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## Turfgrass Science Student Scholarships Awarded



Ryan Beeson, OSU Turfgrass Science Major.

A highlight of the 39th Annual Ohio Turfgrass Conference & Show was six Ohio State Turfgrass Science students earning academic scholarships at the Awards Banquet. During the December 7th ceremony, the [Ohio Turfgrass Foundation](#) (OTF) presented \$25,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in turfgrass management, including the annual Don Sweda and George Biddulph Memorial Scholarships. An additional \$10,000 was awarded to four students that received the R.D. Baker Memorial Scholarships, presented by the Ohio Turfgrass Research Trust - the non-profit, charitable fund-raising arm of OTF.

The Ohio Turfgrass Foundation also presented Dean Bobby Moser from the College of Food, Agriculture & Environmental Sciences, with a check for \$163,000. This money was awarded to support: turfgrass science undergraduate student scholarships, turfgrass faculty & staff research and outreach efforts, and maintenance of the OTF/OSU Turfgrass Research & Education Facility.

The following Ohio State turfgrass science students earned scholarships from OTF.

### *Don Sweda Memorial Scholarship*

**Ryan Beeson**, a 5th year senior at OSU in the Turfgrass Science program, is the Turf Club President and member of the 2005 OSU GCSAA Turf Bowl Team and STMA National Turf Bowl Team. Steve Renzetti, from Quaker Ridge Golf Club stated, "Ryan has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition." Ryan plans to attend graduate school after graduating in the Winter of 2006.

### *George Biddulph Memorial Scholarship*



OSU Turfgrass student John Koenig.

**John Koenig** is a senior at OSU pursuing a Bachelors degree in Turfgrass Science and a minor in Agribusiness. John is also an active member of the OSU Turf Club and was elected as the Liaison/Head of Marketing in 2004 and Vice President in 2005. In addition, he is a member of OTF, OSTMA & GCSAA. His internships at The Ohio State University Athletic Field Maintenance Dept., Sylvania Country Club, and Kirtland Country Club, volunteer work at the Columbus Crew Stadium, and his studies at the Ohio State University have only enhanced his desire to obtain his Bachelors degree.

### *R.D. Baker Memorial Scholarship*



OSU turfgrass major Ian Gallagher.

**Ian Gallagher** is a junior at The Ohio State University in the Turfgrass Program. Currently Ian is a member of the Ohio State Turf Club, Turfgrass Quiz Bowl and a member of the Society of Success. After finishing his four year Turfgrass Science Degree at Ohio State, he plans on eventually becoming a golf course superintendent. Michael Barton CGCS says, "Ian's personality mixes stubbornness with curiosity and pride in the correct amounts to make a

good turf manager. He takes direction well, pays attention to detail and commits his best effort to excellence."

### *Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Scholarship*



OSU turfgrass major Wes Appelfeller.

**Weston Appelfeller** is a Senior in the Turfgrass Program and is currently the Secretary of the OSU Turf Club. Weston's goal after graduating is to obtain a job at a baseball stadium. David R. Mellor, Director of Grounds at the Boston Red Sox said "During my 18 years of running internship programs in the Major Leagues, Weston is truly one of the best young men I have had the pleasure to work with."

**John Gruneisen** is a sophomore in the Turfgrass Program at OSU and is a member of the Turf Club. John was also a grounds crew volunteer for the LPGA Wendy's Championship for Children at Tartan Fields Golf Club. After graduation, Gruneisen plans on attaining a job as an assistant golf course superintendent and eventually wants to be head superintendent at a "Top 100" golf course in the USA. Bob Beck, Scioto Country Club said, "John has always performed at a level equal to or above what was expected."

**Russell Horn** is a junior at OSU and is a member of the OSU Turf Club, Student member of Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, Sports Turf Managers Association and Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association. Russell's goal after graduation is to obtain a position as a head groundskeeper at a professional sports stadium. Laura Deeter,

Assistant Professor, ATI stated, "Russ works hard and does quite well with the plant identification courses. He asks intelligent and relevant questions and is a studious and attentive student."

**Brian McGuire** recently completed his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Turfgrass Management at OSU/ATI and is transferring to the Columbus campus where he plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree. "Brian is a true leader of men. He accepts nothing but quality in all aspects of his duties and assignments," stated Todd Bishop, Cumberland Trail Golf Course.

Please visit the [Ohio State Turf Program](#) to learn more about the teaching, research and extension work performed by Ohio State faculty, staff and students.

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