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## Shinoda Foundation Names Scholar of the Year

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The Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation has selected Amy Jo Hinkle, a Pennsylvania State University horticultural science student, as its 2011-12 Shinoda Scholar of the Year. The esteemed award honors the best of the best in floriculture, horticulture or a related field.

"This award, the highest our foundation bestows, recognizes excellence and potential in our industry," said Paul Ecke III, president of the foundation. "With it we showcase the growth and possibilities that students like Amy represent for horticulture."

Hinkle most recently assisted renowned Dutch designer Dorien van den Berg in the creation of Lilytopia at Longwood Gardens. she has interned at Bear Creek Farms in Stillwater, Okla., and hopes to find an internship with a West Coast flower producer. Future plans include opening her own specialty cut flower farm to provide fresh, local, high-quality flower for florists.

She has received a number of scholarship during her college career, including the GPN/Nexus Intern of the Year Scholarship earlier this year. A senior from Belle Center, Ohio, Hinkle will receive a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture Science with a concentration in Business/Production.

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