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New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

*Professional Golf Turf
Management School*

Class of 2011

*Graduation Ceremony
and the
22nd Annual Turfgrass Student
Awards Banquet*



Saturday, October 22, 2011

*Cook Campus Center
New Brunswick, New Jersey*



**Welcome to our 22nd 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	Dr. Richard Hurley	Stephanie Murphy
Richard Buckley	William Jamison	Bruce Neary
Chris Carson	Stephen Kay	Dr. Karen Plumley
Joe Clark	Steven Kristoph	Marie Pompei
Dr. Bruce Clarke	Steven Langlois	Charles Schmidt
Robert D. Dobson	Edward V. Lipman, Jr.	Sabrina Tirpak
Dr. Tom Gianfagna	Emily Merewitz	Gene Westmoreland
Dr. Josh Honig	James Morris	
Dr. Bingru Huang	Dr. James Murphy	

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Storr Tractor Company, Somerville, NJ

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Grass Roots Inc., Randolph, NJ

Graduate Sponsors

Atlantic Golf Club, Bridgehampton, NY

(Graduate George Buckingham)

Bridgewater Creek Golf Course, Bozeman, MT

(Graduate Wes Easton)

Kalamazoo Country Club, Kalamazoo, MI

(Graduate Daniel Zaroff)

Lawn Doctor, Fort Collins, CO

(Graduate Brian Berberet)

Rockaway River Country Club, Denville, NJ

(Graduate Robert Waldrop)

Program

Master of Ceremonies

Mr. James Morris, Associate Director,
New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES),
Office of Continuing Professional Education

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. Edward V. Lipman, Jr.

Presentation of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Certificates

Mr. Steven Langlois, Langlois Turf Consultants

Scholarship Presentations

Dr. William Meyer and *Mr. Steven Langlois*

Presentation of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Alumni Award for Professional Excellence

Mr. Shaun Barry

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Joseph Flaherty, President, Joseph Flaherty, LLC

Closing Remarks and Best Wishes

Mr. James Morris

Professional Golf Turf Management School

Fall Class of 2010

Robert Armour, *Honors*
Mathew Bain, *Highest Honors*
Brian Berberet, *Highest Honors*
Ryan Berger
Justin Bicek, *Highest Honors*
Andrew Brown, *High Honors*
Brian Butcher, *Highest Honors*
Justin Carroll
Stephen Christiance
Christopher DeSalvia, *Honors*
Robert Dreesen
John Fasanella
Dennis Gehrke
Kyle Harris, *Highest Honors***
David Held
Thomas Kennedy, *High Honors*
George Lake
Brian McNamara
Andrew Morris, *Highest Honors*
Joseph Pintar
Denssy Saldana, *Highest Honors*
Eric Schmitt, *Honors*
Nate Sorenson
Benjamin Starkel, *High Honors*
Tanner Stover, *Honors*
Kyle Swart, *High Honors*
Daniel Thompson, *Highest Honors*
Chris Toporski
Paul Towler, *Honors*
Michael Varrone
Robert Waldrop
Bubba Wright, *Honors*

Winter Class of 2011

Cody Aaron, *Highest Honors*
Thomas Allen
Danny Barone, *Honors*

Brian Blake, *Honors*
Andrew Brown, *Highest Honors*
Derek Brunette
George Buckingham, *Honors*
Brian Claire, *Honors*
Todd Clift
Ryan Coburn, *Highest Honors*
Michael Crane
Shawn Cusack
Matthew Dellinger
Wesley Eason, *Honors*
Matthew Gajda, *Honors*
Andrew Garner, *Honors*
Timothy Graham, *Honors*
Robert Guffey *Honors*
Brian Hall, *Highest Honors*
Brice Herzberg, *High Honors*
Timothy Hill
John Humphrey
Mark Jone
Michael Keller, *Honors*
Robert Laroque, *Highest Honors*
Michael Lemke, *Highest Honors*
Daniel Lindholm, *High Honors*
Nicholas MacLeay, *High Honors*
Travis Martin, *Highest Honors***
Christopher Morgan, *High Honors*
Jeffrey Nelson, *Honors*
Eli Pletcher
Brian Powell, *Honors*
Christian Scheller, *High Honors*
Kevin Shipley, *Highest Honors*
Vincent Spano
Michael Stanton
Richard Stefanski III
Aquilino (Noel) Ulanday
Stephen Virgulak, *Honors*
Daniel Virgulak
Ian Williams
Daniel Zaroff, *Honors*
Steven Zettle

**** Denotes Class Presidents**

2011 Scholarship Recipients

Allen and Scott Off Memorial Scholarship

Jay Ewan

Cleary Chemical Scholarship

Evan Waite

Dr. Paul Sartoretto Memorial Scholarship

Abraham Buelt

Duke Polidor Memorial Scholarship

Albert Fletcher

Douglas Porter

Jon Frederick

Corey Randall

Casey Holloway

Zachary Stimson

Steven James

William Unruh

Christopher MacKenzie

Golf Course Builders Association Scholarship

Nick Delmar

Eric Taylor

Golf Course Superintendents Association of NJ Scholarship

Jay Ewan

Kevin Rundstrom

James Hempfling

Chas Schmid

Henry Indyk Graduate Fellowship

Chas Schmid

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Scholarship

Eric Koch

Yan Yan

Eric Taylor

New Jersey State Golf Association and Ralph Engle Caddie Scholarship

Kevin Rundstrom

Yan Yan

Eric Taylor

New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation

Hall of Fame - Kevin Rundstrom

Challenge - Nicholas Delmar

Lou Vasvary - Yan Yan

Norman Leising Memorial Scholarship

Jay Ewan

Paul DesChamps Memorial Scholarship

Matt Corbridge

John Paul-Plewa

Brian Lenik

Peter S. Loft Memorial Scholarship

Karen Ambrose

Eric Koch

Lisa Beirn

Emily Merewitz

Pat Burgess

Priti Saxena

Mario Cornejo

Ruying Wang

Laura Cortese

Michael Chikos

James Cross

Yuanshuo Qu

David Jespersen

Ralph Engel Scholarship

Abraham Buelt

Brian Lenik

Alex Gordzica

Evan Waite

Ralph Geiger Scholarship

Lisa Beirn

Eric Koch

Pat Burgess

Amanda MacDonald

Michael Chikos

Emily Merewitz

Laura Cortese

Yuanshuo Qu

James Cross

Priti Saxena

Ryan Daddio

Ruying Wang

James Hempfling

Yan Yan

David Jespersen

Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science

Kenneth MacNish

Adam Suelflow

Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Scholarship

Matt Corbridge

Sports Field Managers Association of NJ Scholarship

Andrew Powers

Syngenta Turfgrass Scholarship

Jay Ewan

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
2010	Mr. Fran Owsik

**The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
Administration (NJAES)**

Robert M. Goodman, Executive Dean of Agriculture & Natural Resources and Executive Director, NJAES

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 *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.

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| 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 |
| 2010 | Thomas Ritchie, Class of 1976 |



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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