

FTGA Foundation Presented Four Scholarships at 2010 Conference



Bradley Williams



Douglas Faller



Steven Denvir



Bradley Quakenbush

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At the October 2010 FTGA Conference in Show in Orlando the Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation (FTRF) presented four Florida students with scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year. All recipients attend either the University of Florida or Florida Gateway College (formerly Lake City Community College) and are preparing for careers as a golf course superintendent or in turfgrass management. These students were selected based on their academic record, leadership capabilities and extra-curricular activities.

University of Florida: Bradley Thomas Williams received the Col. Frank Ward Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500. A 2009 recipient of the FTGA's Max J.

McQuade Scholarship, we are once again enthusiastic to award Bradley Thomas Williams an FTGA Scholarship. Bradley is working toward his Masters Degree in Environmental Horticulture. His Master's Thesis examines traffic tolerance and recovery rate of eight bermudagrass

cultivars, under the guidance of Assistant Professor Jason Kruse. He has taught turfgrass labs to undergraduate students at UF, delivered several guest lectures and is an active member of the Turf Club. Bradley earned a Bachelor's degree in soil science from the University of

Wisconsin. He has spent seven summers working on golf courses, has interned with the USGA Green Section, and upon graduation, he intends to pursue a career in golf course management in Florida.

Florida Gateway College:

Douglas Faller received the James L. Blackledge Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500. Douglas was born in Winter Haven and is studying turf management with the intention of becoming a Florida-based golf course superintendent. During the school year, he works in golf course maintenance at Haile Plantation Golf & Country Club.



From left: FTGA President Mac Carroway, FTGA Past President Greg Pheneger, U. of Florida student Bradley Williams and FTGA Scholarship Chairman Stacie Zinn at the FTGA Conference Awards Breakfast. Photos by Leading Edge Communications.

His summer internship this year was at Cardsound Golf Club on Key Largo. He also participated in prep work for Jack Nicklaus' Memorial Tournament at Murifield Village in Ohio. Douglas is an active member of Gateway's FTGA Student Chapter.

Stephen Denvir received the Hans Schmeisser Memorial Scholarship for \$1,500. Stephen was born in New Jersey and grew up in Florida. He is studying to become a golf course superintendent and has a special interest in grow-in renovations in Florida. Stephen is an avid golfer and serves as Secretary of the College's Turf Club. He worked at Riviera Country Club in Coral Gables, Spessard Holland Country Club in Melbourne Beach and this summer interned at Trump National in Bedminster, New Jersey. The youngest of seven children of a retired firefighter's and his wife, Stephen said in his application that he was trying to win this scholarship as a gift for his parents for all of their financial support.

Bradley Quackenbush received a General Scholarship for \$1,000. Bradley was born in Winter Haven and is studying turf management at Gateway to pursue a career as a golf course superintendent in Florida. During the school year he is employed at Haile Plantation. He has worked in turf maintenance at Champions Gate, near Orlando, and at highly ranked Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, New York. This summer his internship was at Arnold's Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge in Orlando.

GOT DIVOTS?



**Vegetatively Propagated
Bermudagrass for Divot Recovery**

Divot Recovery

Study by The University of Arkansas

Celebration was the top rated vegetatively propagated Bermudagrass for divot recovery in a study by The University of Arkansas.

Nonlinear regression results for predicting bermudagrass variety recovery from injury. Varieties are sorted by average K value (fastest to slowest recovery). 48 cultivars were evaluated in this study. The below chart only includes the 22 varieties commercially available.

Variety	Propagation ¹	2003		2004		
		K ²	(SE)	K ²	(SE)	
La Paloma	S	0.115	(0.0071)	0.96	0.201 (0.0125)	0.96
Yukon	S	0.122	(0.0078)	0.96	0.193 (0.0112)	0.97
SR 9554	S	0.130	(0.0011)	0.93	0.179 (0.0143)	0.93
Celebration	V	0.121	(0.0066)	0.97	0.177 (0.0107)	0.96
Arizona Common	S	0.119	(0.0117)	0.91	0.178 (0.0101)	0.96
Panama	S	0.122	(0.0100)	0.93	0.173 (0.0078)	0.98
NuMex Sahara	S	0.141	(0.0047)	0.99	0.152 (0.0114)	0.93
Princess 77	S	0.129	(0.0064)	0.98	0.160 (0.0155)	0.89
Sunstar	S	0.117	(0.0134)	0.88	0.170 (0.0124)	0.94
Transcontinental	S	0.114	(0.0075)	0.96	0.169 (0.0082)	0.97
Riviera	S	0.132	(0.0067)	0.96	0.151 (0.0108)	0.94
Mohawk	S	0.120	(0.0090)	0.94	0.159 (0.0091)	0.96
Sundevil	S	0.117	(0.0045)	0.99	0.148 (0.0087)	0.96
Southern Star	S	0.097	(0.0052)	0.97	0.162 (0.0074)	0.97
Aussie Green	V	0.108	(0.0049)	0.98	0.143 (0.0114)	0.91
GN-1	V	0.092	(0.0038)	0.98	0.158 (0.0101)	0.95
Patriot	V	0.125	(0.0073)	0.97	0.121 (0.0087)	0.93
Midlawn	V	0.114	(0.0059)	0.98	0.130 (0.0075)	0.95
MS-Choice (Bulbeve)	V	0.111	(0.0083)	0.95	0.131 (0.0098)	0.93
Tifway	V	0.096	(0.0062)	0.96	0.139 (0.0072)	0.96
Ashmore	V	0.093	(0.0070)	0.95	0.119 (0.0068)	0.93
TifSport	V	0.074	(0.0072)	0.91	0.128 (0.0096)	0.92

¹ S = seeded, V = vegetative
² K values determine recovery percentage according to the formula:
 $1 - \exp(-K * \text{DAI})$, where DAI = days after injury. Higher K values indicate faster recovery from injury.

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