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Dave Gardner Earns Professional Excellence Award



Mark Jordan (left) congratulates Dr. David Gardner on earning the 2006 OTF Professional Excellence Award.

At the [2006 Ohio Turfgrass Foundation](#) Conference & Show in December an awards ceremony honored industry personnel and turfgrass science students. Turfgrass Science Associate Professor **David Gardner** was honored with the OTF Professional Excellence Award.

Since joining the Horticulture & Crop Science Department in 2000, Dr. Gardner has written 16 peer-reviewed publications, taught several courses each year and recently earned the Price Advising Award for his service to Ohio State's turfgrass science students.

Dr. Gardner conducts between 15 and 30 field research studies, with particular emphasis on weed control, turfgrass stress physiology, and nitrogen and pesticide fate in turfgrass. He also delivers numerous industry talks and writes for several trade journals. Dr. Gardner advises graduate and undergraduate students, serves as advisor to the OSU Turf Club, prepares the students for the annual GCSAA Turf Bowl, and serves as chaperone for these 15-20 undergraduates at the GCSAAA Conference and Show annually. Currently he advises five graduate students: **Qingfang Chen, Ed Nangle, Emily Horner, Ryan Beeson, and Kelley Dimke.**

"Dave Gardner has been a great addition to the Ohio State University Turfgrass Program. He exemplifies the best in the 'team work' concept with his colleagues in all aspects of teaching, research, and extension at OSU," explains **Dr. John Street**, Extension Turf Specialist. "His expertise in turfgrass management, statistics, mathematics, computer science, and general knowledge of agronomic and horticultural subjects has made him a tremendous resource to his colleagues, the H&CS department, and the H&CS graduate/undergraduate students. He is always willing to help others and share his knowledge. He is a great young man and scientist with a brilliant mind, kind heart and willingness to help all. OSU is very lucky to have him."



At the Conference, The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation presented a check to The Ohio State University for \$154,017.00. This money goes to support turfgrass science faculty & staff, annual management of the OTF Research & Education Facility, and to support turfgrass student scholarships.

The 2006 scholarship winners were:

- Ian Gallagher ~ OTF Scholarship \$1,000
- Joshua Bryant ~ R.D.Baker Memorial Scholarship \$2,500
- Joseph Lachey ~ R.D.Baker Memorial Scholarship \$2,500
- Jeffrey Ritzert ~ R.D.Baker Memorial Scholarship \$2,500
- Erick Shreve ~ R.D.Baker Memorial Scholarship \$2,500
- John Gruneisen ~ Biddulph Scholarship \$5,000

This much appreciated support enables the OSU Turfgrass Program to be leaders in turfgrass education, research and extension.

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