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**BRUSH HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES FULL-RIDE SCHOLARSHIP FROM COLORADO GARDEN SHOW TO ATTEND COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**

*Additional Scholarships Awarded to CSU and CU Students*

**DENVER** (May 2, 2011) - Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS), [a non-profit corporation that provides funds for horticultural-related grants, scholarships and events](#) for the benefit of the greater Denver area and the state of Colorado, awarded Jessica August of Brush, Colo. a four-year, full-ride scholarship to Colorado State University (CSU). August will work toward a degree in [agricultural education](#) and would like to be an agriculture education teacher in her hometown. In addition to paid tuition, book fees, room and board for four years, she will receive a laptop and printer as part of the scholarship.

After receiving and reviewing numerous applications, the CGS board members traveled in April to meet with the top three applicants in their hometowns throughout Colorado. The board interviewed the applicants, their families and teachers, and then toured the finalists' high schools to determine financial needs, community service and future career endeavors before selecting the scholarship winner. The CGS full-ride scholarship is awarded from proceeds generated from the annual [Colorado Garden & Home Show](#) and annual [Colorado Fall Home Show](#).

After being told she won the scholarship during a special CGS meeting, August said, "Are you serious? You have no idea what this means to my family and me. Thanks you so much!" She continued, "Thank you for your generosity and giving me this incredible gift. It allows me to focus on what I want to do – teach agriculture – and not worry about the long-term financial impact."

August graduates from Brush High School this May. She serves as Brush [Future Farmers of America](#) Chapter president and co-hosts the [KSIR-AM](#) morning show once a month while maintaining a GPA of 3.88. She is also involved in Future Business Leaders of America and competed at the state level the past two years. Being involved in these organized activities has helped August "overcome her shyness and encouraged her to be more outgoing."

"We look forward to this meeting every year," said Jim Fricke, Colorado Garden Show, Inc. executive director. "After the hometown visits, we invite two candidates to present to our Board of Directors. It was a unanimous decision. Jessica more than impressed us with her commitment to her family, community and the agriculture industry. We are very excited to welcome her into our family."

CGS awarded additional college scholarships to Colorado students for the 2011-2012 school year including:

- Vanessa Sandoval of Federal Heights, Colo. received a one-year scholarship for tuition, books and fees to CSU toward her bachelor's degree.
- Sarah Doyle of Denver was awarded a graduate scholarship for tuition, books and fees for one year at University of Colorado (CU) Denver toward her Ph.D.

- Cora Casagneri of Littleton received a one-year scholarship in the amount of \$5,500 for tuition, books and fees toward her degree at CU.
- Paul Langlois of Littleton, Colo. received a \$1,500 scholarship toward his first year at CSU.

**About Colorado Garden Show, Inc.**

Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS) is a non-profit corporation that provides funds for horticultural-related grants and scholarships and events for the benefit of the greater Denver area and the state of Colorado. To date, CGS has awarded more than \$4 million for horticultural projects and scholarships throughout the state. CGS presents the Colorado Fall Home Show focusing on home renovation, remodeling and sustainable living and the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show, the Rocky Mountain region's largest, oldest and most prestigious consumer garden and home improvement show west of the Mississippi in February. For more information, visit [www.GardeningColorado.com](http://www.GardeningColorado.com), [facebook.com/coloradogardenshow](https://www.facebook.com/coloradogardenshow) or Twitter [@cogardenshowinc](https://twitter.com/cogardenshowinc).

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