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26th Annual Turfgrass Student Awards Dinner

The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station
Office of Continuing Professional Education,
The Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science,
The Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association, and
The New Jersey Turfgrass Association

Thursday, November 5th, 2015

Neilson Dining Hall | New Brunswick Campus
Welcome to our

26th Annual Student Awards Dinner
hosted by

The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES)

Robert M. Goodman, Executive Director;
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Larry Katz, Director, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science (CTS)

Dr. Bruce Clarke, Director

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Fran Koppell, Senior Program Coordinator

Dr. Josh Honig, Academic Advisor

We greatly appreciate your presence here this evening
and hope that you will enjoy celebrating
the achievements of our students.

Ralph Engel Scholarship Dr. Engel was a faculty member for more
than thirty years. Although his interests were turfgrass research, his passion
was the education of students to prepare them for careers in turfgrass
management. Dr. Engel’s mark on this industry is felt to this day through his
former pupils, many of whom are now leaders in their field, and each time
as we celebrate the graduation of students from the Rutgers Professional Golf
Turf Management School, a program he founded back in 1962. This award
honors his memory.

Ralph Geiger Scholarship Mr. Geiger was an avid golfer and businessman
with a desire to help students who wanted to be superintendents. He took
a liking to our programs at Rutgers and contributed significant amounts of
money to turf scholarships. He died in 2005 and Rutgers endowed the chair
and named our education center after him. He was a great person, a turf
researcher committed to getting his hands dirty and helping superintendents
solve everyday problems.

Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Scholarship is supported by
donations made by the members of the Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association.
The alumni support the education of current students so that they might also
realize the goal of a Rutgers education.

Sports Field Managers Association of NJ The SFMANJ is an organization
committed to enhancing the professionalism of athletic field managers. Their
primary goals include the improved safety, playability, and appearance of
athletic fields at all levels.

Thank you all for your generous support
of Rutgers Turf Education!
Scholarships

**Golf Course Builders Association** is a nonprofit trade association of the world’s foremost golf course builders and leading suppliers to the golf course construction industry.

**Golf Course Superintendent Association of New Jersey Scholarship** awards are supported by the GCSA-NJ to help further the education of students desiring a career in the golf course industry.

**New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Scholarship** are supported by members of the New Jersey Landscape Contractor’s Association as a way to encourage and support the study of turfgrass science at the undergraduate level.

**New Jersey State Golf Association and Ralph Engel Caddie Scholarship** is an award for the turfgrass science students who had been caddies in during their high school years.

**New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation** is the benevolence arm of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. NJTF supports student scholarships, research, and facilities upgrades at Cook College to the benefit of the turfgrass community of New Jersey.

**Paul Des Champs Memorial Scholarship** Paul DesChamps was an active member of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and former recipient of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association Hall of Fame Award. This scholarship is given to students whose career goal is to become a golf course superintendent.

**Peter S. Loft Memorial Scholarship** is in memory of Peter Loft, of Loft Seed, Inc. Peter was an active member of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and former recipient of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association Hall of Fame Award. Established after Peter’s death in 1983, these awards support certificate students, undergraduates and graduate students.

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**Professional Golf Turf Management School**

**Award for Professional Excellence**

is awarded annually to alumni of our program who have excelled in their fields. 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
- 2013 Thomas Breiner, Class of 1991
- 2014 Paul Dotti, Class of 1994
2015-2016 Scholarship Recipients

Golf Course Builders Association Scholarship
Kyle Genova

Golf Course Superintendents Association of NJ Scholarships
James Hempfling  Yuanshuo (Henry) Qu  Charles Schmid

New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association Scholarships
Patrick Burgess  Hui (Eric) Chen  James Hempfling

New Jersey State Golf Association and
Ralph Engel Caddie Scholarships
Elizabeth Holmes  Meaghan Wells  Katherine Wickel

New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation
Hall of Fame - Lisa Beirn
Challenge - Patrick Burgess
Louis Vasvary - Ruying Wang

Paul DesChamps Memorial Scholarships
Gregory Belicka  Jesse Vincent  Landon White

Peter S. Loft Memorial Scholarships
Vincenzo Averello  Gregory Belicka  Patrick Burgess
Cathryn Chapman  Qiang (Richard) Chen  James Hempfling
Elizabeth Holmes  David Jespersen  Jillian Keough
Yuanshuo (Henry) Qu  Tyler Robb  Stephanie Rossi
Charles Schmid  Trent Tate  Phillip Vines
Jinyu Wang  Ruying Wang

Ralph Engel Scholarship
Darryl DeShais  Brian Dunn  Levi Singleton

Ralph Geiger Scholarships
Patrick Burgess  Hui (Eric) Chen  Peter Danaher
Kyle Genova  Austin Grimeshaw  James Hempfling
Elizabeth Holmes  Jillian Keough  Caleb Lytle
John Morrow  Jonathon Oppenheim  Brandon Perrine
Yuanshuo (Henry) Qu  Stephanie Rossi  Trent Tate
Phillip Vines  Jinyu Wang  Charles Watson
Meaghan Wells  Katherine Wickel

Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association Scholarship
William Hoppe  Vincent Taylor

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey
Elizabeth Holmes  Meaghan Wells  Katherine Wickel

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