

Zachary Avers of The Ohio State University was the winner of the 2013 Gary Vanden Berg Internship Grant. Avers interned at Emirates Stadium in London for the Arsenal Football Club.

Don Scholl, CSFM, superintendent of parks, sports fields & trees for the city of Tracy, CA won The Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant, sponsored by Turface Athletics. This grant funds an STMA affiliated chapter member's attendance to the Conference and honors the importance of continuing education that Terry strongly supported his entire life.

SAFE's top scholarship in a 2-year program is named after Fred Grau, the first turfgrass extension specialist in the US. This year's Fred Grau winner was **Danielle Booth** from Mt. San Antonio College.

The SAFE undergraduate winner from a 4-year institution was **Evan Fowler**. He attends The Pennsylvania State University and, as the top scorer, received the James R. Watson Undergraduate SAFE scholarship sponsored by the Toro Company. Additional winners of SAFE undergraduate scholarships include **Josh Alleman** from Michigan State

University; **Josh Lenz**, from Iowa State University; and **oel Rieker**, from Iowa State University.

There were three graduate winners of SAFE scholarships: the top scorer was **Chase Straw** from the University of Georgia. He won the Watson Graduate SAFE Scholarship, sponsored by The Toro Company. The other SAFE graduate winners were **Kyle Dickson**, from the University of Tennessee and **Kevin Hansen**, from Iowa State University.

As a tribute to the Dr. Watson, Master of Ceremonies Tim Moore had everyone who ever received a Watson Scholarship stand to be recognized. Dr. Watson, a long-time agronomist at Toro, passed away in late 2013. The James R. Watson Scholarship program was established in 1998 in his honor.

Since 1989, STMA has hosted its annual convention at major cities across the U.S. including Daytona Beach, Fla. in 2013. Next year's event will be held in Denver, Colo. Jan. 13-16, 2015. Additional future sites include San Diego, Calif. (2016); Orlando, Fla. (2017) and Fort Worth, Tex. (2018). ■



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