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Mr. Nathan Deese
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Dear Mr. Deese,

It gives me great pleasure to notify you on behalf of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists that you have been awarded **The Thornton L. Neathery Outstanding Geology Student in the State of Alabama.**

This 2025 Outstanding Geology Student award comes as a result of the nomination received from Auburn University's Department of Geosciences and the recommendation letters from Dr. Ming-Kuo Lee, Dr. Ashraf Uddin and Dr. David King, Jr. The Board was impressed with the endorsements from the faculty regarding your research capabilities and outreach service activities, as well as your excellent citizenship.

This award is named after Thornton Lee (Tony) Neathery who was active as a professional geologist for more than 50 years, before his death in October 2013. His work contributed significantly to the knowledge of geology in Alabama and beyond, throughout the southern Appalachians. His geological work was highly diverse, resulting in his geological State maps that were published in 1988 and 1989. His professional activities were equally distinguished as a charter member of the Alabama Geological Society and founding advocate for the creation of this Board.

The Board joins the faculty at the Department of Geosciences at Auburn University in acknowledging your outstanding work and we have every confidence in you as you prepare to become a notable member of the geoscience community. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Warren
Executive Secretary

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