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**RUTGERS**

New Jersey Agricultural  
Experiment Station

*Professional Golf Turf  
Management School*

*Class of 2013*

*Graduation Ceremony*

*and the*

*24th Annual Turfgrass Student  
Awards Banquet*



*Saturday, November 16, 2013*

*Neilson Dining Hall*

*New Brunswick, New Jersey*

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Welcome to our 24th 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.*

*We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our*

**Gold Corporate Sponsor**

***Storr Tractor Company, Somerville, NJ***

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***Grass Roots Inc., Randolph, NJ***

**Graduate Sponsors**

***River Bend Golf and Country Club Inc., Great Falls, VA***

*in honor of graduate Adam Pearl*

***Methodist College Golf Shop, Fayetteville, NC***

*in honor of graduate Ryan Hull*

***Matrix Turf Solutions LLC, Warners, NY***

*in honor of graduate Michael Whalen*

***The Portage Country Club, Akron, OH***

*in honor of graduate John Bullock*

***Pikewood National Golf Club, Morgantown, WV***

*in honor of graduate Daniel Maier*

***Riverton Fire Co Inc., Riverton, NJ***

*in honor of graduate Dan Baker*

## Our Instructors

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

## Program

### **Welcoming Remarks**

*Mr. Jim Morris*, Associate Director, Office of Continuing  
Professional Education

*Dr. Bruce Clark*, Director, Center for Turfgrass Science

### **Presentation of the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Achievement Award**

*Mr. Joseph Bianco, Mr. Thom Ritchie*

### **Presentation of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School Certificates**

*Mr. Steven Langlois, Mr. Edward Lipman, Jr.*

### **Scholarship Presentations**

*Dr. Bruce Clark*

### **Keynote Speaker**

*Mr. Thomas Breiner*

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

*Mr. Jim Morris*

*Professional Golf Turf Management School*  
**Fall Class of 2012**

Steven Aspinall, *Honors*  
Steven Benally, *High Honors*  
Michael Broadbent  
Joseph Brock  
Lloyd Chancellor  
Albert Danza  
Andrew Douglas  
Skip Douglass  
Christopher Eustace  
Grant Harvey, *Honors*  
Tim Hitchcock, *Honors*  
Alex Kleckner, *Highest Honors*  
Josh Knapp, *High Honors*  
Erik Lachance, *Honors*  
Peter Maiers  
Michael McNay  
Chad Nelson  
William O'Brien, *High Honors\*\**  
Ronaldo Ramos, *Honors*  
Nicholas Saviano, *Honors*  
Anthony Sherman  
Mark Stettler, *High Honors*  
Brian Wanta, *Honors*  
Vince Wood, *Honors*  
Thomas Woodward, *Honors*

**\*\* Class President**

## *Professional Golf Turf Management School* Winter Class of 2013

Zachary Allen	Francis McLaughlin
Frank Argento, <i>Highest Honors</i>	Travis Meagher
Christian Avila, <i>Honors</i>	Michael Mohn, <i>Highest Honors</i>
Daniel Baker, <i>Honors</i>	Joshua Moore
Charles Balog, <i>High Honors</i>	Benjamin Mummy, <i>Highest Honors</i>
Michael Bibler, <i>Highest Honors</i>	Kevin Neri
John Bullock, <i>Honors</i>	Byron Nielsen, <i>High Honors</i>
Kevin Coghlan	Justin Nowicki
Tyler Cole, <i>Highest Honors</i>	Adam Pearl, <i>High Honors</i>
Marc DeMaio, <i>High Honors</i>	James Pierson, <i>Honors</i>
Bill Diers, <i>Honors</i>	Joshua Rogers, <i>High Honors</i>
Christopher Dodd, <i>Highest Honors**</i>	Ashley Schuler
Colton Donahue	Mark Scott, <i>Highest Honors</i>
Michael Grillo, <i>Highest Honors</i>	Timofrey Shalaev
Ryan Hull, <i>Honors</i>	Alexander Smith
Brady Iams	Alexey Solovyev
Adam Imirie	Aaron Storace
Timothy Jencunas, <i>Honors</i>	Jacob Suelflow, <i>Honors</i>
Stephen Juhring, <i>Honors</i>	Tegan Udeh
Timothy Koch, <i>Honors</i>	Frank Varrone
William Lawecki, <i>High Honors</i>	Mathew Vollrath
Eric Levee, <i>Highest Honors</i>	Patrick Welter, <i>Highest Honors</i>
Daniel Maier, <i>Honors</i>	Michael Whalen, <i>High Honors</i>
Travis Marshall, <i>Highest Honors</i>	Brian Young
Christopher McCarthy, <i>High Honors</i>	

**\*\* Class President**

## 2013 Scholarship Recipients

### **Duke Polidor Memorial Scholarship**

*Kirk Bacsu*                      *Frank Tropenbaum*  
*Jory Horsley*                      *Brandon Turnbull*  
*Eric Nicholas*                      *Brian Woodward*  
*Brian Opheim*                      *Javid Yamin*  
*Jeffrey Swanson*

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

*Kyle Genova*    *Austin Grimshaw*    *James Hempfling*

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

*Ryan Daddio*    *Eric Koch*                      *LoraBeth West*

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

*Ryan Daddio*                      *Kyle Genova*

### **New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation**

*Pat Burgess*    *James Hempfling*    *Christopher Navin*

### **Paul DesChamps Memorial Scholarships**

*William Creed*                      *Adam Knieriem*

### **Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey**

*Eric Chen*                      *Kyle Genova*

### **Henry Indyk Graduate Fellowship**

*Lisa Beirn*

### **Ralph Engel Scholarship**

*Natalia Arlint*                      *Jacob Talley*



## **2013 Scholarship Recipients**

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

*Karen Ambrose*                      *Pat Burgess*  
*Eric Chen*                              *Richard Chen*  
*Liang Cheng*                        *Austin Grimshaw*  
*James Hempfling*                *David Jespersen*  
*Eric Koch*                            *Chas Schmid*  
*Trent Tate*            *Jinyu Wang*            *Ruying Wang*

### **Ralph Geiger Scholarships**

*Karen Ambrose*                      *Vinny Averello*  
*Lisa Beirn*                              *Pat Burgess*  
*Eric Chen*                              *Ryan Daddio*  
*Mitchell Eickhoff*                *Casey Jahr*  
*David Jespersen*                *Eric Koch*  
*Chas Schmid*                        *Jianlong Sun*  
*Trent Tate*                            *Ruying Wang*  
*LoraBeth West*                      *Lingcheng Zheng*

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

*Zachary Breck*                      *Scott Brewer*                      *Seth Orr*

### **Golf Course Builders Association**

*Jianlong Sun*

### **Nu-Faram Chemical Company**

*Joshua Linsmeyer*

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

*Jonathan Tesmer*

## 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.

<b>1992</b>	Dr. Richard H. Hurley
<b>1993</b>	Mr. Joe Bianco, Sr.
<b>1994</b>	Mr. Edward V. Lipman, Jr.
<b>1995</b>	Dr. Louis Vasvary
<b>1996</b>	Mr. Dennis DeSanctis, Sr.
<b>1997</b>	Mr. Robert Alonzi
<b>1998</b>	Mr. Michael Mongon
<b>1999</b>	Mr. Thomas Ritchie
<b>2000</b>	Dr. Henry Indyk
<b>2001</b>	Mr. Stephen Kristoph
<b>2002</b>	Dr. Richard Caton
<b>2003</b>	Mr. Gary Nokes
<b>2004</b>	Dr. Karen Plumley-Luepke
<b>2005</b>	Mr. Steven Langlois
<b>2006</b>	Mr. Richard Buckley
<b>2007</b>	Ms. Marie Pompei
<b>2008</b>	Mr. Shaun Barry
<b>2009</b>	Mr. Ken Kubik
<b>2010</b>	Mr. Fran Owsik
<b>2011</b>	Mr. James Morris
<b>2012</b>	Mr. William Dickson

**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

**The NJAES Office of Continuing Professional Education**

*Jim Morris*, Associate Director  
*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 Dickson, 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
- 2011** Kenneth Krausz, Class of 1986
- 2012** Glenn A. Miller, Class of 1984



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