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HOTCHKISS HIGH SENIOR RECEIVED 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 3, 2010) - 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 Milstein of Hotchkiss, Colo. a four-year, full-ride scholarship to Colorado State University (CSU). Milstein, 18, will work toward a degree in [agricultural education](#) and would like to be an agriculture education teacher. 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 four 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 choosing the scholarship winner. The CGS full-ride scholarship 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, Milstein caught her breath, wiped away her tears to utter the heartfelt words, "Thank you." She continued, "The generosity of this gift overwhelms me. I can't wait to start school in the fall and knowing that my tuition, book fees and room and board are paid for is a tremendous weight off my shoulders and allows me to focus on my dream of becoming an agriculture education teacher. It is just indescribable."

Milstein grew up in Hotchkiss and graduates from Hotchkiss High School this May. She has participated in and taken leadership roles in countless extracurricular activities and organizations including serving as chapter president of [Future Farmers of America](#), mentoring students through the College for Every Student and Beginning Educator Support Team programs, serving as varsity football manager and singing the national anthem at many community events while maintaining a GPA of 4.0. Milstein has learned through her involvement in these organized activities that she can "accomplish anything that I set my mind to, especially when I have the support from my family."

"Jessica not only impressed the Colorado Garden Show board members with her leadership and community involvement, but she also conveyed many of the same values the board seeks in its scholarship applicants," said Jim Fricke, Colorado Garden Show, Inc. executive director. "She is well-grounded, appreciates her family, has a strong work ethic and exceeds her years in maturity. It is a true honor for all of us at Colorado Garden Show to award this full-ride scholarship to Jessica."

CGS awarded additional college scholarships to Colorado students for the 2010 – 2011 school year including:

- Chelsea Bragg of Parker, Colo. received a one-year scholarship for tuition, books and fees to CSU toward her bachelor's degree.
- Leila Graves of Fort Collins, Colo. was awarded a graduate scholarship for tuition, books and fees for one year at CSU towards her Ph.D.
- Silvia Jaquez of Denver was awarded the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentoring Scholarship of \$1,000 toward tuition each year for four years of college.
- Kenneth Robertson, Jr. of Denver received a one-year scholarship in the amount of \$5,500 for tuition, books and fees toward his degree at Pickens Tech and Front Range Community College.
- Scott Bryant and Lorraine Snow of Erie, Colo. and Loveland, Colo. respectively, each received a one-year scholarship to cover tuition, books and fees at Front Range Community College.
- William Nevin-Woods of Pueblo, Colo. received a \$1,500 scholarship towards his first year at CSU.

About Colorado Garden Show, Inc.

Colorado Garden Show, Inc. (CGS, Inc.) 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, Inc. has awarded more than \$3.5 million for horticultural projects and scholarships throughout the state. CGS Inc. presents the Colorado Fall Home Show in September 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 or to apply for a Colorado Garden Show scholarship in the future, visit www.GardeningColorado.com, [facebook.com/coloradogardenshow](https://www.facebook.com/coloradogardenshow) or Twitter @cogardenshowinc.

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