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 Attention David Lefcourt

Dear David,

The members of the Stockbridge School/UMass PLANET SCD's Team, including Dennis Ryan and myself (the lucky chaperones) wish to express our sincere thanks for your support of their trip to the PLANET Student Career Days event at Colorado State University Fort Collins this past March. The team returned with some impressive results. Once again our Arboriculture team, this year with Nicolette Eicholtz and Luke Longstreeth, took first place in Arboriculture Techniques for the second year in a row! Robert Coffman, Michael Carbone and Alex Hentnik took third place in the Landscape Plant Installation event against 60 very competitive teams. Team members placed top ten in the Hardscape Installation, Irrigation Assembly, Plant Problem Diagnosis, Tracked Loader and Tractor/Backhoe events. The team also placed 11th in Exterior Design, 13th in Truck and Trailer and 15th in Landscape Maintenance Operations. With over 70 Colleges and Universities attending and almost 900 students competing, these are impressive results. As usual, our Team members represented UMass and Stockbridge School of Agriculture with pride and professionalism.

Your support along with many other Professional Associations, industry professionals and the Colleges of Natural Sciences and Social and Behavioral Sciences at UMass Amherst made this opportunity possible. The exposure for our students to their academic colleagues from other institutions and many professionals from across the country is second to none.

Without the strong support the team receives this opportunity would be out of reach for most of the members. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to you for your help to make this years trip a memorable and rewarding experience. We hope you interested in supporting the Team next year when we head to North Carolina State!



The 2014 UMass/Stockbridge School PLANET Student Career Days Team

Standing left to right:
 Luke Longstreeth, Alex Hentnik,
 Robert Coffman, Collin McGrady,
 Chris Johnston, Michael Carbone,
 Nicolette Eicholtz, John Waters,
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