The Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship

The Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 by the Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, Inc. (MANTS®) to memorialize Mr. Akehurst who served the horticultural industry as one of the founders of MANTS. In addition to his thirty plus years as Executive Vice-President of MANTS, through the years Mr. Akehurst served as Executive Secretary of the Maryland Nursery and Landscape Association, the Maryland Nurseriesmen’s Horticulture Research Foundation, Maryland Christmas Tree Growers, American Conifer Society, and Maryland Greenhouse Growers’ Association.

MANTS, which is co-sponsored by the state nursery and landscape associations of Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia, has established this scholarship with the Horticultural Research Institute (HRI) with the belief that the strength and future success of the horticulture industry lies in the solid education of today’s students. Moreover, this scholarship reflects Mr. Akehurst’s firm belief that education begets one the opportunity to achieve. Through this scholarship, MANTS will provide qualified student applicants, who are residents of one of our co-sponsoring states, a scholarship opportunity that will help ensure the continuity of the nursery and landscape profession.

[Link to the Carville M. Akehurst Memorial Scholarship Application]

Akehurst Memorial Scholarship Recipients

2018
Isabell Emanuel
Bel Air, Maryland
Ohio State University

2017
Dustin Trychta
Morgantown, West Virginia
West Virginia University

2016
Mark Dennis
Catonsville, MD
University of Maryland, College Park

2015
Timothy Jang
Gainesville, VA
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2014 (2 Recipients)
Sarah Morales
Smithsburg, MD
University of Delaware

2014
James Rockwell
Stephens City, VA
Virginia Tech
2013  (2 Recipients)  
Chelsea Gusler  
Dublin, Virginia  
Virginia Tech  

2013  
Stephanie Marino  
Severn, MD  
University of Maryland  

2012  (2 Recipients)  
Leah Comerci  
Beckley, WV  
West Virginia University  

2012  
Stephanie Marino  
Severn, MD  
University of Maryland  

2011  (2 Recipients)  
Joseph Rothleutner  
Sykesville, Maryland  
Oregon State University  

2011  
Chelsea Gusler  
Dublin, Virginia  
Virginia Tech  

2010  (2 Recipients)  
Lucy Wang  
Lutherville, Maryland  
University of Maryland  

2010  
Julia Kriz  
Fairfax, Virginia  
George Washington University  

2009  
Tristan Cleveland  
Hampstead, Maryland  
Penn State University  

2008  
Gerrit Shuffstall  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Morgan State University  

2007  
Thomas N. Saunders, Jr.  
Piney River, Virginia  
Virginia Tech  

2006  
Hannah Brzycki  
Lynchburg, Virginia  
Unity College, Unity ME  

2005  
Breanna Rau  
Middletown, Virginia  
Virginia Tech  

2004  
Allison Cyrus  
Appomattox, Virginia  
Virginia Tech