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Hillary Cohen Awarded Scholarship for Education in Landscape Architecture

New Haven, Connecticut, August 31, 2006 — The Connecticut Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (CTASLA) has named **Hillary Cohen, of Ridgefield, CT**, its 2006 CTASLA Student Scholarship recipient. This \$2,500 scholarship, funded in part from proceeds from the Chapter's annual Golf Outing, is awarded to encourage awareness and education in the field of landscape architecture.

"CTASLA is proud to give this scholarship 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.

Ms. Cohen, who is a senior in the Landscape Architecture program at the **State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF)** at Syracuse University, says that her education in landscape architecture is important because it is a dynamic discipline that ties together built structures and the natural environment.

"As a designer, it is crucial to consider the environment, trying to preserve and heal it, while creating visually interesting and meaningful designs that provide for the public's health, safety and welfare. Becoming a landscape architect will afford me the opportunity to positively affect the social, economic and physical face of various places and spaces throughout my career."

Ms. Cohen has served as a design mentor and tutor to underclassmen, been vice president of the Green Campus Initiative at SUNY ESF, and been a member of Alpha Xi Sigma, the SUNY ESF Honor Society. In 2004-05 she worked during summer and winter breaks as an intern with Wesley Stout Associates, an award-winning landscape architecture firm in New Canaan, CT.

"What is most impressive about Hillary is her passion for design, her determination to complete assignments, her keen wit, and of course her affable disposition," said Jan Goldfluss, a project manager at Wesley Stout Associates.

After graduating from SUNY ESF in Spring 2007, Hillary plans to attend graduate school to pursue a degree in City Planning or Urban Design.

More information about the CTASLA Student Scholarship can be found at <http://www.ctasla.org/scholarship.htm>. Deadline for submissions for the 2007 awards is March 15, 2007.

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. To learn more about the Connecticut Chapter, see www.ctasla.org.

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