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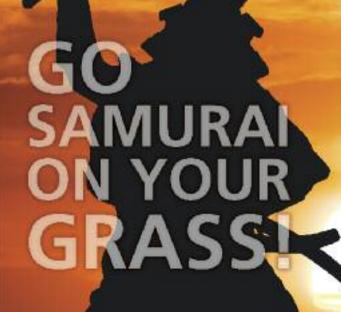
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Our faculty, including Corey Russell who teaches at HGTC along with his primary responsibilities as Grounds Manager for the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, worked hard to expand our turf program in the sports turf arena. HGTC has long been a well-known golf course management program, so going to Daytona Beach became a litmus test for how far we have come as a sports turf program. Our team came out of the student challenge test cautiously optimistic. When the scores were posted and HGTC finished first it felt as if we had won an NCAA title! We will again compete at the local turf competitions in the hope we can return to the STMA convention in San Antonio. The entire HGTC team, faculty included, was amazed at the convention setup, professionalism, and trade show.

On the heels on returning to Conway, SC our students started making the transition to our brand new educational facility. The new classrooms and labs, including collaborative learning areas, are part of a campus-wide modernization program. The transition to the new facility has challenged and invigorated students and faculty alike.

Now that we have settled in, we looked at how we could best use the generous prize money to aid and inspire our students. We decided to purchase two different types of field painting machines. While the science of turfgrass is something we feel we teach well, the art of sports turf management is an evolving target. Part of that art is to prepare sports fields for these important game day functions that garner so much attention. By purchasing a "high end machine" as well as a model found in more "modest" facilities, we felt that no matter where our graduates go…they will be prepared.

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