



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences
Cooperative Extension Service
Department of Environmental Horticulture

1545 W.M. Fifield Hall
PO Box 110670
Gainesville, FL 32611-0670
Phone: (352) 392-1831
Fax: (352) 392-3870
<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu>

Dr. Eve Springwood Minson MLA, MPS, ASLA
Assistant Professor Environmental Design
Delaware Valley College
700 E. Butler Avenue
Doylestown, PA 18901

October 16, 2006

Dear Dr. Minson:

I have been asked by the family of Katelyn Joy Derstine to share with you her many contributions as a student and person to the Environmental Horticulture program at the University of Florida. Katelyn was and always will be a very special person to me as she touched my life positively in many ways.

I first met Katelyn two years ago when as a freshman at the University of Florida she enrolled in my class "The Principles of Floral Art". Katelyn was an outstanding student and a pleasure to have in class. She was one of those rare individuals who display a true passion to learn and understand concepts as well as apply them to outside class exercises.

Katelyn had a natural talent for design and worked very hard to improve her skills with each new lab assignment. She always strove to do better and pushed herself to express her maximum creativity. Because of her exceptional talent Katelyn was invited to be a teaching assistant for "The Principles of Floral Art" lab last fall. Again she excelled this time as a teacher to other students and as a leader in setting up the lab each week.

It is difficult to express the true essence of Katelyn as well as the tremendous loss we feel. Her warmth and charisma always made those around her feel special. She truly brightened your day by her very presence. She was always upbeat and positive and spread her beautiful spirit and joy to everyone around her.

Katelyn was just beginning her academic career in our program and was extremely enthusiastic about her courses and future in horticultural therapy. We both looked forward to her academic career and the promise of a profession where she could share her horticultural knowledge and talents with others. Katelyn will be missed by so many people who knew and loved her but she will also be missed by those who never had the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Hall
Academic Program Coordinator