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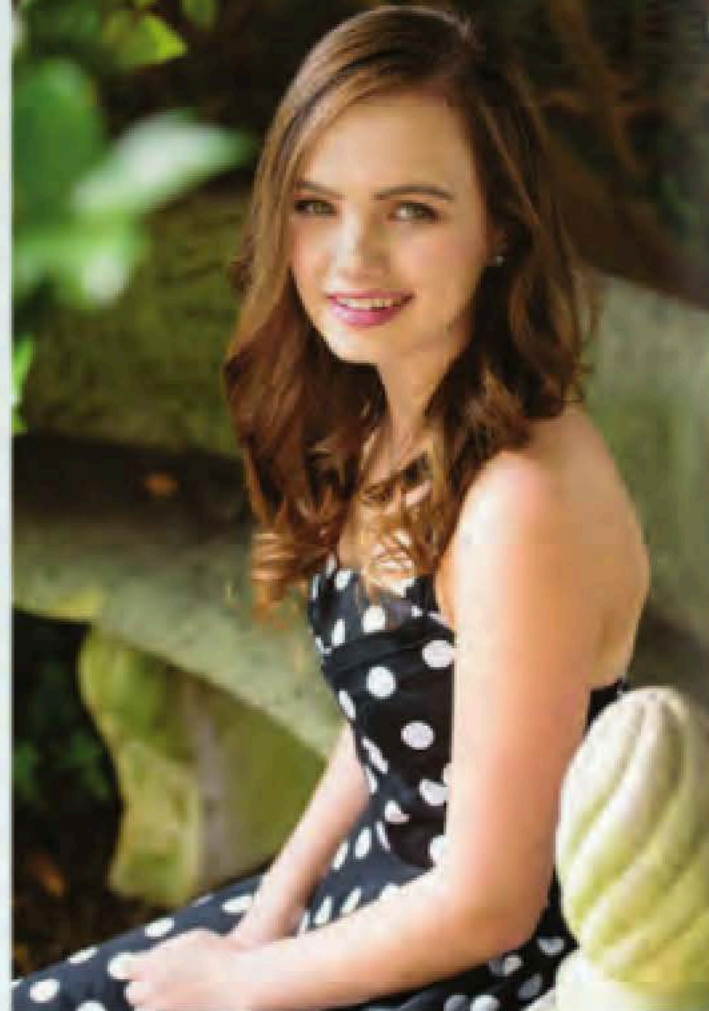
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DOING GOOD

Raleigh's own Molly Paul



Each year, the Gloria Barron Prize celebrates 25 inspiring, public-spirited young people from across North America who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. The top fifteen winners each receive a \$5,000 cash award to support their service work or higher education. Last year the winner was **Raleigh's own Molly Paul**, age 17. Her impact in the world? Turtles and soap!

Molly first learned of the pet turtle problem as a seven-year-old, when she adopted two red-eared slider turtles and was told they are the most discarded of all pets, often "set free" into local waterways, where they disrupt the ecosystem. Molly founded Raleigh Aquatic Turtle Adoption to prevent the release of unwanted pet turtles into waterways where they compete with native species. She then began facilitating adoptions and has fostered and re-homed hundreds of turtles all across the country, finding great homes for them such as classrooms to be pets. She has also raised more than \$15,000 through the sale of her handmade turtle soap, donating the proceeds to support native turtles, their

habitat, and conservation education. It all comes home with a 3,000 gallon pond in her backyard where she fosters turtles temporarily.

In 2011, Molly tapped her grandparents' knowledge of soap making to develop a line of soaps she sells to fundraise for native turtle protection programs. With each soap sale, she also asks customers to sign her conservation pledge and has gathered approximately 1,000 signatures so far. In recent years, Molly has partnered with the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to create her STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Leadership Camp, which she offered for the second time this past summer.

The Barron Prize was founded in 2001 by author T.A. Barron, and was named for his mother, Gloria Barron. Each year's 25 Barron Prize young heroes are as diverse as their service projects. They are female and male, urban and rural, and from many races and backgrounds. Half of them have focused on helping their communities and fellow human beings; half have focused on protecting the environment.

"Nothing is more inspiring than stories about heroic people who have truly made a difference to the world," says Barron. "And we need our heroes today more than ever. Not celebrities, but heroes—people whose character can inspire us all. That is the purpose of the Gloria Barron Prize: to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others."

What has Molly taken away from this amazing service to her community? "I've learned that positive change takes time, and that it helps to 'take the long view,'" says Molly. "But I know I'm on the right path and that I want to help change the environment for the better."

Way to go Molly! It is so truly inspiring to see young people realizing and acting on their potential to make change in the world.

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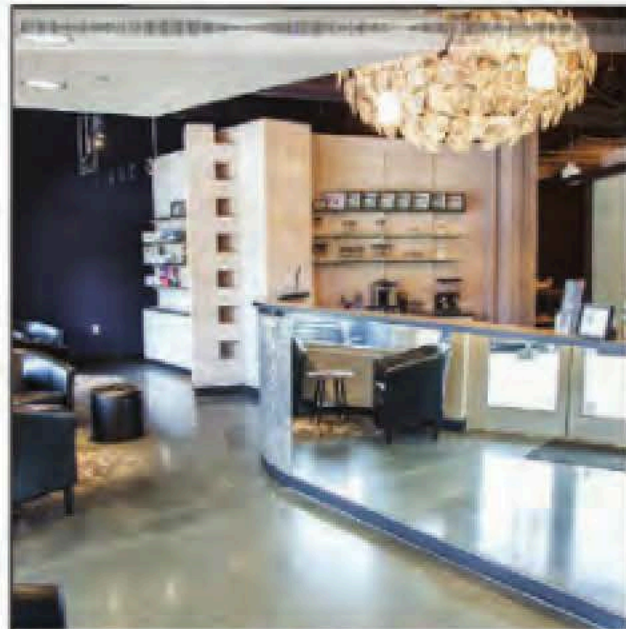


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