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ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL TRADES FOUNDATION

2020 **ANNUAL
REPORT**

MANDATE

*"To ensure a healthy future
for the horticultural industry."*

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About the Foundation

The Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation is the research and scholarship arm of Landscape Ontario. The Foundation's mandate is to ensure a healthy future for the horticultural industry, through financial support of research and scholarships funded by interest generated on capital investments.

Supporting the Foundation

The Foundation would like to thank all donors. A donation is an easy and effective way to benefit Ontario's horticultural community and is tax-deductible.

How to support the Foundation

Donations to the Foundation can be made online by visiting [OHTF.ca](https://www.ohhf.ca) and choosing Donate to the Foundation. Also at [OHTF.ca](https://www.ohhf.ca), under Foundation Brochures you will find various information booklets on how to support the Foundation in a number of ways outlined below. With a donation to the Foundation, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are "making a difference and leaving a legacy" for the profession that you love.

You can support the foundation by:

- a) **Sponsorship:** Join the Foundation by making a pledge – an annual donation or a one-time gift.
- b) **Memorial Gift:** This is a meaningful way to honour a friend, loved one or professional contact while also helping to support the profession.
- c) **Legacy Gift:** Earmark funds through your estate to sustain the horticulture profession. Contact your estate planner or lawyer to include this legacy provision in your will.
- d) **Stewardship Program:** Many Foundation sponsors share their expertise by speaking to groups and directing their honorariums to the Foundation.

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Officers and directors for 2020

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| President: | David Turnbull |
| Vice President: | Mike Thomas |
| Secretary: | Bob Allen |
| Treasurer: | Hank Gelderman |
| Directors: | Brian Cocks Tony DiGiovanni Ben Kobes Mark Ostrowski Audrey Partridge Tim Rivard Rita Weerdenburg |

Scholarship program

Providing scholarships is particularly close to the hearts of Foundation supporters, who point with pride to the many recipients who are now successful industry members. A list of available scholarships can be found on the Foundation website at OHTF.ca.

The scholarship program continues to grow, and now boasts a number of scholarships supported by individual people and companies:

- Bob and Ruby Allen Scholarship Fund
- Casey van Maris Scholarship Fund
- Hensbergen/DeGroot Fund
- Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund
- John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund
- OJ Müller Memorial Fund
- Unilock/Landscape Designers Fund
- Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship
- Peter Olsen Memorial Fund
- Russel and Karen Loney Fund
- Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund
- Upper Canada Chapter Scholarship
- Waterloo Chapter Green Industry Scholarship

Introduced in 2015, a major component of the program is the Cullen Family Scholarships, distributing of over \$20,000 per year. The program is designed to encourage and inspire leadership qualities in students who have a passion and enthusiasm for the landscape and horticulture profession, with candidates selected by their peers and teachers. Individual amounts are assigned to each school offering a horticultural program.

This year, the Foundation distributed a total of \$54,850 in scholarships to students enrolled in horticultural programs across the province. Congratulations to this year's recipients.

Scholarship recipient reception

The annual scholarship reception was held in conjunction with Landscape Ontario Congress in advance of the LO Awards of Excellence Ceremony on the evening of Jan. 7, 2020. The reception provides an opportunity for the students' parents, spouses, friends, and faculty to meet and to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the students.

At the reception, David Turnbull, Foundation President welcomed guests and congratulated the students on their achievements. Turnbull also introduced Dave Wright, Landscape Ontario incoming president; Tony DiGiovanni, Executive Director; and Mark Cullen, Cullen Family Scholarship sponsor. Some other members of the Foundation Committee were also in attendance.

Following the reception, the scholarship recipients and their guests were invited to join the LO Awards of Excellence Ceremony where the students were called up to the stage and acknowledged for their achievements.

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2020 Scholarship Recipients

Apprenticeship Program (\$600)
Brent Wursten, Mohawk College

**Bob and Ruby Allen
Membership Scholarship (\$500)**

**Casey van Maris
Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)**
Sequoia Death, University of Guelph

**Graduate Research
Assistant Program (\$6,000)**

**College/University
from High School Program (\$1,000)**
Jenna Enter, University of Guelph
Megan Ljubotina, Niagara Parks
Sean Loose, Durham College
Trevor McBrayne, University of Guelph
Sam Ouellette, Niagara College
Dawson Pacheco, Fanshawe College
Hallie Phillips, University of Guelph
Thea Ridland, University of Guelph
Georgia Schoonderwoerd, Fanshawe College

Horticulturist Scholarship (\$500)
Kelvin Devries, Niagara Parks
Olivia Hart, Algonquin College
Pamela O'Neill, Humber College

**Horst Dickert
Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)**
Quinn Nolan, University of Guelph

**John and Ruth Wright Turf
Management Scholarship (\$2,000)**

**Russel and Karen Loney
Scholarship (\$500)**

Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship (\$1,000)
Brad Richardson, Niagara Parks

**Unilock Collaborative
Communications Scholarship (\$1,000)**
Shawntanna Atkinson-Gingrich,
University of Guelph
James Hughes, University of Guelph
Dana Lim Hoye Yee, University Guelph

Post-Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)
Jacob Leach, University of Guelph
Lindsey McCain, University of Guelph

Post-Secondary Scholarship (\$1,000)
Saleem Akhtar Sial, Niagara College
Jordan Bonal, Niagara Parks
Tzitzit Rangel De la Rosa, Humber College
Kerwin Ki-Hin Yeung, Niagara College
MiJin Kim, Niagara College
Chadwick Lewis, Algonquin College
Zachary March, Seneca College
Joseph Merrett, University of Guelph
Bianca Olivieri, Algonquin College
Nikhilkumar Patel, Humber College

**Cullen Family
Scholarship Program (\$2,000)**
Louise Daudt Pritz De Araujo
[Horticultural Technician]
Mattison Innis
[Horticultural Technician]
Alex Mozhzhukhina
[Landscape Technician]
Charissa Teal
[Landscape Architecture]
Catherine Thibodeau
[Horticultural Technician]
Robert Van Every
[Landscape Design]
Kaitlin Veitch
[Horticultural Technician]
David Watier
[Environmental Landscape Management]

**Cullen Scholarship
Apprenticeship (\$1,000)**
Laura Delorme
[Horticultural Technician]

**Cullen Scholarship
Special Need (\$4,000)**
Avery Lacroix, Niagara Parks

Research programs

With part of its mandate to support research programs that help to ensure a healthy future for the horticultural industry, the Foundation provided financial support to the following initiatives:

- Since administrative structure is already in place, the Foundation collects charitable donations for the Highway of Heroes Living Tribute (hohtribute.ca). This inspiring campaign seeks to plant 117,000 trees for each of Canada's fallen soldiers, assisted by the proud efforts of Ontario nursery growers and contractors.
- Grandtrees Walk Fund, for tree planting in the GTA.
- JT Somerville Fund. Christmas tree industry.industry.

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Meet some of this year's scholarship recipients



Shawntanna Atkinson
Unilock Collaborative Scholarship, \$1,000

A graduate of the Landscape Design program at Fanshawe College, Shawntanna was recently accepted as an articulation student at the University of Guelph for Landscape Architecture. She would like to thank instructors Sara Bellaire, Barb Gaudet, and Linda Wideman for always pushing her to reach her goals and for helping to achieve this scholarship.



Louise Daudt
Cullen Family Scholarship Program, \$2,000

With a background in ecology and recently graduated from the Landscape Horticulture program at St. Clair College, Louise is keen to make a positive impact on the environment and in the people she is surrounded with, doing what she loves. She is thankful to professors and colleagues for the recognition and support.



Laura Delorme
Cullen Family Scholarship Apprenticeship, \$2,000

A student of the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, Laura's interest in plants started at a young age, but it wasn't until later that she decided to pursue it professionally. Her goal is to use that passion to inspire people to contribute to the well-being of our planet, no matter their level of education or expertise. To facilitate our ability to do good for nature, for ourselves and most importantly, for everyone.



Jenna Enter
College or University Scholarship, \$1,000

A student of the Landscape Architecture degree program at the University of Guelph, Jenna was introduced to horticulture at a young age. She has worked in different forms of horticulture throughout her life and has had the opportunity to experience landscape design first-hand through her family's landscape construction company. She looks forward to making her imprint on the landscape design profession.



Olivia Hart
Horticulturist Scholarship, \$500

Olivia is currently in her second year of the Horticultural Industries Diploma at Algonquin College. She is passionate about wildlife and edible gardening. Her goal after graduation is to design landscapes that emphasize native, edible, and pollinator-friendly plant species by opening her own sustainable landscape design business. She would like to thank the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation for helping students like herself to realize their dreams.



James Hughes
Unilock Collaborative Scholarship, \$1,000

James Hughes holds a Bachelors in Landscape Architecture and is currently a Masters of Landscape Architecture student studying at the University of Guelph. James has worked in residential design, golf course construction and playground design. His master's thesis aims to answer the question, "Are theme parks examples of streetscape design best practices?"



Mattison Innis
Cullen Family Scholarship Program, \$2,000

A second-year student at Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, Mattison was raised on the family farm in Caledon, Ont., where his passion for horticulture came naturally. In secondary school, he was introduced to horticulture while enrolled in an Environmental SHSM program. Mattison has an affinity for arboriculture and environmental sustainability and looks forward to discovering the many amazing opportunities the landscape profession has to offer.



Kerwin Ki-Hin Yeung
Post-Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Kerwin feels grateful to the Foundation for the financial support and for recognizing his hard work which serves as motivation. Kerwin would like to thank the Niagara College staff for teaching such an interesting and hands-on program, as well as his mom and my older brother. "I am proud to be her son and his younger brother."



MiJin Kim
Post-Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Always thirsty to gain new experiences, MiJin is a student of the Landscape Technician program at Niagara College where she plans to broaden her horizons and learn more hands-on knowledge and skills. A landscape designer for more than 10 years in Korea, her dream is to create pleasant and beautiful green spaces for the socially weak and alienated.



Avery Lacroix
Cullen Scholarship Special Need, \$4,000

A third-year student at Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, Avery started his journey into this field at a young age that began with pushing a mower, line trimmer and a blower around the neighbourhood. Avery fell in love with horticulture via a high school SHSM class led by educator, Allan Nason. Avery is grateful to receive this scholarship and is amazed at how diverse the industry is. He is also amazed at the amount of resources given to students in order to succeed in the profession.

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Jacob Leach
Post-graduate Scholarship, \$1,000

Jacob Leach holds an Honours B.Sc. in Zoology with a minor in Anthropology, and is currently a Masters of Landscape Architecture student studying at the University of Guelph. With a plethora of work experience regarding research, species at risk, and ecology, he has seen firsthand the impacts of habitat loss through human development. Jacob is excited to begin researching and designing ecological functional spaces that benefit both humans and native species.



Chadwick Lewis
Post-Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Chadwick would like to thank the horticultural industry for its diversity. After completing a co-op work term during a pandemic, he was convinced the industry is quite resilient and that there is a strong sense of community and camaraderie. He is eager to finish school and start working full-time in this profession.



Dana Lim
Unilock Collaborative Scholarship, \$1,000

Dana Lim is completing her fourth year in the Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (BLA) at the University of Guelph and also works as a designer for a pool construction company. Lim has worked for a garden centre, a landscape company and a landscape design company. She has experience in plant identification, hardscape, pool design and client-focused project management across the GTA. Informed by her outdoor and office training, she has enhanced her botanical knowledge, creative mind and technical software skills.



Megan Ljubotina
College or University Scholarship, \$1,000

A first-year student at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture, Megan is thrilled to be learning the art and science of horticulture. She hopes to use the skills she develops to pursue a career cultivating diverse collections of plants, and helping people to experience firsthand how wonderful, fascinating, and essential plants are. She would like to sincerely thank Landscape Ontario for her scholarship.



Sean Loose
College or University Scholarship, \$1,000

Sean is truly grateful for having been selected as the recipient of a horticultural scholarship. Growing up in Toronto, Sean has spent the last two summers working in landscaping. As a child, he enjoyed being outside and this scholarship gives him the ability to further his knowledge and understanding of the natural world.



Zach March
Post-Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

Zach March is a second year Environmental Landscape Management student at Seneca College with aspirations of furthering his education in the environmental sector. Zach is very grateful to receive a scholarship and would like to thank Jane Davey, as well as his other professors and peers, for making his first year so memorable. He looks forward to continued learning in this exciting industry.



Trevor McBrayne
College or University Scholarship, \$1,000

In his first year of study at the University of Guelph for Landscape Architecture, Trevor grew up on a farm in rural Chatham-Kent, where his passion for gardening and design first began. For the past four years, Trevor has run his own landscape maintenance and design business, and looks forward to what the future holds for him and his career as a Landscape Architect. He would like to thank the Foundation for selecting him as a recipient for the 2020 scholarship program.



Lindsey McCain
Post-graduate Scholarship, \$1,000

Lindsey McCain is a graduate of the University of Guelph's Bachelor of Landscape Architecture program, with several years of experience practicing in both the public and the private sector. She is excited to be returning to U of G to pursue her Master of Landscape Architecture, studying environmental and geographical inequalities in suburban landscapes.



Joseph Merrett
Post-Secondary Scholarship, \$1,000

With over 20 years professional experience as a Horticulturist with a Diploma in Horticulture (Planning and Design) from the UK, Joseph is currently conducting thesis research into the area of climate change policy at the University of Guelph in the third year of a master's in landscape architecture. Joseph is very grateful for receiving the award and truly believes horticulture and landscape architecture have a massive role to play in the area of climate change.



Quinn Nolan
Horst Dickert Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000

Quinn Nolan is currently in his second year at the University of Guelph studying a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, as well as pursuing a minor in Ecology. In addition, he is a member of the varsity swim team at Guelph. He is passionate about incorporating native species into his designs as well as studying them through ecology. Nolan has also independently developed and built projects for clients using native vegetation and greenery.

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Bianca Olivieri
*Post-Secondary
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Bianca would like to thank professors at Algonquin College, as well as the Foundation for continuing

to inspire students to reach for their goals. Her love for landscape design was sparked by her uncle, who designed amazing garden beds. In the future, she hopes to become a landscape designer who focuses on utilizing Canadian plant species and sustainable practices to create spaces that are not only beautiful, but more environmentally friendly.



Dawson Pacheco
*College or University
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Dawson would like to thank his family, friends, teachers and classmates for supporting his educational

journey. He would like to express gratitude to Roy Gucciardi, landscape architecture and horticulture teacher at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School, for inspiring him to pursue a career in Landscape Architecture. This program has given Dawson the opportunity to create positive change, which is the reason why he is where he is today.



Nikhilkumar Patel
*Post-Secondary
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Nikhilkumar is very thankful to Foundation committee members for selecting him for a post-secondary

scholarship. A student of the Humber College Landscape Technician Program, Nikhilkumar enjoys working with plants and nature. His goal is to become a successful landscaper and own his own landscaping business.



Hallie Phillips
*College or University
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Hallie Phillips is a first-year student at the University of Guelph in Landscape Architecture. She is thankful

and honored to have received this amazing scholarship and says it will help to further her education in the field of horticulture. Hallie is looking forward to learning more about the horticultural industry over the next four years of her program.



Brad Richardson
*Tony DiGiovanni
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Brad would like to thank Sue Clark and Darrell Bley for the encouragement and wonderful mentorship

he received at the Niagara Parks School of Horticulture. He is excited to be moving from a biology research background to the more practical field of horticulture. Brad believes there are many modern problems which could be solved using natural solution



Thea Ridland
*College or University
Scholarship, \$1,000*

Thea would like to thank the Ontario Horticultural Trades Foundation for awarding her a scholarship and helping

fund her university education. Thea comes from a small town in Niagara, where she went to Blessed Trinity Secondary School. In high school, Thea took four years of design technology courses, where she learned a variety of skills from her teacher, David Antolin. These courses helped direct Thea to choose and pursue a degree in Landscape Architecture. Thea is currently enrolled in the first year Bachelor of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Guelph.



Georgia Schoonderwoerd
*College University
Scholarship, \$1,000*

After graduating high school, Georgia worked full-time for one year and explored different trades and very

quickly became interested in horticulture. In her first year as a horticultural apprentice, she is passionate about her work and takes every day as it comes in order to be able to experience everything horticulture has to offer. In her first years as a technician, Georgia hopes to develop a sense of all aspects of the industry, but to proceed in the years to come with what she finds passion and fulfillment in.



Charissa Teal
*Cullen Family Scholarship
Program, \$2,000*

Charissa Tea is a third-year Bachelor of Landscape Architecture student at the University of Guelph, where

her studies have been, and continue to be, a "complete joy." She would like to thank the faculty for their excellent teaching that will position her on the path to a career she has always dreamed of. She says it is a great honor to be a scholarship recipient.



Catherine Thibodeau
*Cullen Family Scholarship
Program, \$2,000*

Catherine is honoured to be one of the Cullen Scholarship recipients for 2020. As a second-year student in the

Horticulture Technician program at Niagara College, she looks forward to pursuing different opportunities in the field in the coming years. She is particularly curious about botanical gardens, urban green spaces and urban agriculture.



Kaitlin Veitch
*Cullen Family Scholarship
Program, \$2,000*

Kaitlin is "so grateful to be recognized for my enthusiasm in horticulture in such a profound way." Now

a third-year student at the Niagara Parks Commission School of Horticulture, Kaitlin is excited to use what she has learned to make a positive horticultural impact in the near future and hopes to leave the world better off — and to inspire others along the way to do the same.



Brent Wursten
*Apprenticeship Scholarship,
\$600*

Brent has been working in the landscape industry for three years in his dad's business, and hopes to take

it over some day. He enjoys working outdoors and loves to transform and manicure properties to a client's expectations. The horticultural technician program at Mohawk College was especially helpful with broadening his knowledge of the basic skills of landscaping. He is thankful for the opportunity to receive this scholarship.

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FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND BALANCES

| | Year End Aug. 31, 2020 | Year End Aug. 31, 2019 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| General Fund | \$25,077 | \$8,545 |
| Casey van Maris Scholarship Fund | \$31,997 | \$31,954 |
| Crystal Lawn Care Fund | \$0 | \$2,199 |
| Cullen Family Scholarship Fund | \$11,273 | \$141 |
| Dunington-Grubb/Sheridan Nurseries Research Fund | \$235,027 | \$227,522 |
| Grandtrees Walk Fund | \$226,936 | \$59,457 |
| Growers' Group Research Fund | \$381,065 | \$368,896 |
| Hensbergen/DeGroot Scholarship Fund | \$26,442 | \$25,598 |
| Highway of Heroes (TFL) Fund | \$2,334,200 | \$1,745,831 |
| Horst Dickert Scholarship Fund | \$0 | [\$137] |
| IPM Symposium Research Fund | \$186,771 | \$180,807 |
| JT Somerville Fund | \$10,357 | \$10,907 |
| John/Ruth Wright Scholarship Fund | \$66,155 | \$64,042 |
| OJ Muller Memorial Scholarship Fund | \$11,065 | \$10,711 |
| Ottawa Chapter Val Kirshner Scholarship Fund | \$72,012 | \$70,202 |
| Peter Olsen Scholarship Fund | \$31,368 | \$30,366 |
| Robert/Ruby Allen Scholarship Fund | \$22,535 | \$21,815 |
| Russel/Karen Loney Scholarship Fund | \$9,744 | \$9,433 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$85,043 | \$86,342 |
| Tony DiGiovanni Scholarship Fund | \$106,662 | \$104,235 |
| Unilock/Designers Group Fund | \$10,362 | \$11,990 |
| Waterloo Chapter Scholarship Fund | \$64,243 | \$67,822 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | \$3,948,331 | \$3,138,678 |

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| | Year End Aug. 31, 2020 | Year End Aug. 31, 2019 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current | | |
| Bank | \$884,633 | \$691,859 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$151,374 | \$62,218 |
| | \$1,036,007 | \$754,078 |
| Long Term | | |
| Investments | \$2,826,040 | \$2,323,136 |
| Investment-Vineland Consortium | \$57,711 | \$57,711 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | \$66,469 | \$28,556 |
| | \$2,950,220 | \$2,409,403 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$3,986,227 | \$3,163,481 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current | | |
| Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges | \$37,896 | \$24,803 |
| Accumulated Fund Balances | | |
| Fund Balances-Regular Funds | \$1,387,195 | \$1,333,390 |
| Fund Balances-Special Projects | \$2,561,137 | \$1,805,288 |
| | \$3,948,331 | \$3,138,678 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES/FUNDS | \$3,986,227 | \$3,163,481 |
| STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & FUND BALANCES | | |
| | Year End Aug. 31, 2020 | Year End Aug. 31, 2019 |
| REVENUES | | |
| Interest/Gains [Losses] | \$144,541 | \$38,431 |
| Miscellaneous | \$1,349 | \$57,246 |
| Research Grants | \$0 | \$0 |
| Donations/Funding | \$3,169,708 | \$1,598,691 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$3,315,598 | \$1,694,368 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Administration Fees/Expenses | \$377,198 | \$230,372 |
| Disbursed as Research Grants | \$0 | \$0 |
| Event/Sponsorship Expenses | \$2,073,896 | \$586,192 |
| Disbursed as Scholarships | \$54,850 | \$56,800 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,505,945 | \$873,364 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$809,653 | \$821,003 |
| FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR | \$3,138,678 | \$2,317,675 |
| FUND BALANCES, YEAR END | \$3,948,331 | \$3,138,678 |

For information on the Foundation, including scholarship applications, supported research programs or to donate, visit ohhf.ca