

Greetings,

Please accept this letter as an endorsement of the FNGLA Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP) designation obtained by students in Florida's high schools. FCHP is recognized as the industry standard for Florida's nursery and landscape industry and is valued because of its fundamental overview of horticulture. Further, the program is recognized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and all five water management districts.

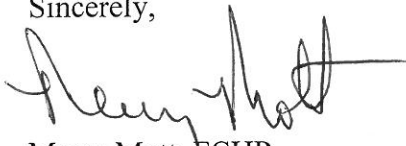
Students who earn their FCHP certification join 2,000 industry professionals throughout Florida who have earned the very same certification. The principles demonstrated in achieving the FCHP designation provide a base for success in higher education or directly into the workforce.

Upon completing the FCHP program, students are ready for professional careers in the nursery and landscape industry. FCHP demonstrates to potential employers that the student has achieved a higher level of horticultural knowledge. This positions them as better job candidates over high school graduates without FCHP. Such students are also better prepared to continue their education at post-secondary schools and earn college credits for having completing their FCHP certification.

The FCHP program will further assist Florida's schools in producing well-trained students into the local and statewide workforce through training at their area high school horticulture programs.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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