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2006 ONLA Phil Kozel Scholarships Announced



2006 Phil Kozel Scholarship Winners: Aaron Heilers, Anastasia Tonti and Berteena Rollins with HCS Interim Chair Dr. Mark Bennett.

Established in memory of Dr. Phil Kozel, Professor of Horticulture at Ohio State, the [Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association](#) (ONLA) annually presents the Phil Kozel Memorial Scholarships to 30 Ohio college students and 6 FFA students.

The scholarship is given to further the college careers of two upper-class persons and one first year student from the nine 2-year colleges in Ohio offering plant science degrees, as well as The Ohio State University Horticulture and Crop Science Department. The following three Ohio State student scholarship winners were recognized at the annual ONLA Business Meeting in January 2006.

Anastasia Nicole Tonti - \$500 Recipient

Anastasia Tonti is a first year student at The Ohio State University who hopes to double major in residential interior design and landscape horticulture. She is interested in working for a landscape company and to, perhaps, one day have her own design business. "Thanks to my beautiful artistic mother, I have an appreciation for arts of all kinds. I hope to one day contribute to the world's art in the context of outdoors, an art most people take for granted," explains Tonti. HCS Student Services coordinator **Tom Shockey** is excited about her future, "Anastasia hopes to use both

her majors to create beautiful living environments."

Aaron Kennedy Heilers - \$1,000 Recipient

Aaron Heilers is a fourth year student at OSU earning a 3.47 GPA in his major classes. Upon graduation, Aaron wishes to further his knowledge in landscape horticulture by working in the industry. He is also interested in continuing to build his own landscape business. Shockey describes him as a hard worker with a positive attitude. "Aaron was rated a '10' as a student intern. He is a good student and leader in the Horticulture & Crop Science Department."

Berteena Rollins - \$1,000 Recipient

Berteena Rollins is an upper class student at OSU. She's a student member of ONLA and a member of OSU's rowing team. Berteena currently works at the Chadwick Arboretum where she assists volunteers, faculty, and staff in maintaining areas of the arboretum. Berteena's future goal is to work in public gardening. "I enjoy seeing people's faces light up when they see the work I have done!," exclaims Rollins. Shockey says, "Berteena's ever-present smile, unflagging energy and positive, happy outlook are always evident. She will be a great asset to her future employer. She is a breath of fresh air."

Given in memory of longtime ONLA supporter Professor Kozel, these students benefit from the legacy of a wonderful teacher and horticulturist.

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