Aquatrols has established the Aquatrols Robert A. Moore Endowment Fund within the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Foundation. The fund will support research for growing golf course turf in environmentally sound ways.

Aquatrols established the fund with money obtained from the corporation and various family members. Aquatrols has made a commitment to maintain the contribution level of this fund through proceeds from the sales of Aquatrols turf-management products.

More than 45 years ago, the founder of Aquatrols, Robert Moore, recognized the value of improving water penetration into the soil and reducing the unnecessary waste of water. He developed and patented the first soil wetting agent technology and founded Aquatrols.

Since applied research

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn — The Toro Co. has provided a $150,000 leadership grant through the National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Foundation for the development of a turf studies program in high schools around the nation designed to address growing labor shortages in turf, landscape and golf course management. The program will be developed and conducted by the National Council for Agricultural Educators. "Our customers tell us that one of the biggest operational problems today is finding trained professionals to handle the growth in the landscape and turf maintenance industry," said Kendrick Melrose, chairman and chief executive officer of Toro.

"The FFA program will help provide an excellent training academy to develop professional turf managers."

As a major sponsor of the First Tee program, Toro has created a link between the First Tee and the FFA to designate the courses as training labs for FFA turf management studies. Utilizing its network of distributors and dealers in the landscape and maintenance business, Toro will arrange career fairs, guest speeches and demonstrations for agricultural education students and FFA chapters.

"Through our network of customer relationships and industry partnerships, we can help put students in a position to succeed," said Melrose.

Tyler establishes Purdue scholarship

ELWOOD, Ill. — Bruce Jasurda, chief operating officer of Tyler Enterprises, Inc. has announced the formation of the Mentor Scholarship, a $5,000 annual award to qualified students enrolled in Purdue University's turfgrass science option in the Department of Agronomy.

This scholarship recognizes and honors those people in our industry who have made a positive impact on the lives of others by sharing their time and knowledge. It is also meant to encourage each scholarship recipient to become a mentor in their own right, as their career in turfgrass management evolves," said Jasurda.

Nick Strehle, a senior enrolled in the Purdue University turfgrass science option in the Department of Agronomy, was awarded the $5,000 Mentor Scholarship at the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation luncheon in Indianapolis.

Strehle was awarded the scholarship

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