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The generous contributions to SAFE allowed The Foundation to award scholarships to 10 two-year, four-year and graduate students this year and fund continuing education to the 2006 STMA annual conference.

Our two-year program has a special scholarship named in honor of Dr. Fred Grau, who was the first turfgrass extension specialist in the U.S. Ed Schmacentenberger, Mt. San Antonio College, is this year's Grau Award recipient. Other two-year winners are Chris Romo, Mt. San Antonio College, and Brian Sayers, Michigan State University.

Four-year Scholarship winners included the Dr. James Watson Scholarship recipient, Will Jellicorse, University of Tennessee; Amy French, Michigan State; Jared Knoodle, Michigan State; Tyler Mittlesteadt, Tennessee; and Anne Beckingham, SUNY-Delhi.

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