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MONTANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES BOZEMAN, MONTANA STUDENT WITH SCHOLARSHIP

BIGFORK, MT, July 20, 2009 — The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA) is pleased to announce that Montana State University Plant Sciences Pathology student Rhiannon Wilson is the recipient of the Association's 2009 horticulture scholarship award. Wilson is a Horticulture Science student at MSU expecting to graduate in May of 2010.

Rhiannon has been employed by Cashman Nursery and Landscaping for three seasons assisting with seedling, transplanting, and maintenance. This summer, she is interning at Bailey Nurseries to further her experience in wholesale production. Rhiannon is an active member of MSU's Horticulture Club, currently serving as president. She is also an elected member of the College of Agriculture Assistant Dean's Student Advisory Council. Her 2008-2009 undergraduate scholars project was "Identification and characteristics of sterile, non-invasive clones of *Spiraea japonica*". In addition to being the recipient of a number of other horticultural scholarship awards, Rhiannon has been on the President's List for academic years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.



The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association annually presents scholarship awards to students who demonstrate both academic excellence and a commitment to horticulture in Montana. Scholarship awards are also offered by MNLA to Association members pursuing additional learning or certification in horticulture or related areas of study. The scholarship program was initiated in 2001 and MNLA has awarded over \$15,000 in scholarship funds to date. Details and applications for the scholarship program are available on MNLA's website www.plantingmontana.com.

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association is a trade association of approximately 350 members from the United States and Canada. Its goal is to provide education, information, and opportunities for professional development to its members.

Electronic copies of this press release and a photo of the award recipient is available on the MNLA website at www.plantingmontana.com.

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