

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANTS AT LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE

Thirteen students from ten different universities attended the 2025 IPPS Eastern Region conference on scholarships. These scholarships were generously funded by the Eastern Region and the Foundation. Students were given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of plant production and propagation through field trips and talks. Just as importantly, they were able to meet members of the industry and see the wide range of careers available in horticulture. One of the highlights was a dinner with other students and IPPS members. Providing students with the opportunity to attend the conference strengthens our organization through a new generation of members excited about the future.



One student, Katie Taliaferro, had this to say about her experience: "This year's IPPS-Eastern Region Conference was an exciting opportunity to see behind-the-scenes of Kentucky's most famous horticultural attractions and network with local industry leaders. However, as a horticulture student at the University of Kentucky, I especially enjoyed speaking with other students passionate about furthering conservation and sustainability goals in the industry. IPPS has held a special

place in my heart for their genuine dedication to championing students and their work. It's wonderful to see more students taking advantage of such a great resource and putting it to good use."