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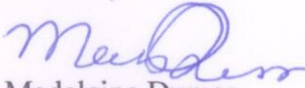
Dear Members of the Connecticut Horticultural Society,

I am a first-generation college student in a single-parent, single-income household of four siblings and two grandchildren. My father is retired and now runs our family Christmas Tree business on our farm in Middlefield, Connecticut. I am currently paying for my education on my own with several part time jobs that I work throughout the year. I am deeply honored to have received Connecticut Horticultural Society Scholarship. This scholarship not only aids in the continuation of my education, but also with alleviating the pressures of employment in conjunction with attending classes. I wish to thank you tremendously for this opportunity and hope to give back to the community in such a way in the future.

I have been at the University of Connecticut for just over one year, and I am thoroughly satisfied with the opportunities available to me. I am majoring in Sustainable Plant and Soil Systems, and wish to pursue a future in American agriculture, particularly geared toward the genetic development of food crops. I find education to be invaluable to all areas of life, particularly toward the workings of building a career.

I feel very blessed to be awarded with this scholarship. Doing so allows me to spend more time on my studies, and less time working to pay for my classes.

Sincerely,



Madeleine Dumas