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CFCC Horticulture Student Out-Ranks University Competition To Win Scholarship

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Ocala, Fla.—Central Florida Community College horticulture student Matt Goldey, 25, recently received a \$1,500 scholarship from the International Plant Propagators Society Southern Region.

Goldey was the only Florida student and only junior college student to receive the Dr. Vivian Munday Scholarship which is awarded to undergraduate horticulture students who are interested in plant propagation.



An entrepreneur who hopes to someday own a landscape business, Goldey said plant propagation is literally at the root of the horticulture business.

"I'm interested in plant propagation because it is where the industry begins," he said. "If I can propagate my own plants, my landscape business can be self-sufficient . . . I can have a wholesale nursery and design and install landscapes."

Goldey, who is currently a landscape designer at Ocala Landscape Management, will graduate from CFCC in May 2006. After graduation he plans to stay at his current job, but ultimately plans to pursue a career in online landscape design.

"Online landscape design is cutting edge," said Goldey. "You can design a residence in any part of the world. All you need are blueprints, pictures of the area and communication with the customer. This is all possible over the Internet."

Goldey began his education at the University of Kentucky, where he was studying landscape architecture, but moved to Citrus County in 2004 to be near his grandparents. He landed a job landscaping the CFCC Citrus County

Campus and ultimately enrolled in the college's horticulture program because he liked the class sizes, facilities and instructors.

Dr. Vivian Munday was a long-time horticulture professor who taught plant propagation at the University of Georgia. The scholarship was established in recognition and remembrance of her dedicated professional service to horticulture and to the IPPS Southern Region. Each year, five scholarships are distributed to students in the region's 10-state area.

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