is a graduate student in the Natural Resources Masters program. Emily’s research seeks to quantify the anadromous salmonid habitat in the upper Eel River watershed that is currently blocked to fish migration by Scott Dam. The results will answer whether river restoration via dam modification or removal is necessary for the recovery of anadromous salmonid populations in the Eel River watershed. This project aims to deliver evidence to inform the upcoming relicensing of Scott Dam, whose process begins in 2017. This is extremely timely and relevant to the management of water and fish in the Eel River watershed.

Wendy Willis graduated from Humboldt State with a Masters of Arts degree in Environment and Community. She credits the Environment and Community program and its interdisciplinary approach for helping her develop critical thinking skills she’ll use throughout her career. After graduating in 2015, Wendy landed a dream job at the American Bird Conservancy. As the organization’s new international conservation project officer, Wendy will manage projects in Colombia and Ecuador that range from land acquisitions, community development, and reforestation initiatives to building technical capacity with Latin American partners, and implementing sub-grants from private donors and foundations.
The Joseph S. Woolford Fellowship Award is administered through the Eureka Rotary Club. This award is given to graduate students who have achieved great scholastic achievement, have a focused career goal, and who have the ability to inspire others. We are proud to announce that the 2017-18 Woolford Fellowship is awarded to:

- **Amon Armstrong** - Biological Sciences
- **Pairsa Belamaric** - Natural Resources: Wildlife
- **Laura Casali** - Natural Resources: Environmental & Natural Resource Sciences
- **Hannah Coe** - Natural Resources: Fisheries
- **Robert Cowdrey** - Environmental Systems: Geology
- **Carolyn Delevich** - Biological Sciences
- **Robert Dumouchel** - Natural Resources: Environmental & Natural Resource Sciences
- **Irene Gonzalez-Herrera** - Psychology
- **Guarav Kumar** - Environmental Systems: Energy, Technology & Policy
- **Diana Newberry** - Applied Anthropology
- **Elizabeth Revord** - Social Science
- **Josue Rodriguez** - Psychology
- **Elizabeth Zepeda** - Biological Sciences

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**Graduate Federal Work Study Program 2017-18**

Graduate Studies and the Financial Aid Office are pleased to announce funding for the Graduate Student Federal Work Study Program. Awards of up to $5,000 are available for the 2017-2018 academic year for master's students who are eligible for federal work-study. Graduate students are supervised by graduate program faculty to perform specific research activities that are supported by the departments. These funds will be awarded to departments to support research, scholarly, and creative activities of faculty and their graduate students. The deadline for faculty members to submit an application requesting a student is May 5th. This funding is intended to match qualified master's students who are eligible for work-study with faculty members who have research projects requiring a graduate student assistant. This also helps to promote meaningful graduate level research and creative activity opportunities for students.

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The Office of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies is pleased to announce the recipients of the Patricia O. McConkey and Graduation with Distinction Award for excellent performance in the 2016-2017 Academic Year. This award recognizes distinguished scholarly achievement at the master’s level. These awards are given to outstanding graduating graduate students at Humboldt State who have been nominated by their department for excellence in their field. The recipients will graduate with distinction and will be recognized in the commencement ceremony.

The 2016-2017 McConkey Award recipients and their respective disciplines are:

- **Cara Appel** - Natural Resources: Wildlife
- **Heather Clark** - Sociology
- **Emily Cooper** - Natural Resources: Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences
- **Laura Gorman** - English: Composition Studies and Pedagogy
- **Kendra Hartsuyker** - Psychology: Academic Research
- **Jacqueline Heinzen** - Applied Anthropology
- **Gil Spitz** - Kinesiology: Exercise Science

**Important Dates:**

- **May 3rd**: Initial thesis/project submission to BePress/Digital Commons required for students planning to graduate in Spring 2017
- **May 10th**: Final thesis or project submission approval due to Digital Commons, cfr@humboldt.edu
- **May 13th**: Commencement Ceremony
- **August 17th**: Fall Graduate Student Orientation held in Goodwin Forum from 2:30pm—3:30pm
- **August 21st**: Fall 2017 Instruction Begins