

2008 PSLA Department Awards

The department held its Annual Ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. Awards and scholarships were presented to many of our outstanding graduate and undergraduate students. Congratulations to all the winners!

Undergraduate Awards:

Landscape Architecture

The Homeland Garden Club of Baltimore Award

Awarded to: Nina Fulkoski

Award Amount: \$250 in Books

To a graduating senior in Landscape Architecture; Selection made by LARC Faculty based on GPA, creativity, and performance. The recipient receives a \$250 credit for purchasing books on landscape architecture and design.

ASLA Honor and Merit Nominees and Award Winners

Awarded to: Brian Hughes, Lauren Kovach, John Lightle, Allison Poirier

Nominees are recognized for having the highest level of academic scholarship and of accomplishments in skills related to the art and technology of landscape architecture. They have demonstrated personal qualities and skills of responsiveness and willingness to work with others, self-motivation and responsibility, and design abilities that include exploration, discovery, synthesis and representation of landscape architecture design.

Landscape Architecture Award of Excellence

Awarded to: John Lightle

Award Amount: \$250

To the outstanding Landscape Architecture senior; Selection made by LARC faculty based on consistently exceptional creative and scholarly work, collegial spirit, and professional demeanor throughout the four years of study.

Plant Science

Outstanding Agronomy Senior Award

Awarded to: Katy Nolte

Award Amount: \$300

High GPA senior who has been active in undergraduate activities such as the Agronomy Club. Agronomy (crops and turf) advisors select this recipient.

Bartlett Tree Foundation Scholarship

Awarded to: Joe Rothleuther

Award Amount: \$2000

To a student with a genuine career interest in Urban Forestry. Freshman to seniors are eligible to receive this award. Selection made by Urban Forestry faculty in PSLA.

Bayer Environmental Science Turfgrass Scholarship

Awarded to: Christopher DeVido

Award Amount: \$1000

For a Turf and Golf Course Management student entering their senior year. Selection by the Turf advisor and faculty in that program.

Maryland State Golf Association - Emmet Gary Scholarship

Awarded to: David Corley, Steven Hutzell

Award Amount: \$3985

The student must be enrolled in the Turf and Golf Course Management Curriculum at the University of Maryland. The student must demonstrate academic proficiency and show promise of academic success. No student with a cumulative grade point average below 2.00 during the spring semester of the year can be selected as a recipient. The student must have a professed interest in seeking employment within the Golf Industry, preferably as a golf course superintendent or assistant superintendent. Preference will be given to a student who has worked on a golf course with a clear need for financial need. Recipients must be residents of the State of Maryland. Preference will also be given to students who are actively involved in extracurricular activities. *This scholarship will be used to cover Tuition and Fees for one semester.*

Francis R. Gouin Undergraduate Research Award

Awarded to: Julia Harshman

Award Amount: \$2000

An annual award to a junior undergraduate student majoring in horticulture. This is given in two parts. The first half will be used to cover the salary for a student to conduct research and prepare materials for presentation at a professional meeting. The second portion of the money is given to cover the recipient's travel expenses to attend a regional or national meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science or the International Plant Propagator's Society.

Joe E. James Memorial Award

Awarded to: Demetra Skaltsas

Award Amount: \$500

This award is to be given to the graduating horticulture senior with the highest GPA. Joe Elbert James worked as a farm advisor who was greatly appreciated by commercial fruit growers. On his passing, the fruit industry established this award in his name.

Link-Shanks Award

Awarded to: Andrew Cantrell

Award Amount: \$500

Given by the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA) to a junior or first semester senior who has demonstrated an increased interest in Horticulture through improved academic performance. Named in honor of Dr. Conrad Link and Dr. James Shanks, long time members of the Horticulture faculty in College Park.

Joseph Newcomer Memorial Award

Awarded to: Patrick Watkins

Award Amount: \$500

This award has been established through the generous contributions of friends and colleagues of Mr. Joseph Newcomer who dedicated his career to the betterment of agronomic production in agriculture for the citizens of Maryland and the country as a whole. Financial assistance is provided to an undergraduate student who has an interest in a career related to agronomic production or a closely related area.

PLANET (Professional Landcare Network) Team Recognition:

Eric Adam, Andrew Cantrell, Adam Chaitin, Todd Colvin, Lindsay Halterman, Lauren Peddicord, John Prothro, Eric Routh, Chad Stern, Brian Touchard, Chase Townshend, Clark Zurowski

The student chapter of PLANET (Professional Landcare Network) has as one of its primary activities competition in the national student career days. There are generally 12-15 students on the University of Maryland Team who compete in 25 events ranging from business management, and woody identification to landscape design and estimating. The 2008 team traveled to North Metro Tech in Atlanta to compete against 64 college and university teams. The UMD team placed 17 out of 64 teams. Lindsay Halterman placed first in the sales competition and several other team members placed in the top 10% among 850 competitors.

Graduate Awards:

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in PSLA

Awarded to: Allen Dawson, Michael Lloyd, Josh Nadler **Award Amount: \$500**

Selected by the Department Graduate Committee from graduate students nominated by Faculty.

Leland E. and Catherine B. Scott Award

Awarded to: Felix Arguedas Rodriguez **Award Amount: \$500**

This award was established in 1975 to honor an “outstanding horticulture” graduate student on the basis of: 1) academic standing, 2) diligence, and 3) potential for achievement in a horticultural career. The recipient is selected by the Graduate Committee from students nominated by their advisors.

Note: Graduate students in Turf and Landscape Architecture are also eligible to receive this award.

Francis C. Stark, Jr. Fund for Learning Resources

Awarded to: John Majzstrik **Award Amount: Variable**

To provide support for the graduate and advanced undergraduate students majoring in horticulture at the University who are members of the American Society for Horticulture Science (ASHS) who desire to attend the national ASHS meeting.

John H. Weinberger Scholarship

Awarded to: Andrea Ottesen **Award Amount: \$1000**

The John H. Weinberger scholarship provides support for deserving graduate students enrolled in the department. The recipients are chosen on the basis of financial need. The funds shall be granted for remission of, but not limited to, such expenses as tuition, mandatory fees and/or health benefits.

Recognition of Other Scholarship Winners

Beltsville Garden Club Scholarship

Awarded to: Lindsay Halterman

Awarded to an undergraduate student with financial need who has a sincere interest in horticulture. Preference given to Beltsville and Prince George’s County residents. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

Bowie-Crofton Garden Club Scholarship

Awarded to: Mary Marcinko

To a deserving student enrolled in the College who has completed freshman year and has a sincere interest in horticulture. Bowie-Crofton area residents are given priority. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

Chapel Valley Landscape Scholarship

Awarded to: Chase Townshend

To a deserving undergraduate student with financial need who has a sincere interest in horticulture or landscape architecture. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

Kenneth S. Fowler Memorial Endowment

Awarded to: Lisa Sinclair, Susan Sinclair

Created by Gayle Fowler and friends to provide scholarships to a junior or senior student majoring in landscape management. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

Maryland Greenhouse Growers Association Scholarship

Awarded to: Laura Templeton-Brandt

To a deserving horticulture student enrolled in the College. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

James and Dessie Moxley Scholarship

Awarded to: Daryn Harper, Henry Hinz, Steven Hutzell

Presented to students in the College pursuing degrees in Plant Science and Landscape Architecture with specific focuses on horticulture, landscape management, and landscape architecture. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

A.F. Vierheller Award

Awarded to: Tyler Butler, Demetra Skaltsas

This award is presented annually to a junior or senior student who has demonstrated unusual diligence and interest in horticulture. Factors to be considered when selecting the award recipients include: 1) above average academic standing through demonstrated hard work, 2) active participation in student affairs and the advancement of the University, 3) good character, 4) great potential for making an outstanding contribution to our society. This was awarded by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Scholarship Committee for the current academic year.

Maryland Crop Improvement Association – James R. Miller Award

Awarded to: Patrick Forrestal

In commemoration of Dr. James R. Miller, former Agronomy Department Chair and long time advisor to the Maryland Crop Improvement Association (MCIA), this annual scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student pursuing either a crops or soils degree. Awarded by MCIA for the current academic year.