

\$2,500 Grant Funded by Par Aide

Penn State Student Receives First Annual Scholarship

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has named Katelyn Ritter of Mount Airy, Md., as the first recipient of the Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grant.

The \$2,500 grant, funded by Par Aide and administered through The

Environmental Institute for Golf, was established in honor of Par Aide company founder Joseph S. Garske. The program awards children of GCSAA members each year to assist in the funding of their education at either an accredited college or trade school. The grant is renewable for a

second year with proof of enrollment and a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

"It's an honor to present Katelyn Ritter with the inaugural scholarship, while recognizing her outstanding achievements in and out of the classroom," said Steve Garske, Par Aide president. "This program is also about doing something for the golf course superintendent. It's great to be able to give something back for their timeless dedication to the game of golf."

Ritter will attend The Pennsylvania State University next fall to study architectural engineering. Her father, Thomas Ritter, CGCS, has been the golf course superintendent at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Springs, Md., since 1997. He is a 16-year GCSAA member.

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Since 1926, GCSAA has been the leading professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 21,000 individual members in more than 65 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.

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