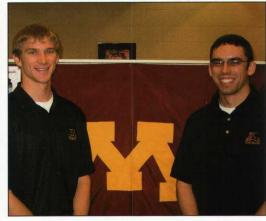
## MGCSA's and U of M Form New Scholarship Partnership

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The Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota is excited to partner with the MGCSA for the awarding of MGCSA scholarships. This new scholarship program will have two goals: (1) Provide current students interested in becoming golf course superinconsidering studying turfgrass science. Utilizing MGCSA scholarships to recruit high quality students into turfgrass science will be of great benefit to the future of the MGCSA.

Two students have been awarded with MGCSA Scholarships for 2009:



Scholarship recipients Nicholas Klinkhammer, left, with Joseph LeVoir.

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tendents with merit-based scholarships to help cover educational costs, and (2) Attract high-quality students to the turf-grass science program at the University of Minnesota. As costs associated with attending the University continue to increase, financial support for students studying turfgrass science is critical. Additionally, there is a need to offer scholarships to high school seniors who are

Joseph LeVoir is a senior in our program. He is currently the president of the Turf Club and has been responsible for the club actively participating in several events including the 2008 U. S. Women's Open, Minnesota Green Expo, University of Minnesota Welcome Week, and the CFANS Alumni Golf Scramble. Recently, Joe has interned at Lost Spur Golf Course in Eagan and Braemar Golf Course in

Edina. Joe is originally from Eagan.

Nicholas Klinkhammer is a junior in the turfgrass program who recently transferred to the University of Minnesota from St. Cloud State University. In the short time he has been at the University, Nick has already become very active in Turf Club and volunteered at the 2009

Minnesota Green Expo. During the past two summers, he has worked at Wapicada Golf Club in Sauk Rapids. Nick is originally from Sartell.





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