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MGCSA Announces 2001-2002 Student Scholarship Awards

Two students pursuing careers as golf course superintendents, one at Anoka-Hennepin Technical College and the other at Pennsylvania State University, have been awarded \$2,500 MGCSA Scholarships for the 2001-2002 school year.

Jeff Weiss, 19, who is pursuing a two-year AAS degree at Anoka-Hennepin, was graduated last year from Sleeepy Eye High School where he was a Gold Cord Recipient for completing four years of high school with a GPA higher than 92%. For three years he also was captain of his varsity golf team which won conference championships for three of the four years he was on the team.

He also was starting goalie on his high school's varsity hockey team in his senior year; was a member of the schools' concert, jazz and pep bands and was selected to the National Honor Society for which he organized a citywide aluminum can drive, collected food for the local food shelf and participated in a Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Weiss also worked in the grounds maintenance department of Sleepy Eye Golf Club, was a sales associate in the golf department of Sportmart and also worked in the maintenance department of The Ponds at St. Francis.

Eric Ritter, 21, a 1998 graduate of Cretin-Derham High School in St. Paul, expects to graduate next May from Pennsylvania State University where he is pursuing a four-year degree in turfgrass science.

In high school he was an honor student, a member of the junior varsity golf team and winner of a NRA distinguished expert badge and other awards for small bore rifle competitions.

At Penn State Ritter is a student member of the GCSAA and a member of the Penn State Ice Lions hockey team, the school's Turf Club and also plays various intramural sports. He also participates in several fishing tournaments, has played in several adult hockey leagues and tournaments and helped coach a youth ice hockey team at State College, Pa. He also has earned various MGCSA, GCSAA and Penn State scholarships.

His work experience includes golf course maintenance at Brackett's Crossing in Lakeville as well as athletic field maintenance and golf course maintenance at Penn State.

JOSEPH S. GARSKE AND MGCSA LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ANNOUNCED

Two MGCSA Legacy Scholarships and Two Joseph S. Garske Legacy Awards have been announced for the 2001-2002 school year.

Recipients of the MGCSA Awards, both for \$1,000, are:

Joshua Natzel, St. Louis Park, son of Tom and Diane Natzel, and Zach Erickson, Austin, son of Leif and Mary Erickson.

Natzel is a history and secondary education major who anticipates graduating from Augsburg College, Minneapolis, next June. Among other accomplishments, he was captain of Augsburg's basketball team and an academic All-American, competed on the Augies' track and field team and was named on the Dean's List.

Erickson, a civil engineering student at Iowa State University, expects to graduate in December, 2002. Last summer he was employed in the engineering department of the City of Urbandale in Iowa.

Receiving the two Garske Awards, named after Joseph S. Garske, founder of Par Aide Products Co., are **Anthony Grannes**, Eden Prairie, son of Richard and Jodie Grannes, and **Jonah Evenson**, Pelican Rapids, son of Brian and Connie Evenson.

Grannes, who was graduated magna cum laude and was an allconference hockey player at Benilde-St. Margaret's High School, is a finance major at Babson College in Babson Park, Mass. He plans to gradauate in 2005.

Evenson is a student of accounting, math and finance at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

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