Five Students Receive Stodola Scholarships

Five students — two of whom have worked at Interlachen Country Club, two at Golden Valley Country Club and one at Rochester Golf & Country Club — have been awarded the 1993 Harold Stodola Memorial Scholarships.

From a field of outstanding candidates, the MGCSA Scholarship Committee has recommended to the association's Board of Directors that $1,000 scholarships be awarded to:

Daniel W. Augdahl, University of Minnesota, Interlachen Country Club/John Katterheinrich superintendent;

Brian P. Driste, Penn State, Golden Valley Country Club/Mike Olson superintendent;

Janelle K. Lord, Riverland Tech, Rochester G&CC/James Gardner superintendent;

Michael R. Lund, Anoka Tech, Golden Valley CC/Mike Olson superintendent, and

Brian Nettz, University of Minnesota, Interlachen Country Club, John Katterheinrich superintendent.

"Congratulations to these outstanding individuals for their dedication and scholastic achievement in pursuit of a career in turf management," said committee members Steve Garske, Joe Moris and John Harris.

Daniel Augdahl, 27, who earned a business degree at Mankato State University in 1989 and now is majoring in turf management at the University of Minnesota, made the dean's list at Mankato and also received the Maverick Achievement Award (senior athlete with a 3.0 or higher GPA for four years).

At Bloomington Jefferson High School he was captain of the school's state champion cross country ski team and also ran track and cross country at Mankato State.

He has been on the staff of Interlachen since June, 1985, where he is a spray technician after having worked on the general grounds crew.

"While going to Mankato State, I worked at Interlachen," Augdahl said. "After getting my business degree, I was unable to find a satisfactory business job. I re-evaluated what I liked doing, and it was working on a golf course. I hope to become a superintendent of a major golf course."

Brian Driste, 25, was graduated from St. Cloud State University and now is a turfgrass management student at Pennsylvania State University. He also attended Park Center High School in Brooklyn Park, where he earned two letters in varsity soccer, and North Hennepin Community College. At Penn State, where he plans to be graduated next March, Brian ranked tied for third in his class with a 3.94 GPA.

Brian worked on the grounds crew under Superintendent Tom Fischer at Edinburgh USA for five years before joining the staff of Golden Valley CC last April.

"I initially was stimulated by golf as a youngster who enjoyed playing the game," he said. "I later started working at a golf course and enjoyed the atmosphere, then knew this was what I wanted for a career."

Janelle Lord, 34, a 1981 graduate of Robbinsdale High School and North Hennepin Technical Institute in 1981, currently is a student at Anoka Hennepin Technical College, where he plans to graduate next June.

At North Hennepin he received Carpenter of the Year qualification for extended carpentry classes and was named to both the Faculty Honor Roll and President's Honor Roll in 1993. He also was treasurer of the Vocational Institute Clubs of America.

After working construction in Minneapolis for 11 years, he joined Golden Valley's staff in June, 1992.

"My interest in environmental issues and love for wildlife and its surroundings was responsible for my initial interest in this profession," Lund said. "Turf management has sparked an interest in my understanding of what turf and plant needs are and to give them what is needed."

Brian Nettz, 22, Plymouth, studied at North Hennepin Community College for 14 months before enrolling at the University of Minnesota in September, 1991. He plans to graduate next March.

At Wayzata High School he was a letterwinner in soccer and was named to the National Honor Society. In college he received the Thomas H. Canfield Memorial Scholarship and made the dean's list last spring.

"While working at Interlachen I enjoyed the work," Nettz said. "The long hours don't bother me too much. It turned out I was pretty good at what I did on the course, and I enjoy working outside and with the different people on the crew."

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