

## Introducing this year's scholarship recipients



### Victoria Clipston

*Casey van Maris Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000*

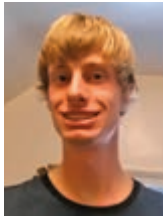
A first-year student at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus, 18-year-old Clipston is studying Horticulture. "I really enjoy spending time outdoors and working with my hands and I am thrilled to have found a future embracing both in this amazing field."



### Melody Timmings

*High School Scholarship, \$1,000*

Born and raised in Guelph, Timmings love for horticulture began when she signed up for a class in high school. Timmings is now pursuing a career as a Greenhouse Technician while attending Niagara College. Timmings says the "scholarship has helped me start my life on my own."



### Brett Zylstra

*Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000*

"I am very grateful to have been chosen for the Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship and I would like to thank all those responsible for making that decision. I am truly honoured," Zylstra said. "I am currently in my second year at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, with a special interest in the greenhouse industry. Eventually I would like to open a greenhouse of my own, specializing in perennials, with a definite interest in promoting the use of native plants within the industry and making more of them available to the general public."



### Jacob Cumbo

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Jacob Cumbo is enrolled in the Environmental Landscape Management program at Seneca College. "My interest in the landscape/horticulture field is not only a byproduct of my upbringing, but is also rooted in an interest in the living environment," he said. "Whether it was visiting the farm in Saskatchewan, going camping in Ontario or simply going to Nonno's (tomato-filled) backyard, I was raised to appreciate the land and all it has to offer. I look forward to a rewarding career in the landscape/horticulture field and would like to thank all those who have helped me in this pursuit."



### Easton Klaudi

*Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship, \$1,000*

Easton Klaudi is a second-year student enrolled in the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Realizing there is a major need for more green thumbs and professionals in the landscape/horticulture workforce, Easton decided to dive right into the greenhouse (classroom) straight from high school. His passion for native plants, animals, and the ecosystem drives him to pursue the many opportunities that are constantly appearing in Ontario and abroad.



### Jennifer Daws

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Daws is currently in her final year of the Landscape Technician program at Humber College. She spent the past summer gardening for the City of Toronto — looking after the award-winning Peace Garden and Podium Green Roof at City Hall. Her goal is to master the art of creating landscapes that are not only beautiful and well-designed, but also sustainable and beneficial to pollinators and wildlife. "A sincere thank you to the Foundation for recognizing my enthusiasm for horticulture," Daws said.



### Jensen Maunder

*High School Scholarship, \$1,000*

Jensen Maunder is a student in the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Throughout high school Maunder took many courses that got him interested in the field of horticulture. "My past job at Conservation Halton also got me interested in the landscaping and horticulture industry," he said. "I hope to one day own my own landscaping company and build beautiful landscapes for people to enjoy."



### Nicole Greshuk

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Nicole Greshuk is an Environmental Landscape Management student at Seneca College. "I absolutely love the program I am in, especially the horticultural aspects," she said. "I've worked for the Town of Orangeville's Parks and Recreation department for five years now, and this past summer I worked at the Royal Botanical Gardens. These opportunities have influenced my future in the industry in numerous ways. I am very grateful for having such amazing mentors, professors, and co-workers who have helped me get to where I am now and achieve what I have in the landscape and horticulture industry."



### Josephine McCormick

*High School Scholarship, \$1,000*

McCormick grew up in the horticulture field living on a pumpkin farm outside of Wellesley, Ont., where she continues to live. The farm grows a variety of squashes, gourds and other fall decorations. During the summer months, McCormick sells fruits and vegetables, including sweet corn, beans and tomatoes, at a road-side stand. McCormick also does some landscape maintenance jobs on the side. "I would like to thank the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation," she said.

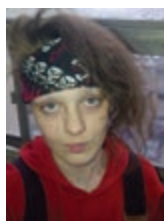


### Lena Kudryavtseva

*Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Kudryavtseva is grateful the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation has recognized her academic achievements in the Horticulture Technician program at Durham College. She is excited to work in an industry that demands a love of nature, a dedication to life-long learning and a strong work ethic. Currently employed at the Evergreen Garden Market store and garden centre, Kudryavtseva plans to use her skills and knowledge to create and maintain green spaces that support ecological restoration and community building.

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## **Rebekah Selland**

### *Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

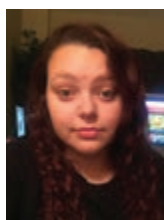
Selland is currently in her second year of the Horticulture Technician program at Fanshawe College. Through volunteer work, Selland has learned a lot about how flora influences not only our personal well-being, but also our societal well-being as well. After completing the program, Selland aspires to become involved with applying permaculture design principals to public spaces.



## **Yuanyuan Shen**

### *Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

Shen is a second-year student in the Humber College Landscape Technician program where she combines design knowledge with horticulture practices. "It is a great honour for me to be a recipient of the 2016 horticulturist scholarship," Shen says. "My dream is to become a landscape architect, to create beautiful sceneries for people to enjoy."



## **Tabitha Taylor**

### *Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500*

A second-year landscape student at Humber College, Taylor grew up with a passion for gardening and creating beautiful spaces with flowers. After graduation, Taylor would like to work on municipal beautification projects.



## **Dylan Allen**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Allen is a second-year student at Niagara College currently working towards completing his Landscape Technician diploma. After Allen completes his diploma, he plans to continue his education in business to further prepare him for the ever-changing and demanding landscape profession. Allen would like to thank the OHTF and Mark Cullen for their generous scholarship which will allow him the opportunity to continue his education and continue down the path towards his career. Allen would also like to thank his many instructors who were involved in the selection of the award.



## **Lianne Hebert**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$1,000*

Working her second year in garden installations and maintenance, Lianne is part of the 2017 Class Horticulture Apprenticeship Program at Mohawk College. With a background in graphic design, she is passionate about beautiful garden spaces. Hebert works in her hometown of Russell, Ont., where she joins her crew in improving residential and public gardens in the area. "Gardens are really all about the people," Hebert says. "They should serve a purpose — be a place where people can reconnect with nature."



## **Jeryn Mackey**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Mackey grew up in Fort St. John, B.C., and is studying Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph. Growing up in a rural northern town, as well as working with a planning, engineering, and landscape architecture firm in western Canada has instilled Mackey with a passion for improving livability in small communities. Mackey would like to thank professors and the staff in the Landscape Architecture building and Urban Systems for encouraging and supporting her.



## **Marco Parisi**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

A second-year student in the Environmental Landscape Management program at Seneca College, Parisi roots are in Tuscany, Italy — a region widely-known for its great artistic heritage and stunning natural environment. Parisi has found Canada to be a good place for a nature lover to live. "It has been an awesome experience so far and I look forward to starting my career after graduation," Parisi said.



## **Rachel Radauskas**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Rachel Radauskas is entering second-year of Landscape Design at Fanshawe College. "It is humbling to be recognized by the OHTF for my passion for landscape design," she said. "I am grateful to be surrounded by teachers and peers that are so supportive and driven. It has been amazing to find an industry that combines my creativity and love for the outdoors. My goal is to one day own a business that creates outdoor spaces that enhance quality of life, and encourage people of all ages to spend more time in nature."



## **Eleni Scharf**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Eleni Scharf is a Horticultural Industries student at Algonquin College. "I am beyond grateful to have been chosen for the Cullen scholarship," she said. "I would like to thank my instructors and classmates for sharing their knowledge and encouraging enthusiasm for the horticulture industry, as well as Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation and Mark Cullen for supporting students. I look forward to a future in horticulture where I can further explore my passion, continue to build on the knowledge I have gained and hopefully inspire others to do the same."



## **Bonnie Scott**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

Scott is a second-year student in Humber College's Landscape Technician diploma program, with a background in organic and educational urban agriculture. Scott is passionate about sustainable design, edible, and native plants, soil-building, and creating site-suited landscapes that benefit the people and wildlife who frequent them. Scott is interested in pursuing opportunities in landscape design, especially for public spaces and parks.



## **Kristin Wammes**

### *Cullen Scholarship, \$2,000*

A second-year student in the horticulture program at Ridgetown College, Wammes lives on a small farm about 20 minutes from the school. She hopes to either work with plant breeders at a wholesale nursery to develop exciting new varieties for the landscape professions, or become a landscape designer and create beautiful sceneries for people to enjoy. Wammes is very grateful to both Landscape Ontario and the Cullen family for providing so many great scholarships, commenting, "It is an awesome feeling to feel so supported from a great organization in the industry."

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