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Program at Tolles Career & Technical Center Awarded Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant

November 15, 2007, LEXINGTON, KY – The Turf, Landscape and Greenhouse Management program at Tolles Career and Technical Center in Plain City, Ohio, 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 school is planning the implementation of an environmental education center. This center will feature an educational nature trail area that will serve as an outdoor laboratory for students in grades K-12 of the school district. The ANLA grant will enable Tolles to commence the initial station of the nature trail area.

Through this project, students will learn to identify appropriate plant materials that will be natural to the environment, how to properly install and maintain a nature preserve, as well as skills necessary for additional educational and employment opportunities.

“The coordination of efforts between the science department and the Turf, Landscape, and Greenhouse Management program will encourage collaborative teaching between academic and career/technical educators while enhancing opportunities for students,” said Jim Scott, program instructor. “Instruction in these areas will increase awareness of the breadth of career opportunities in the agricultural field.”

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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