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Gallagher Named James Beard Outstanding Senior



Ohio State Turfgrass Science professors David Gardner (L) and Karl Danneberger (R) present Ian Gallagher with the 2007 James B. Beard Outstanding Senior Award.

Ohio State turfgrass science student **Ian Gallagher** was named the 2006-2007 James B. Beard Outstanding Senior. Originally from Toledo, Ohio, Gallagher has excelled in the OSU turfgrass science program and was recognized for exhibiting characteristics reflective of OSU alumnus **Dr. James Beard** (BS 1957 Agronomy, summa cum laude).

Named in the honor of the preeminent turfgrass scientist of the 20th century, the senior who receives this award should exhibit characteristics reflective of Dr. Beard. These characteristics include strong leadership qualities and integrity, commitment to academics and the turfgrass profession, and willingness to mentor other students. To be considered for this award the student must be nominated by fellow students, faculty or staff.



Ian Gallagher assesses a turf problem during his internship experience at a golf course.

Besides a strong academic background, Ian has extensive internship experience including an internship at Carton House Golf Club in Ireland during 2006. Ian was a member of the OSU Turfgrass scholastic team that competed at the 2006-2007 GIS Annual Collegiate Turf Bowl, officer in the OSU Turfgrass Management Club, and has served as mentor and role model for many of the students in the turf program. He earned the Trans-Mississippi Turfgrass Scholarship, was named a Golf Course Superintendents

Association of America Scholar, earned a scholarship from the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation and was named an American Society for Horticultural Science collegiate scholar.

Ian received the award from **Dr. David Gardner** at the turf program "cook-out" on the last day of class, June 1. Gallagher received a plaque and an autographed copy of [Turf Management for Golf Courses](#) authored by Dr. Beard. Additionally, his name is engraved on a permanent plaque on display at the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Research and Education Center, in Columbus, Ohio.

Gallagher, who graduated in June 2007, has accepted an assistant superintendent position at Hyde Park Country Club in Cincinnati, Ohio.



CFAES Dean Bob Moser thanks the Beards for establishing the James B and Harriet Beard Graduate Fellowship Fund in Turfgrass Physiology/Biochemistry.

Dr. James Beard is president and chief scientist of the International Sports Turf Institute Inc. and professor emeritus of Turfgrass Science at Texas A&M University. An esteemed teacher, mentor, and researcher and an internationally recognized leader in the field of turfgrass science, he has served as technical advisor to turfgrass organizations across the country and around the world. The author of hundreds of scientific papers and articles, he has authored five books and a laboratory manual, in collaboration with his wife, Harriet. The Beards also established a generous endowment fund - the [James B and Harriet Beard Graduate Fellowship Fund in Turfgrass Physiology/Biochemistry](#).

Previous winners of the James B. Beard Outstanding Senior Award include **Scott Pavalko, Brad Novotny, Adam Alt, Christina Todd** and **Stephanie Heston**.

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