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

Additional Scholarships Awarded to CSU and Front Range Community College Students

DENVER (May 15, 2007) – Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CSG, Inc.) announced today that Joshua Johnson of Eaton, Colo. has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to Colorado State University (CSU) to study landscape architecture. In addition to paid tuition, room and board, Johnson will receive a laptop and all expenses paid for books and fees.

“This is an incredible opportunity for me to go to college without the worry of taking out student loans. The Colorado Garden Show scholarship will help me focus on my education and fulfill my dream of going to college and opening a landscape business,” said Johnson.

When CSG board members met with Johnson and his family to announce the scholarship, his proud parents could not help but express their gratitude and excitement for Johnson. “This takes a lot of stress off the family. Josh is a super kid. No parent could be more proud. If you were to wish for a great kid, Josh is what you’d wish for,” said Steve Johnson, Johnson’s father. “Whatever Josh commits to, he puts in 110 percent.”

Johnson grew up in Eaton and graduates from Eaton High School this May. He is a member of the Eaton Future Farmers of America (FFA) Chapter where he has served in many leadership positions from the inaugural Eaton FFA greenhouse chief executive officer to chapter reporter to president. He has won numerous awards for speech contests through FFA and the LIONS Club International.

“Josh not only impressed the CGS board members with his love for horticulture and wish to pursue a career in this field, but also his leadership and community involvement,” said Jim Fricke, Colorado Garden Show, Inc. executive director. “It is a true honor for all of us at CSG to give this scholarship to Josh. We have no doubt he will thrive and succeed at CSU.”

In 2004, he developed a successful pumpkin patch business which eventually allowed him to travel to Italy with the Eaton High School Travel Club in 2006. Additionally, Johnson was instrumental in building and opening the Eaton High School greenhouse. In a letter of recommendation to the CGS board, his FFA advisor stated that because Johnson has worked for what he has, this has given him the mind-set to respect what he has accomplished.

CGS also awarded two additional college scholarships for the 2007 – 2008 school year. The first went to Tara Costanzo, of Fort Collins, who was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship from the CGS Endowment Scholarship at CSU. Costanzo is currently a senior in the horticulture program, member of the Planet Student Career Days, CSU Logging Sports Team and was selected to attend the Green Industry Conference as a student ambassador. “As a horticulturist, anything affecting the environment influences my daily goals. With this scholarship I will be able to continue my studies and hopefully when I graduate I’ll be able to work in a state forestry department to protect our national forests,” said Costanzo.

As part of a newly established one year scholarship at Front Range Community College (FRCC), CGS awarded Felicia Cano, of Thornton, a \$3,800 scholarship to cover tuition, books and fees in the Horticulture and Landscape Technologies program. In 2004 when Cano learned she was losing her hearing, she had to change careers. The single mother of two decided to follow her passion in art and gardening and enrolled at FRCC. Cano’s advisor said she has the innate ability to see the interconnectedness between space, color and shape to design landscape areas of living art.

Colorado Garden Show, Inc. is a nonprofit 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, Inc. has awarded more than \$2 million for horticultural projects and scholarships throughout the state. CGS, Inc. presents the annual Colorado Garden & Home Show at the Colorado Convention Center, which is the Rocky Mountain region’s largest, oldest and most prestigious consumer garden and home improvement show west of the Mississippi.

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