Support the SAFE Foundation

For those of you who play golf each year at the Jacobsen/SAFE Golf Tournament, you may know that your golf fees go directly to the SAFE Foundation, a 501(c)3 charity. Through SAFE, its Board of Trustees oversees the funding of scholarships, education, and research. The Foundation's mission is to support sports specific research, educational programs, and environmental concerns to promote user safety. The Foundation has been awarding scholarships to deserving men and women who are pursuing a career as a sports turf manager and to those who are graduate students in research. In addition to the generous donations from Jacobsen for the tournament, the Toro Foundation Giving Program also helps to support the SAFE scholarship program.

SAFE scholarship winners
SAFE has also provided funding to the STMA Student Challenge, with platinum sponsor Hunter Industries. At the conference, SAFE awarded $4,000 to each of the two winning teams of the Student Challenge to use to develop hands-on learning laboratories at their colleges or universities. SAFE awarded $12,500 in scholarships to 10 outstanding men and women. The awardees are: Anne Beckingham, SUNY-Delhi; Amy French, Michigan State; Will Jellicorste, University of Tennessee; Jared Knoode, Michigan State; Tyler Mittlestad, University of Tennessee; Chris Romo, Mt. San Antonio College; Brian Sayers, Michigan State; Ed Schmachtenberger, Mt. San Antonio College; Thomas Serenstts, Penn State; and Adam Thoms, University of Tennessee.

SAFE's future goal is to fund research on significant issues affecting sports field management. Together with STMA and the NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association), SAFE has funded a video on mound-building and home plate maintenance. The video is available for purchase through the STMA website and was offered for sale in the merchandise area at the annual conference.

STMA Chapters


Chesapeake Chapter STMA (formerly Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization - MAFMO Chapter STMA): www.ccstma.org.


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