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## **2007 Scholarships Awarded for Education in Landscape Architecture**

New Haven, Connecticut, July 9, 2007 — The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) has named **Dan Castle**, of **Terryville, CT** and **Alex McSherry**, of **Bethany, CT** its 2007 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.

"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 the chapter's Treasurer and an organizer of the Golf Outing.

Mr. Castle is a senior in the Landscape Architecture program at **Cornell University**, with a minor in Animal Science. He has taken a diverse course load on his way to the Dean's list, combining his interests in landscape architecture and animal science, which he says will prepare him for his future career. "I believe a landscape architect's job is not only to create comfortable environments, but also to design landscapes as ecosystems habitable by many species," he said.

Marvin Adelman, FASLA, professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Cornell, said that "Dan is outstanding in every respect. In my design studio, his work was clearly the best in the class." Citing one example, Dan's design concepts for an 88-acre park fronting on Seneca Lake in Burdett, NY not only received an A+ but were lauded by town officials. "His drawings were so appropriate, complete and well communicated that the town board selected his work to submit for park implementation grants."

This summer, Mr. Castle is working for the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo in the Department of Graphic Arts and Exhibitions, where he is helping to create new outdoor exhibits for the zoo's jaguar and snow leopard populations.

Mr. McSherry is entering his sophomore year at the University of Pennsylvania. Nature played a huge role in his life growing up, he says. "I was never the child that stayed indoors playing video games," he said. "Rather, I loved playing sports and being involved with the outdoors throughout the day."

When he was scanning possible careers in high school in preparation for choosing a university, he discovered landscape architecture. "What better field for getting involved in our communities and the environment?" he said. "I can't wait until I create a landscape that makes individuals feel better about themselves and provides them with a new sense of comfort."

More information about the CTASLA Student Scholarship can be found at <http://www.ctasla.org/scholarship.htm>. Deadline for submissions for the 2008 awards is March 15, 2008.

### **About ASLA**

Founded in 1899, ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 16,500 members in 48 professional chapters and 68 student chapters. Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management,

preservation, and rehabilitation. ASLA promotes the landscape architecture profession and advances the practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship. Learn more about landscape architecture online at [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org). To learn more about the Connecticut Chapter, see [www.ctasla.org](http://www.ctasla.org).