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## SHAULIS SCHOLAR NAMED

GENEVA—Robert H. Smith, a sophomore at Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Ithaca, is the 1992 recipient of the Nelson J. Shaulis Advancement of Viticulture Award.

The Shaulis Advancement Fund was established in 1979 to honor Nelson Shaulis, a professor emeritus, for his many contributions at Cornell's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva.

This year's scholarship winner was announced by John Brahm III, chairman of the Shaulis Award Committee. This annual award administered by the New York State Grape Research Fund, allows a Cornell viticulture student to have an enriched summer by working directly with Cornell grape research and extension faculty and conducting an independent research project.

Smith and his advisor for the summer, Dr. Robert Pool, Department of Horticultural Sciences, Geneva, are developing Concord grape berry growth curves for grapevines receiving different conventional and mechanical pruning treatments. The curves will enable growers to make crop predictions and help determine how much fruit to remove by mechanical thinning. This will ensure that the crop will reach full maturity in a given year.

Smith who grew up on a 50 acre grape farm in Brocton, New York is a pomology major. He will spend the summer working with the staff at the Vineyard Laboratory in Fredonia.

*Photo Caption: From left to right  
Nelson Shaulis, Robert Smith, and John Brahm III*

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