SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT PRIDES CORNER FARMS, INC.

An opportunity is available to a qualified Plant Sciences major for a 2015 summer internship at Prides Corner Farms, Inc., one of the largest diversified wholesale nurseries in the eastern United States. Prides Corner Farms (PCF) is located in Lebanon, Connecticut and is owned by Mark Sellew, ’78. PCF is in the business of growing and selling plant material (roses, shrubs, trees, perennials, herbs, etc.) to over 2000 independent garden centers, landscapers, and landscape distributors throughout the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Mid-West regions. More detailed information on PCF can be found on their website: www.pridescorner.com.

INTERNSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

The internship will be for a period of 8-10 weeks.
Start Date: May, 2015 (as early in the month as possible)
Pay: $12.00/hour
Transportation: Intern must have his or her own form of transportation.
Job could include work on some Saturdays, based on intern’s availability/interest.

INTERNSHIP DETAILS:

To the extent that time allows, the intern will rotate through the following eleven departments at Prides Corner Farms. We will tailor the internship to an individual’s interest so there will be flexibility with respect to the amount of time spent in each department.

1. Production: Intern will deal with all aspects of woody shrub production. The focus will be on quality control, nutrition, new variety evaluation, etc.

2. Perennials: Intern will deal with all aspects of growing the more than 700 varieties of herbaceous perennials. This includes nutrition, quality control, new variety evaluation, etc.

3. Potting: Intern will rotate through eight potting locations so that he or she will gain experience in soil preparation, potting trees, potting greenhouse plugs, etc.
4. **Micropropagation**: Intern will work in our Tissue Culture lab and will also become familiar with our soil analysis and soil diagnostics procedures and techniques.

5. **Perennial Propagation**: Intern will be introduced to seed propagation, the growing of perennial liners and the potting process.

6. **Woody Propagation**: Intern will be involved with procuring, sticking and rooting of vegetative cuttings; and harvesting liners that are scheduled to be shifted into larger pots.

7. **Trees**: Intern will be involved in core production functions of large containerized tree operation. These functions include pruning, staking, spacing and irrigation.

8. **Plant Health**: Intern will gain experience with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques such as scouting, and determining appropriate applications of herbicides and disease/insect applications.

9. **Shipping/Pulling**: Intern will be exposed to pulling customer orders (the initial process of our final step of getting the plants to our customers), which includes receiving the pull order, selecting the plants, and sending them to the loading dock. Intern will also be involved with the loading dock functions, which include tagging, order fulfillment, etc.

10. **Wholesale Yard**: Intern will work with all aspects of dealing with landscape customers, which include answering customer questions, filling their orders, and maintaining the many plants in this specialized area of the nursery.

11. **Sales/Marketing**: Intern will work with all aspects of this department. Time will be spent going on the road to help our merchandiser display and merchandise PCF’s branded programs in the garden center. Time will also be spent in our Customer Service Department which connects our road sales personnel with the customer.

Intern will be responsible for preparing an Internship Evaluation Report that specifies what he or she learned as well as suggestions for improvement to the internship.

Intern must abide, adhere and promote all safety and company policies. Intern must also meet the general PCF labor requirements including performing tasks of a physical and repetitive nature and working outdoors in all weather conditions.