

SAFE

## SAFE awards 10 Scholarships



**T**he Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments (SAFE) has awarded \$12,500 in scholarships to 10 students who are pursuing sports field management or research at a college or university.

Taking top honors in the graduate student category is James Brosnan, The Pennsylvania State University, who was awarded the Dr. James Watson scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

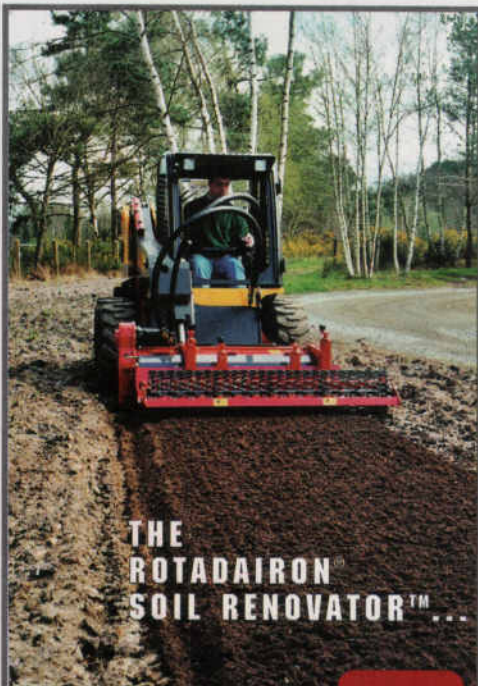
The top winner for the 4-year Dr. James Watson scholarship is Wendy Walsh from the University of Florida, who also received \$2,000. These two awards are funded by The Toro Company Giving Program and are named in honor of Dr. James Watson, a long-time green industry researcher and consultant.

The Fred Grau scholarship went to Preston Stensrud from Southeast Technical Institute. This scholarship award honors the late Dr. Fred Grau, who was the first turfgrass extension specialist in the US. This \$1,250 scholarship goes to an undergraduate student in a 2-year turf program. Another \$1,250 scholarship was awarded to Weston Appelfeller from The Ohio State University. Six \$1,000 scholarships were awarded:

- Nathan Bickerstaff, Penn State
- Noah Snyder, University of Massachusetts
- John Koenig, Ohio State
- Gregory Yeich, Penn State
- Theresa Bayrer, Virginia Tech
- Noel Brusius, Anoka Tech (MN)

Each student will be recognized during the STMA annual awards banquet, held in conjunction with the STMA Conference and Exhibition. The banquet is Friday, January 20 at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center in Orlando. In addition to the scholarship, the scholarship winners receive a complimentary conference registration and up to \$500 in travel or lodging expenses.

The SAFE Foundation (The Foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments) is the charitable arm of the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA). It was formed to provide funds for research, scholarship, and education to help sports turf managers with the challenges they face in managing athletic fields. ■



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