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**Cape May County 4-H Teen Wins National Honors**

Kate Washart, 19, of Seaville, competed recently at the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup Contest in Louisville, KY. Washart earned seventh place nationally in the Individual Presentation Phase of the Competition, while the New Jersey 4-H Presentations Team scored eighth place overall. Washart is now studying biology and chemistry at Washington College in Chestertown, MD. Of her experience in 4-H, she says, "4-H taught me to be a good public speaker and to have the confidence to present myself in front of a large group. As a 4-H member I got to travel all over the country and learn so much! I am very grateful for my years in 4-H and for all the friends I made!"

**Rotary-Rutgers Enabling Garden Initiative Adds New site in Middlesex County**

The Rotary-Rutgers Enabling Garden Initiative for Central New Jersey, which promotes barrier-free, accessible gardens, was launched in March 2012 at the Rutgers Floriculture Greenhouse on the George H. Cook Campus. This initiative is led by co-coordinators Nick Polanin, agricultural and resource management agent, Somerset County, who is also state coordinator, Rutgers Master Gardener Program, and Laura DePrado, Rotary International member and chair of the joint Rotary-Rutgers project. Since its launch, the initiative titled, "Growing Lives One Seed at a Time," has launched several pilot gardens in several counties. The latest pilot site is the AristaCare of Cedar Oaks, a long-term care facility in South Plainfield, NJ, which is hosted a kick-off social on Dec. 19, 2012.

**Zientek and Kunicki Receive 2012 RCE Diversity Awards**

Each year, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES), honors faculty and staff for their outstanding work and outreach through their programs and support. The winners for 2012 received their awards at the joint department luncheon at the Cook Campus Center on Nov. 27. The Diversity Award is given to a member of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Management Agents (ARMA) and one from the Department of 4-H Youth Development for "their outstanding efforts and accomplishments in achieving and sustaining diversity in Extension organizations, programs, and audiences." Jan Zientek was awarded the Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) Diversity Award for the ARMA department and Marycarmen Kunicki received the Diversity Award for the 4-H department.

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