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New Jersey Agricultural
Experiment Station

*Professional Golf Turf
Management School*

Class of 2012

*Graduation Ceremony
and the*

*23rd Annual Turfgrass Student
Awards Banquet*



Saturday, November 3, 2012

*Cook Campus Center
New Brunswick, New Jersey*



**Welcome to our 23rd 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	Dr. Josh Honig	Dr. Bingru Huang
Dr. Richard Hurley	William Jamison	Stephen Kay
Steven Kristoph	Steven Langlois	Edward Lipman, Jr.
Steve McDonald	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., Randolph, NJ

Graduate Sponsors

Bowling Green Golf Club, NJ- Wilton Riggs, graduate
Bridger Creek Golf Course, MT- Dan Coleman, graduate
Fairbanks Ranch Country Club, CA- Evan Waite, graduate
Rockaway River Country Club, NJ- Jeffrey Bray, graduate
Saucon Valley Country Club, PA- Zach Stimson, graduate

Program

Master of Ceremonies

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

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Bruce Clarke, 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. Thom Ritchie

Presentation of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Certificates

Mr. Steven Langlois, Langlois Turf Consultants

Scholarship Presentations

Dr. William Meyer and Dr. Richard Hurley

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

Mr. Chris Carson

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Glenn A. Miller, CGCS

Closing Remarks and Best Wishes

Mr. James Morris

Professional Golf Turf Management School

Fall Class of 2011

Jordan Alexander
Samuel Bastos
Stephen Beckner
Aaron Beyer, *Honors*
Abraham Buelt, *High Honors*
Daniel Clark, *Honors*
Matthew Corbridge, *Highest Honors*
Daniel Dazet**
John Faller, *Highest Honors*
Kurt Fisher
Albert Fletcher, *High Honors*
Edward Flynn
Alex Gordzica, *Honors*
Malcolm Hooker
Steve James *Highest Honors*
Jonathan Kaplan, *Honors*
Matthew Klein
Hung-Wei (Jimmy) Lin
Tyler MacKenzie, *High Honors*
Laurent Martel-Mougeot
Michael Martic
Andrew McClannon, *Honors*
John-Paul Plewa, *High Honors*
Andrew Powers, *Honors*
Joseph Princiotti, *Honors*
Cory Randall, *High Honors*
Robert Rayfield
Christopher Ryan
Kevin Scafaro
Eric Shurson
Greg Tenkman
Kevin Thompson
James Tyles
William Unruh, *Honors*
Evan Waite, *Highest Honors*
David Welsh
Woodrow Williams[#]

Professional Golf Turf Management School
Winter Class of 2012

Kory Alexander	Brian Lenik, <i>Highest Honors</i>
Timothy Baker, <i>Honors</i>	Christopher Levering
Johnnie Blankenship	James Long
Daniel Boyle	M. David Messner, <i>Honors</i>
Jeffrey Bray	Tyler Parone, <i>Honors</i>
Jakob Breitsch	Micah Pennybaker, <i>Honors</i>
Joel Brooks	Stephen Piccone
Mark Chalupnik, <i>Honors</i>	Douglas Porter, <i>Highest Honors</i>
Cody Cimino	Neal Quinn
Daniel Coleman	Wilton Riggs, <i>High Honors</i>
Bryan Cosgrove	William Sechrist, <i>High Honors</i>
Alan Cusick	Steven Smith
Ryan Davis, <i>Honors</i>	Fred Steiger
Scott Estey, <i>Honors</i>	Jared Stevens
Craig Ferraro, <i>Honors</i>	Zachary Stimson, <i>High Honors**</i>
Jon Frederick, <i>High Honors</i>	Adam Suelflow, <i>Honors</i>
Casey Holloway, <i>Honors</i>	Jesse Sutton
Anthony Iosso	Christopher Tegano
Clint Keller	Robert Tufts
Brian Kennedy	Kevin Vickers
Kraig Knoeferl, <i>Honors</i>	Drew Vokracka
Alex Leclair, <i>Honors</i>	Christopher Wrenn, <i>Honors</i>
	Paul Zaraza

**** Class President**
Deceased

2012 Scholarship Recipients

Cleary Chemical Scholarship

Alex Kleckner

Dr. Paul Sartoretto Memorial Scholarship

William O'Brien

Duke Polidor Memorial Scholarship

Steven Benally

Grant Harvey

Adam Imirie

Josh Knapp

Adam Pearl

Brian Wanta

Thomas Woodward

Golf Course Builders Association Scholarship

Erik Taylor

Golf Course Superintendents Association of NJ Scholarship

Gregory Benz

Jay Ewan

Erik Taylor

Henry Indyk Graduate Fellowship

James Cross

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Scholarships

Ryan Daddio

Eric Koch

Erik Taylor

New Jersey State Golf Association and Ralph Engel Caddie Scholarships

Ryan Daddio

Jay Ewan

Kenneth MacNish

Henry Qu

Kevin Rundstrom

New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation

Hall of Fame - *Charles Schmid*

Challenge - *Ryan Daddio*

Lou Vasvary - *Nicholas Delmar*

Paul DesChamps Memorial Scholarships

Tyler Cole

Benjamin Mummy

2012 Scholarship Recipients

Peter S. Loft Memorial Scholarships

Karen Ambrose

Gregory Benz

Ryan Daddio

David Jespersen

Priti Saxena

Trent Tate

Lisa Beirn

Patrick Burgess

James Hempfling

Eric Koch

Charles Schmid

Ruying Wang

Ralph Engel Scholarships

Steven Aspinall

Tim Hitchcock

Ralph Geiger Scholarships

Tyler Astor

Gregory Benz

Ryan Daddio

Kyle Genova

David Jespersen

Kenneth MacNish

Henry Qu

Priti Saxena

Erik Taylor

Patrick Welter

Lisa Beirn

Patrick Burgess

Nicholas Delmar

James Hempfling

Eric Koch

Byron Nielsen

Kevin Rundstrom

Charles Schmid

Ruying Wang

Michael Whalen

Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science

James Hempfling

Kevin Rundstrom

Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Scholarship

Michael Grillo

Sports Field Managers Association of NJ Scholarship

Kyle Genova

Woodrow Williams Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Michael Grillo

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.

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
2011	Mr. James Morris

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 Dickson, class of 1962 |
| 2004 | Robert Alonzi, Class of 1962
Anthony Bertels, Class of 1995
Frank Bevelacqua, Class of 1962
Steve Matusa, 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 |
| 2011 | Kenneth Krausz, Class of 1986 |



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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