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### **MONTANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES MONTANA STUDENT WITH SCHOLARSHIP**

PARK CITY, MT, January 20, 2016 - The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA) is pleased to announce that Celeste Valle and Brigitte Simmons are the recipients of the Association's 2016 Horticulture Scholarship awards. Celeste is enrolled at University of Idaho in Moscow, ID and Brigitte is enrolled at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. The Scholarship awards were announced recently at the 2016 Montana Green Expo awards banquet held in Missoula, MT, where Celeste accepted her award.

Valle plans to graduate in 2016 with a degree in Landscape Architecture. Following graduation she plans to attend graduate school to earn her Master's Degree. She would then like to work in either a governmental position working on reclamation and conservation or work in private practice on urban design.

Simmons is an Environmental Horticulture major at Montana State University. She will graduate in 2016 and plans to work in a greenhouse while applying to graduate school. Brigitte's career goal is to own and manage a commercial greenhouse in Alaska that specializes in cold hardy perennials, shrubs, and trees. Developing a business in Alaska and providing the resources for communities to

establish diverse plants in a limiting region is a personal career commitment.

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](http://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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