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Parma High School Agricultural Program Awarded Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant

November 15, 2007, LEXINGTON, KY – Parma High School’s agricultural program, in Parma, Idaho, is one of six programs across the country that has been awarded a 2007 Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant from the American Nursery Landscape Association (ANLA).

The agricultural department’s landscape design class has begun to develop “Panther Park,” an area between the high school and the agricultural facilities. The grant will be used to purchase flowering crabapple trees to plant along the sidewalk and greenhouse, as well as to begin the development of a perennial garden in the area.

“The need for this project is simple,” said Amy Nichols, agricultural instructor. “There is not an area in our community which allows for groups to gather that is enjoyable or convenient.” Nichols also pointed out the valuable instruction opportunities that would accompany the project. “The students are responsible for the entire project they choose for the area each year, from planning to implementation,” she said. “These opportunities in learning are priceless, much more beneficial than lectures, textbooks and mock labs.”

The ANLA “Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction” grant is awarded annually to one member from each of the National Association of Agricultural Educators’ six regions. The National Association of Agricultural Educators is the professional organization for agricultural educators in the United States. The mission of NAAE is “professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.”

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