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Foundation to present \$10,000 in scholarships

Awards designed to encourage entry into green industries

Cipriano Landscape Design's "Keeping It Green Foundation," will award four scholarships totaling \$10,000 to students at the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences departments of landscape architecture and plant biology and pathology. The awards are made to encourage careers in the green industry and environmental stewardship, according to Chris Cipriano, CEO/founder of Cipriano Landscape Design in Ramsey.

"Chris has worked closely with Rutgers internas at Cipriano Farms," said Rachel Napier, in the development specialist office of the executive dean, School of Environmental and Biologcal Sciences at Rutgers, "teaching them the necessary skills to apply their classroom knowledge in the workforce. He has succeeded in inspiring with his dedication and commitment to give back to the industry."

Cipriano Farms is located in Mahwah.

The Foundation promotes ecological sustainability and environmental stewardship through the study, development, preservation and promotion of landscape architecture and horticulture.

In addition to scholarships, the foundation sponsors internships and workshops to promote environmental responsibility and foster eco-friendly practices. He states his goal to be developing a collaboration with Rutgers to develop activities that foster awareness of environmental conservation. The Foundation is the company's latest step in integrating environmental conservation into the company's everyday practices.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in May.

Factors to consider when selecting an apartment:

- Is it close to your place
- of employment?
- Is the neighborhood safe?

■ Is it close to a good school system?

Is it close to your church?

■ Is it close to stores, banks and a post office?

Is it close to public transportation?



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Chris Cipriano, director of the Cipriano Landscape Design's Keeping It Green Foundation, shakes hands with Rachel Napier, from the development specialist office of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University. Cipriano's goal is to collaborate with Rutgers in developing activities that will foster eco-friendly practices. Awarding scholarships is one of the ways he hopes to achieve his goal.

