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MONTANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES MONTANA STUDENT WITH SCHOLARSHIP

PARK CITY, MT, January 30, 2015 - The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA) is pleased to announce that Josh Pecukonis and Scott Samson are the recipients of the Association's 2015 Horticulture Scholarship awards. Both men are enrolled at Montana State University in Bozeman. The Scholarship awards were announced recently at the 2015 Montana Green Expo awards banquet held in Billings, MT.

Pecukonis is enrolled in the Horticulture/Landscape Design program at Montana State University. He plans to graduate in 2015 and continue to work on his Master's degree. Josh has had a lifelong passion for plants and he plans to continue working in a nursery while going to school. His life goal is to open a greenhouse nursery where he would like to specialize in drought tolerant perennials and xeriscaping.

Samson plans to graduate in May of 2015 with a degree in Environmental Horticulture – Landscape Design. Growing up in the agriculture industry influenced Scott to have a love and a deep appreciation for plants. He went into college looking to find a degree which involved agriculture and architecture and that led him to landscape design at MSU. Samson plans to eventually pursue a Master's Degree in landscape architecture.

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association annually presents scholarship awards to students who demonstrate both academic excellence and a commitment to horticulture in Montana. The scholarship program was initiated in 2001 and MNLA has awarded over \$20,000 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 225 members from the United States and Canada. Its goal is to provide education, information, and opportunities for professional development to its members.

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