



Welcome to
The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf
Management School
Class of 2009
Graduation Ceremony
and the
20th Annual Turfgrass Student
Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 7, 2009
Cock Campus Center
New Brunswick, New Jersey



Welcome to our 20th Professional Golf Turf Graduation Ceremony and Student Awards Banquet. We greatly appreciate your presence here this evening and hope that you will spend an enjoyable evening with family and friends celebrating the achievements of our students. We promise you a truly memorable program, great food, and ample opportunity to recognize academic growth and achievement.

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The Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) seeks to be the leading public research and service-based institution for the development and delivery of practical science-based solutions that contribute to the vitality, health and sustainability of agriculture, environments, people and communities of New Jersey. The NJAES' mission is to enhance the quality of life in New Jersey by developing and delivering practical, effective solutions to current and future challenges relating to agriculture; fisheries; food; natural resources; environments; public health; and economic, community, and youth development.

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Executive Director of New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station,

The NJAES Center for Turfgrass Science

Dr. Bruce Clarke, Director
Dr. William Meyer, Associate Director and Faculty Advisor to the Rutgers
Professional Golf Turf Management School

The NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education

Edward V. Lipman, Jr., Director
Dr. Richard Hurley, Curricula Advisor
Fran Koppell, Senior Program Coordinator

The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Award for Professional Excellence is awarded annually to graduate(s) of the Rutgers Turf Management School who has excelled in the profession. Recipients of this award have consistently displayed leadership, fellowship, high ideals, and a desire to improve the profession.

The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School

Award for Professional Excellence

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| 2003 | Bob Dickison, Class of 1962 |
| 2004 | Robert Alonzi, Class of 1962
Anthony Bertels, Class of 1995
Fran Bevelacqua, Class of 1962
Steve Matuza, Class of 1979
Rick Shriver, Class of 1996 |
| 2005 | D. Philip Shoemaker, Jr., Class of 1980
John Zimmers, Jr., Class of 1993 |
| 2006 | Sean Hoolehan, Class of 1981 |
| 2007 | Joseph A. Bianco, Sr., Class of 1962 |
| 2008 | Joseph Alonzi, Class of 1973
Rick Holanda, Class of 1993 |

The Office of Continuing Professional Education would like to recognize the faculty and staff of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School for their unfailing support of continuing professional education and lifelong learners.

Our Instructors

<i>Dr. Stacy Bonos</i>	<i>Richard Buckley</i>	<i>Chris Carson</i>
<i>Joe Clark</i>	<i>Dr. Bruce Clarke</i>	<i>Robert D. Dobson</i>
<i>Dr. Tom Gianfagna</i>	<i>Josh Honig</i>	<i>Dr. Bingru Huang</i>
<i>Dr. Richard Hurley</i>	<i>William Jamison</i>	<i>Stephen Kay</i>
<i>Steven Kristoph</i>	<i>Steven Langlois</i>	<i>Edward V. Lipman, Jr.</i>
<i>Dr. William Meyer</i>	<i>James Morris</i>	<i>Dr. James Murphy</i>
<i>Bruce Neary</i>	<i>Dr. Karen Plumley</i>	<i>Marie Pompei</i>
<i>Sabrina Tirpak</i>	<i>Gene Westmoreland</i>	

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Mt. Kisco Country Club, NY (Graduate Jose Ocegueda)
Royal Oaks Country Club, WA (Graduate John Guffey)
Saucon Valley Country Club, PA (Graduate Eli Ratz)

Program

Master of Ceremonies, *Mr. Jim Morris, Associate Director, New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Office of Continuing Professional Education*

Invocation, *Mr. Joseph Bianco*

Welcoming Remarks

*Dr. William Meyer, Director of the Turfgrass Breeding Project,
NJAES Center for Turfgrass Science*

*Mr. Edward V. Lipman, Jr., Director
NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education*

Presentation of the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Achievement Award,
Mr. Joseph Bianco and Mr. Thom Ritchie

**Presentation of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School
Certificates**, *Mr. Edward V. Lipman, Jr. and Mr. Steven Langlois*

Scholarship Presentations, *Dr. Richard Hurley, Dr. William Meyer
and Ms. Marie Pompei*

**Presentation of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School
Alumni Award for Professional Excellence**,
Mr. Edward V. Lipman, Jr. and Dr. Richard Hurley

Keynote Speaker, *Mr. Donald Sauvigne, Site Director for Pfizer's research
facilities portfolio in the eastern region of North America, working for
the Facilities Management firm, Jones Lang Lasalle*

Closing Remarks and Best Wishes, *Mr. Jim Morris*

Association Achievement Award

The Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association annually selects a recipient of their Achievement Award. This honor was initiated in 1990 by the Association to recognize professionals who have made a significant contribution to the turfgrass industry. The recipients are awarded a plaque at the Annual Turfgrass Student Awards Banquet to acknowledge their important accomplishments. The following are past recipients of this prestigious award. We thank these individuals for their continued support and many contributions to the turfgrass industry.

1990	Mr. Robert Dickison
1991	Dr. Ralph Engel †
1992	Dr. Richard H. Hurley
1993	Mr. Joe Bianco, Sr.
1994	Mr. Edward V. Lipman, Jr.
1995	Dr. Louis Vasvary †
1996	Mr. Dennis DeSanctis, Sr.
1997	Mr. Robert Alonzi
1998	Mr. Michael Mongon
1999	Mr. Thomas Ritchie
2000	Dr. Henry Indyk †
2001	Mr. Stephen Kristoph
2002	Dr. Richard Caton
2003	Mr. Gary Nokes
2004	Dr. Karen Plumley-Luepke
2005	Mr. Steven Langlois
2006	Mr. Richard Buckley
2007	Ms. Marie Pompei
2008	Shaun Barry

2009 Scholarship Recipients

Allen & Scott Off * New

Michael Morvay

Bayer Scholarship

Charles Schmid

Cleary Chemical Scholarship

Brady Klein

Dr. Paul Sartoretto Memorial Scholarship

Tomas Reyes, III

Duke Polidor Memorial Scholarship

Pending Academic Achievement in current classes

Golf Course Builders Association Scholarship

Robert Pyne

Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey Scholarships

Gregory Bohus

Ryan Petitti

Kevin Rundstrom

Henry Indyk Graduate Fellowship

Joseph Roberts

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Scholarships

Gregory Bohus

William Reardon

New Jersey State Golf Association and Ralph Engel Caddie Scholarships

Gregory Bohus

Robert Mathias

New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation

Hall of Fame - Stephanie Alea

Challenge - Patrick Burgess

Norman Leising Memorial Scholarship * New

William Reardon

Paul DesChamps Memorial Scholarships

Thomas Dillon

Christopher Goeben

John Kafader

Brady Klein

2009 Scholarship Recipients

Peter S. Loft Memorial Scholarships

Karen Ambrose Michael

Emily Merewitz

Mary Provance-Bowley

Joseph Roberts

Lisa Beirn

Priti Saxena

Laura Cortese

Charles Schmid

Iain Hardaker

Sergio Sosa

James Hempfling

Katelyn Venner

David Jespersen

Yan Xu

Matthew Koch

Pine Valley Scholarship * New

Stephanie Alea

Kevin Rundstrom

Ralph Engel Scholarships

Jason Devoe

James Duarte

Iain Hardaker

Nicholas Jensen

Ralph Geiger Scholarships

Karen Ambrose Michael

David Jespersen

Harrison Beal

Matthew Koch

Lisa Beirn

William Reardon

Gregory Bohus

Priti Saxena

Patrick Burgess

Sergio Sosa

Laura Cortese

Ryan Petitti

Jonathan Dean

Nicholas Puskarich

Patrick Doran

Derrit Woods

James Hempfling

Yan Xu

Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Scholarship

William Reardon

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey Scholarship

William Reardon

Syngenta Turfgrass Scholarship

Katelyn Venner

Trans-Mississippi Golf Association Scholarships * New

Joseph Adkinson

Jason Fleming

The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School
Winter Class of 2009

The Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School
Fall Class of 2008

Nicholas Adell
Scott Bailey
Travis Bates, *High Honors*
Alex Bliss, *Honors*
Jaret Brant
Douglas Burdick, *Highest Honors*
Jerome DeBlasio
Josh DeSalvia
Anton Diaz, *Highest Honors*
Ronald Frazier
Luke Hazley
Patrick Herbert
Joseph Howard, *Highest Honors*
Jeffrey Ingram
Brian Kilgallon
William Malcolm, *Honors***
Brendan McAleer
Karl McHale
Joshua Moore, *Honors*
Patrick Moran
Ted Morgan
Sean Potter, *Honors*
Ronald Richter, *Honors*
Zachery Rogers
Kyle Schmidt, *Honors*
Jonathan Singer, *High Honors*
Nathan Stacey, *Highest Honors*
Mathew Stout
Kevin Vail

Jamison Bushman, *Honors*
Joseph D'Annibale, *Highest Honors*
Matthew Dierdorff, *Honors*
Richard Evans
Chad Fetter, *Highest Honors*
Aaron Franklin
Adam Freeman, *Honors*
Tim Friel
John Guffey, *High Honors***
Robert Hayes, *High Honors*
Tracey Hubrig, *High Honors*
Michael Katz
F. Michael Kerns
Kenton King
Lucas Kline, *High Honors*
Scott Landstrom, *Honors*
Christina Linz O'Brien, *Highest Honors*
James Lord, *High Honors*
Patrick Maher
Alex Matos
Kyler Mayerhoffer
John Meteer
John Miller, *Honors*
Koji Mitchell, *Honors*
Victor Morales-Rios, *Highest Honors*
Jose Ocegüera, *Honors*
Michael Percudani
Joshua Potter, *High Honors*
Harold Pyett
Eli Rahz
James Rockwell, *Honors*
Matthew Rubin, *Highest Honors*
Nicholas Schilperoot
Christopher Schultz
Adam Stottlemyer, *High Honors*
Cory Von Tungelyn, *High Honors*
James Wallace, *Highest Honors*
Jonathan White, *Highest Honors*
Todd Work, *Honors*
Bradley Wyatt, *Honors*

** Class President