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Spring Meadow—Proven Winners HRI Scholarships Announced

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Spring Meadow Nursery and the Horticultural Research Institute (HRI) announced the recipients of 2019-2020 Spring Meadow—Proven Winners Endowment Fund scholarships.

Dale and Liz Deppe established the Spring Meadow—Proven Winners Endowment Fund with HRI in 1999 with the belief that bright, well-trained, qualified people are essential to the green industry and that backing motivated students plays a vital role in protecting and growing the industry. Through HRI, the AmericanHort Foundation acts as the administrator of endowments that help students to obtain the education necessary to successfully pursue horticultural careers.

Horticulture students Mary Tuski (senior, Michigan State University), Noah Brown (junior, North Carolina State University), Amber Lancaster (senior, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville) and Jacklyn Stupienski (sophomore, Naugatuck Valley Community College) were each awarded \$2,500 scholarships for the 2019-2020 granting period, bringing the total amount of awards distributed through the fund to \$83,750. The students were chosen from a competitive national applicant pool for their academic achievements, exemplary leadership abilities, and commitment to pursuing careers in horticulture.

A total of 33 Spring Meadow—Proven Winners endowed scholarships have been awarded to students since 2004. Scholarship applications for 2021 will open in April 2020. Individuals who are interested in applying for a scholarship can visit hriresearch.org or contact Jennifer Gray at (614) 884-1155. **GT**