

# 2002 STMA FOY

## award and scholarship winners



The Field of the Year Awards will be presented January 17 at the Sports Turf Managers Association's (STMA) 14th Annual Conference and Exhibition Awards Banquet in San Antonio. The Awards are presented for top maintenance of natural playing surfaces and support facilities in baseball, softball, football, and soccer and are the highest honor STMA bestows upon a facility.

STMA is a not-for-profit international association of more than 2,400 sports turf professionals from schools, colleges and universities, parks and recreation and municipal facilities, and professional stadiums; from research, teaching and cooperative extension personnel; and representatives of commercial affiliates who unite in promoting better and safer sports turf areas. The association and its affiliated chapters collect and disseminate scientific, educational and practical knowledge on the science of growing grass and the art of maintaining sports turf to produce safe and aesthetically pleasing playing surfaces. The Association and its membership are focused on a common goal: Providing the best sports surfaces for all levels of play.

Field of the Year entrants must supply information on the design of the facility, the uses of the facility that impact the playing surface, the organization of the maintenance program and innovative solutions used to overcome playing surface problems. Photos of specific areas of the field must be provided to document the playability and appearance of the playing surface.

Each of the five judges on the Awards Committee review the entrants independently, grading them on each aspect of the criteria. The results of the independent input of the five judges determine the winning field.

### Baseball Fields of the Year

*2002 STMA Baseball Field of the Year in the Professional division*  
Louisville Slugger Field, home of the Louisville Bats  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Thomas R. Nielsen, Head Sports Turf Manager

*2002 STMA Baseball Field of the Year in the College/University division*  
The Raymond H. "Hap" Spuhler Field of George Mason University  
Fairfax, Virginia  
Michael W. Sullenberger, Sports Turf Manager

*2002 STMA Baseball Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division*  
Eagle Park of Arlington Baptist School  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Andrew Gossel, Head of Athletic Field Maintenance,  
Boys' Athletic Director and P.E. Teacher

### Softball Fields of the Year

*2002 STMA Softball Field of the Year in the College/University division*  
Pioneer Field of Texas Woman's University  
Denton, Texas  
Robert Trevino

*2002 STMA Softball Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division*  
C. Moore Field of Putnam City West High School  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Rick Newville, Coach

### Soccer Fields of the Year

*2002 STMA Soccer Field of the Year in the College/University division*  
Reeves Field of American University  
Washington, DC  
Nick Gammill, CSFM, Sports Turf Manager

*2002 STMA Soccer Field of the Year in the High School/Parks division*  
The Soccer Fields of Danny Cunniff Park of the  
Park District of Highland Park, Illinois  
Ted Baker, CSFM, Superintendent of Parks

### Football Fields of the Year

*2002 STMA Football Field of the Year in the College/University division*  
Folsom Field of the University of Colorado  
Boulder, Colorado  
Jason DePaepe, Athletic Field Manager