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## **2008 Scholarships Awarded for Education in Landscape Architecture**

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) has named **Faith Christian Grillo**, of Norwich, CT and **Matthew J. Pafford**, of Manchester, CT its 2008 CTASLA Student Scholarship recipients. These \$2,500 scholarships, funded in part from proceeds from the Chapter's annual Golf Outing, are awarded annually by CTASLA to encourage education in the field of landscape architecture and increase awareness of the profession.

Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation.

"CTASLA is proud to give these scholarships on behalf of our members and sponsors," said Brian Cossari, a landscape architect at Hoffman Landscapes (of Wilton, CT), who is a member of the chapter's executive committee and an organizer of the Golf Outing.

Faith Grillo is a junior in the Landscape Architecture Program at The University of Connecticut. She was attracted to landscape architecture, she says, because it allows her to create exterior spaces that can invoke positive feelings in others — causing people to want to be outside and love the environment as much as she does.

"Landscape architecture is much more than arranging the landscape and decorating yards," she says. "It is a way to change the world we live in and to make a difference in the lives of others. It is the creation of outdoor spaces that provide intellectual experiences as well as providing stimuli for the senses and more."

Matthew Pafford graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Castleton State College in Vermont. After experimenting with several career options, he enrolled in the University of Connecticut's Landscape Architecture Program in January of 2008. He is attracted by some of the fundamental principles of landscape architecture — conservation, development and community — and is particularly interested in the interaction of ecology and development.

“Through the very nature of their work, landscape architects are a perfect fit to lead the next evolution in development and conservation,” he said. “They combine elements of the past with technology and ideas of the present to create meaningful spaces that will be with us long into the future.”

The chapter’s 2008 Golf Outing will take place on Friday, October 10, at Lyman Orchard Golf Club in Middlefield, CT. Scholarship applications for the 2009 awards are due in March. Interested applicants can learn more at <http://www.ctasla.org/scholarships.htm>.

Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 18,000 members. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication and fellowship. Learn more about landscape architecture online at <http://www.asla.org>. For more information on activities of the Connecticut Chapter, please see our website at <http://www.ctasla.org>.

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