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**Civic Leadership for our Agricultural Future**

*THE CIVIC SCIENTIST – The next generation of continuous living cover researchers **reflect** on the current moment in history and **reimagine** the future.*

St. Paul, Minn. May 5th, 2021 – Over the past year, Green Lands Blue Waters has been releasing a series of writings called, “The Civic Scientist.” As a networking organization, a critical role of Green Lands Blue Waters is to highlight the work of allies in Continuous Living Cover (CLC) farming. This series is comprised of perspectives written by graduate students studying CLC crops and cropping systems across the Upper Midwest.

Eighteen graduate students are featured from universities across five states, from many different cultural and educational backgrounds. Each graduate student talks about their take on the events of the past year – a global pandemic, overdue racial reckoning across our society - as well as actions over the long term that will move our agricultural systems toward resiliency and sustainability. The students express how they envision their work in agriculture as inextricably linked to healthy and just communities. They discuss climate change, where they see their careers going, and what their responsibilities are as young scientists – to themselves, to their communities, and to the type of world they hope to create.

The Civic Scientist series is being shared through Green Lands Blue Waters newsletters, featuring a different student every two weeks. And all of these inspiring personal statements can be found at [greenlandsbluewaters.org](https://greenlandsbluewaters.org).

Please help us share these profiles widely. Contact us for interview requests and to inquire about re-running direct copy from the writings.

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