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## Master Gardeners award scholarships

This fall, the Master Gardeners of Monmouth County awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Monmouth County residents who have chosen to pursue careers in a horticulture or an environmental-related field at Rutgers University.

A \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Aaron D'Addio of Freehold, who transferred from Brookdale Community College to Rutgers University to pursue a degree in environmental engineering.

According to a press release, D'Addio has consistently received academic honors at Brookdale since 2009 and was inducted into Alpha Theta Chapter of Pi Theta Kappa Honor Society. D'Addio is a member of FFA, where he earned first place honors in the state for Detailed Landscape Design in 2009.

A second scholarship award of \$1,000 was granted to Andre Evans of Marlboro, who is taking classes in landscape and turf management at Rutgers University. Evans graduated from Marlboro High School and the Career Center Landscape/Turf Manage-

ment Program at the Monmouth Career Center.

He recently earned first place in the state FFA competition for turf management. He placed second in the landscape and nursery career development category. In October, Evans and three other classmates represented New Jersey at the national FFA convention.

Members of the 2011 Master Gardeners scholarship committee are Howard Bodner, Kent Fleming, Erika Hogan, Jim Laude, Carol Migrala and Karin Poorvin.

The county's Master Gardeners hold several fundraising events during the year and the proceeds are used to fund the scholarship program.

Applications for the next Monmouth County Master Gardeners scholarship program will be available in March from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County. The deadline for submission of a complete application is June 30. For more information, contact the Master Gardeners at 732-431-7260.