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MONTANA NURSERY & LANDSCAPE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES MONTANA STUDENT WITH SCHOLARSHIP

PARK CITY, MT, January 9, 2019 - The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association (MNLA) is pleased to announce that Zoe Thorson and Mollie Lehenbauer are the recipients of the Association's 2019 Scholarship awards recently announced at the 2019 Montana Green Expo awards banquet held in Billings, MT. Both ladies are enrolled at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT.

Thorson is an Environmental Horticulture major at Montana State University. She will graduate in May, 2019. Zoe's goal is to incorporate a diverse variety of plants into modern urban life determining what plants should be used in urban landscaping projects and ideas for building green spaces. Zoe also achieved the MNLA Certified Plant Professional (CPP) designation after passing a difficult two-part exam in May, 2018. Zoe grew up in Minnesota.

Lehenbauer plans to graduate in May, 2020 with a degree in Chemical Engineering and a minor in mathematics. Following graduation, she plans to work for a chemical engineering firm. Growing up in a family owned nursery and landscape business in Billings and now Laurel, MT, Mollie is accustomed to hard work, the steps involved in planning a project, and the gratification of seeing an eye appealing project completed. She will carry that knowledge into her working career.

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association annually presents scholarship awards to students who demonstrate both academic excellence and a commitment to horticulture or other degree program 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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