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# *Professional Golf Turf Management School*

## *Class of 2010*

*Graduation Ceremony  
and the*

*21st Annual Turfgrass Student  
Awards Banquet*



*Saturday, November 6, 2010*

*Cook Campus Center*

*New Brunswick, New Jersey*

**The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station  
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**The NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education**

*Edward V. Lipman, Jr.*, Director

*Dr. Richard Hurley*, Curricula Advisor

*Fran Koppell*, Senior Program Coordinator

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

- 2003** Bob Dickison, Class of 1962
- 2004** Robert Alonzi, Class of 1962  
Anthony Bertels, Class of 1995  
Frank 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
- 2009** Donald Sauvigne, Class of 1980

## **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	Mr. Shaun Barry
2009	Mr. Ken Kubik

## **Welcome to our 21st Annual Professional Golf Turf Management School 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.*

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**

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

*We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our*

### **Gold Corporate Sponsor**

*Storr Tractor Company, Somerville, NJ*

### **Silver Corporate Sponsor**

*Grass Roots Inc., New Fairfield, CT*

### **Graduate Sponsors**

*Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, CA*  
(Graduate Aaron Gagnon)

*Pine Valley Golf Club, NJ*  
(Graduate Michael Deal)

## **2010 Scholarship Recipients**

### **Peter S. Loft Memorial Scholarships**

<i>Karen Ambrose</i>	<i>Thomas Kennedy</i>
<i>Robert Amour</i>	<i>Robert LaRoque</i>
<i>Lisa Beirn</i>	<i>Daniel Lindholm</i>
<i>Ryan Berger</i>	<i>Emily Merewitz</i>
<i>Justin Biceck</i>	<i>Andrew Morris</i>
<i>Patrick Burgess</i>	<i>Priti Saxena</i>
<i>Laura Cortese</i>	<i>Charles Schmid</i>
<i>James Cross</i>	<i>Sergio Sosa</i>
<i>Robert Dreesen</i>	<i>Daniel Thompson</i>
<i>Wesley Easton</i>	<i>Katelyn Venner</i>

### **Pine Valley Scholarship**

<i>Nicholas Grandi</i>	<i>Eric O'Toole</i>	<i>Kevin Rundstrom</i>
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### **Ralph Engel Scholarships**

<i>Brian Clair</i>	<i>David Held</i>	<i>Eric Schmitt</i>
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### **Ralph Geiger Scholarships**

<i>Jeff Antoniewicz</i>	<i>Eric Koch</i>
<i>Lisa Beirn</i>	<i>Matthew Koch</i>
<i>Patrick Burgess</i>	<i>Emily Merewitz</i>
<i>Laura Cortese</i>	<i>Kevin Rundstrom</i>
<i>James Cross</i>	<i>Justin Sadowski</i>
<i>Jay Ewan</i>	<i>Priti Saxena</i>
<i>James Hempfling</i>	<i>Charles Schmid</i>
<i>David Jespersen</i>	<i>Katelynn Venner</i>

### **Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Scholarship**

*Justin Bicek*

### **Sports Field Managers Association of NJ Scholarship**

*Jeff Antoniewicz*

### **Syngenta Turfgrass Scholarship**

*Charles Schmid*

## 2010 Scholarship Recipients

### **Allen & Scott Off Memorial Scholarship**

*Gregory Bohus                      Eric O'Toole*

### **Cleary Chemical Scholarship**

*Brian Hall*

### **Dr. Paul Sartoretto Memorial Scholarship**

*Kevin Shipley*

### **Duke Polidor Memorial Scholarship**

*Cody Aaron                      Michael Lemke*  
*Brian Berberet                      Travis Martin*  
*Ryan Coburn                      Denssy Saldana Ruiz*

### **Golf Course Builders Association Scholarship**

*Gregory Bohus                      Justin Sadowski*

### **Golf Course Superintendents Association of NJ Scholarship**

*Brian Hall                      David Jespersen*  
*James Hempfling                      Kevin Shipley*

### **Henry Indyk Graduate Fellowship**

*Matthew Koch*

### **New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Scholarships**

*Jeff Antoniewicz                      Gregory Bohus                      Eric Koch*

### **New Jersey State Golf Association and Ralph Engel Caddie Scholarships**

*Gregory Bohus                      Jesse Schwartz*

### **New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation**

*Hall of Fame - Gregory Bohus                      Challenge - Jeff Antoniewicz*  
*Lou Vasvary - Justin Sadowski                      NJTF - Eric O'Toole*

### **Paul DesChamps Memorial Scholarships**

*Matthew Bain                      Christian Scheller*  
*Brian Powell                      Daniel Zaroff*

## Program

### **Master of Ceremonies**

*Mr. James 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. Chris Carson*

### **Closing Remarks and Best Wishes**

*Mr. James Morris*

## *Professional Golf Turf Management School*

### Fall Class of 2009

Denis Bergey  
Shawn Bergey  
Brian Burkard  
Daniel Carrizales  
Sean Crawford, *Highest Honors* \*\*  
Michael Deal  
Jonathan Dean, *High Honors*  
Jason Fleming, *High Honors*  
Aaron Gagnon  
Ryan Godman  
Charles Hamer  
Matthew Hilgendorff  
Ryan Hubley  
Keith Kirsch  
Jonathan Kylar  
Rusty Lambert  
Anthony Lipovsky  
Charles Main  
Chris Mogin  
Nicholas Nicolosi  
Neil Packard  
Michael Peters  
Justin Ren  
Tomas Reyes III, *Highest Honors*  
James Cedric Rockwell  
Kevin Simmons  
Brett Swain  
Josh Truan  
Tavis Tucker  
Scott Wiiki  
Tylor Winograsky  
Kyle Zarnetski  
Kale Zimmerman

\*\* *Class President*

## *Professional Golf Turf Management School*

### Winter Class of 2010

Joseph Adkinson, *Highest Honors*  
Jeffrey Barr, *Highest Honors*  
Harrison Beal, *High Honors*  
Chase Brackley, *Honors*\*\*  
Shon Briggs  
Robert Bromberg, *High Honors*  
Andrew Carey, *Honors*  
Jason Devoe, *High Honors*  
Thomas Dillon, *Highest Honors*  
Patrick Doran, *Highest Honors*  
James Duarte, *Highest Honors*  
Christopher Goeben, *Highest Honors*  
Iain Hardaker, *High Honors*  
Nicholas Jensen, *High Honors*  
John Kafader, *High Honors*  
Brady Klein, *Highest Honors*  
Seth Knaper  
Philip Knudsen, *Honors*  
Aaron Littlefield, *Honors*  
Andrew Luby  
Alberto Rodrigues Mana, *High Honors*  
Timothy Mars, *Honors*  
Robert Merrick, *Honors*  
Jeffrey Niemczyk  
Nicolas Puskarich, *High Honors*  
William Rocco, *Honors*  
Joshua Smith, *Highest Honors*  
Peter Strahan, *Honors*  
Dennis Supe  
Shayne Tremblay, *Honors*  
Cody Trexler  
Christopher Vargas, *Honors*  
Gerritt Woods, *Highest Honors*

\*\* *Class President*