

MGCSA Awards 1997-98 Stodola Scholarships to Four Students

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Four students currently attending the University of Minnesota, Anoka-Hennepin Technical College, Pennsylvania State University and Iowa State have been awarded the 1997-98 Harold Stodola Memorial Scholarships.

Recommended from an outstanding field of candidates for the \$1,000 grants were:

Jeffrey Daniel Bushlack, University of Minnesota, The Minikahda Club;

Arik Hemquist, Anoka-Hennepin Vocational School, Pine Meadows at Brainerd;

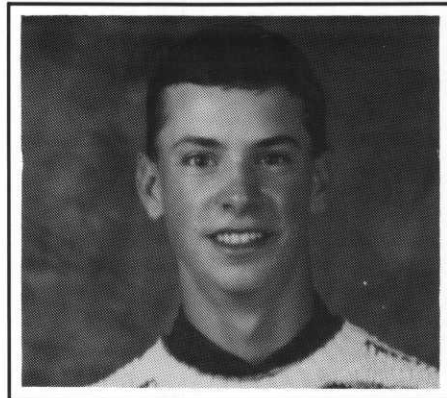
Jeffrey L. Ische, Pennsylvania State University, Wayzata Country Club;

Chad Wilson, Iowa State University, St. Charles Golf Club.

"We have been very impressed with the calibre of the scholarship recipients and wish them well while

the U of M for two consecutive quarters.

At John Marshall Jeff earned five varsity letters, two in baseball and three in hockey and was an all-conference hockey selection in his



Arik Hemquist

senior year. He has continued playing intramural hockey at the University and is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

From 1992 to 1995 he was employed by Country Green Lawncare doing lawn maintenance in Rochester, then joined Doug Mahal's staff at The Minikahda Club in June, 1996.

A student member of the MGCSA and a member of the student chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, he also has been an attendee at the Minnesota Turf & Grounds Conference in Minneapolis.

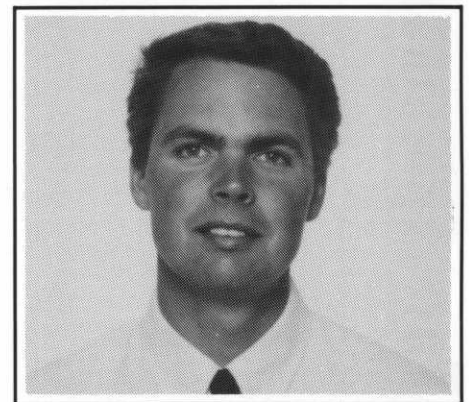
"My interest in the profession came from my father, a turf instructor, so I always had an interest in turf," said Jeff, who also played "a lot of golf as a youngster."

"Now I want to learn as much as I can about turf care, to learn more about diseases and treatments and maybe conduct research to find better ways to manage turf."

In the future he hopes to instill "environmental sensitivity" throughout the profession, to protect and promote the game of golf and "to add to the

high level of integrity that the professional has as a whole."

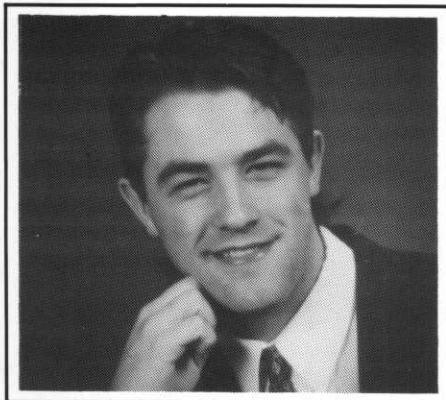
Arik Hemquist, 19, a 1996 graduate of Brainerd High School, enrolled at Anoka-Hennepin that year and intends to complete his two-year program in golf course and grounds management next June. He has worked in golf course maintenance since July, 1994 at Pine Meadows in Brainerd, where Richard Williams is



Jeffrey L. Ische

superintendent.

At Brainerd High School he was a four-year letterwinner in golf and also won a letter in baseball, was an honor graduate and also has made



Jeffrey Daniel Bushlack

they pursue their careers in turf management," said John Queensland, Cedar River CC, chair of the MGSCA's Scholarship Committee.

Jeff Bushlack, 21, a 1994 graduate of John Marshall High School in Rochester, is a junior at the University of Minnesota where he is pursuing a four-year degree in horticultural science with emphasis in turfgrass. In high school he received a certificate for perfect attendance and he made the dean's list at



Chad Wilson

the President's List at Anoka-Hennepin. He is a student member of the MGCSA and of Ducks Unlimited and also has been awarded a scholarship by the Federated Garden Clubs

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of Minnesota, Inc.

"A neighbor boy introduced me to the game of golf at an early age, and I have loved the game ever since," Arik said. "When playing one day I thought that since I love playing and being on a golf course so much, why don't I make a career of it?"

Noting that he "enjoys working outdoors and being with nature," Arik expects a college education "to expand my knowledge in the turf management field and to help prepare me to become a superintendent in the near future." He wants to become a leader in the profession and set an example for others to follow while helping future turfgrass managers gain the skills and knowledge needed for them to become a superintendent.

Jeff Ische, 26, is a 1989 graduate of Lutheran High School in Mayer and a 1994 graduate of Macalester College. He also has attended Mankato State University and Normandale Community College in Bloomington. At Penn State he is enrolled in the school's two-year Turfgrass Management Technical Program.

Jeff has worked at Dahlgreen Golf Club in Chaska and in automotive sales in Great Falls, Mont. This past year he became a student intern in grounds management at Wayzata Country Club. In high school he was a member of the National Honor Society and won letters in basketball and football. He also was a class officer, sang in the concert choir, played intramural volleyball and softball and was a member of the Varsity Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He also is a member of the MGCSA and GCSAA and the Penn State Turf Club. He is a Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education volunteer, a Carver-Scott County Humane Society volunteer and plays community softball. He also has been treasurer of his 4-H Club.

Jeff first became interested in golf when he accepted a nighttime watering position at a nearby golf course

while in high school and began playing a short time later.

"This opportunity to see both perspectives helped me appreciate the skills and knowledge behind a well-kept golf course," he said. "I chose turf management because of my strong agronomic background and genuine enjoyment of the outdoors. I also appreciate the fact that this profession allows the flexibility and creativity of the superintendent to determine appropriate courses of action based on many variables and constraints. I plan on becoming a grounds superintendent at a championship calibre golf course and to help educate the general public about the many environmental benefits a golf course can provide and to promote our industry as a whole."

He expects his education to provide him with the technical knowledge to manage a golf course and to develop the skills necessary to work with people of different backgrounds for a common goal.

Chad Wilson, 19, is a 1996 graduate of St. Charles High School, now is in his second year of the four-year horticulture/turfgrass management program at Iowa State University and plans to graduate in 2000.

In high school he was a member of the band, chorus and other musical groups as well as the National Honor Society and Spanish Club. He was captain of his high school golf team for two years while earning three letters, was in the school's Leaders for Life program and played basketball. Other extra-curricular activities include membership in horticulture, turf and ski clubs.

Chad also is a student member of the GCSAA, the St. Charles Area Youth Task Force and the St. Matthew's Youth Group. He also has received scholarships from the St. Charles Golf Club, the Tri-County Electric Coop, the St. Charles Foundation for Excellence, Academic Foundation, the Iowa Turfgrass Institute and an Academic Recognition Scholarship from Iowa State University.

Chad worked in personal lawn

maintenance in Utica from the summer of 1988 to the fall of 1996. He became involved in golf course maintenance at St. Charles Golf Club in the spring of 1995.

Chad began developing his interest in golf when his mother introduced him to the game and "I fell in love with it," he said. "I knew that becoming a professional golfer was not for me, but I knew that I wanted to stay as close to the game as possible. I began working at a summer job at our local course when I was a junior in high school. Once I began this work, I knew that becoming a superintendent is what I was supposed to do."

From his college experience he expects to gain a formal education in turfgrass management. "Through the university I will have the chance to do many internships and the real-world experience that I receive will better prepare me for a superintendent's position. Eventually I will become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent."

Lucas Mahal, Tamara Johnson Receive MGCSA Legacy Scholarships

Lucas Mahal, son of Doug Mahal, Head Golf Course Superintendent at The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, and Tamara Johnson, daughter of Bill Johnson, former Head Superintendent at Edina Country Club, have been awarded \$1,250 Legacy Scholarships by the Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

Mahal is a student at Vermillion Community College in Ely. Johnson, who also received the scholarship last year, is a student at the University of Wisconsin/LaCrosse.

The legacy scholarship program is designed to assist children and grandchildren of Class AA, A, B, C, C, Associate and Affiliate members. The MGCSA provides scholarships to students attending college or vocational programs at any accredited post secondary institution.