

Congratulations MGCSA Legacy Scholarship Recipients

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This year the MGCSA is pleased to award two, \$1,000 MGCSA Legacy Scholarships, to Zachary Churchill and Allison Dodge, a \$1,500 Joseph S. Garske Legacy scholarship to Allison Hable and a \$1,500 Garske scholarship renewal to Kyle Kazmierczak.

The Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents' Association offers a Legacy Scholarship program designed to assist children and grandchildren of Class AA, A, SM, C, D, Associate and Affiliate members. The MGCSA provides scholarships to students attending college or vocational programs at any accredited post-secondary institution. The program is independently managed by Scholarship America, a national non-profit student aid service organization.

Winners of this year's MGCSA Legacy Scholarships are:

Zachary J. Churchill, the son of Joe and Barb Churchill. Joe is a Sales Affiliate with Reinders Inc. Zach is a

graduate of Minnetonka High School and is now enrolled at the Normandale Community College. His is currently undecided in his major.

Kelsey C. Dodge, daughter of Vince and Jenny Dodge. Vince, CGCS, is the Superintendent at The Wilderness at Fortune Bay. Kelsey graduated from Ely Memorial High School and is currently enrolled at Concordia College where she is majoring in Graphic Design.

The Joseph S. Garske Legacy award, named after the founder of Par Aide Products Company, Joe Garske, is committed to further the education of children and grandchildren of MGCSA members through financial contributions. This is the 17th consecutive year for these awards. Par Aide is located in Lino Lakes, Minnesota and owned by Steve Garske, son of Joseph.

The late Mr. Garske, who died at the age of 76 in 1982, started Par Aide in



Legacy and Joseph S. Garske ents. Hard Work Pays Off!

1954 with plans to make a “good” ball washer. A foundry man and avid golfer, he knew little about the golf business, tried to sell his ideas for design and tooling to two accessory companies, was turned down by both and so began Par Aide Products Company. The Legacy Scholarship was started in his honor by Steve in 1996.

“I am pleased to have our company provide these scholarships since for many superintendents, providing a college education for their children requires true sacrifice. I am fortunate to have the opportunity and ability to help,” Garske said.

“As a long-time member of the Scholarship Committee some years ago, it always bothered me that we had lots of scholarships available for turf students but nothing for the legacy of current members,” Garske said. (Heeding the comments of a long-time Minnesota Superintendent that our committee was working to put him out of a job.) While Steve thought this was a bit of paranoid thinking, it did make him realize

that supply and demand works in this industry as well, and if nothing else, an oversupply of eager new superintendents could definitely undermine salaries. However, it was the following premises that motivated Par Aide to initiate a legacy scholarship program:

1) Many Superintendents are underpaid, in my opinion, and they truly work a labor of love. Sending a child to college is likely a real hardship. These same Superintendents who now have college age children were the very ones who had been so responsible for supporting our company through all the years and

had helped us attain our success. We wanted to thank them.

2) Our founder, Joe Garske, did not have any formal education and was always conscious of that fact. He had quietly supported at least one young man in gaining a degree.

3) There were lots of turf student scholarships but few if any Legacy awards.”

So it seemed obvious to Steve to initiate a legacy program and it was discussed at numerous scholarship meet-





Zachary Churchill

ings. The problem was how to administer such a program. Suppliers to our industry did not want to be in a position of judging one potential recipient/customer against another, and Superintendent members were not comfortable with reviewing personal information and making judgments on each other either. The sponsorship concept lay dormant until we discovered the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, now called Scholarship America, an organization that does nothing but review and award scholarships. It's completely impartial and considers all information confidential. The MGCSA quickly agreed to accept the cost of administration and the Joseph S. Garske Legacy was born.

The idea was to provide two two-

year scholarships to deserving children of current MGCSA Members. This program is thought to have been successful by all and has been in existence since 1996, helping numerous sons and daughters of Superintendents pursue their college education. Par Aide has continued to prosper and as an expansion of its Minnesota program, it now also offers a similar program nationwide through the GCSAA.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2013 MGCSA and Joseph S. Garske Legacy Scholarships. Thank you members of the MGCSA and especially Steve Garske for enabling these fine individuals to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

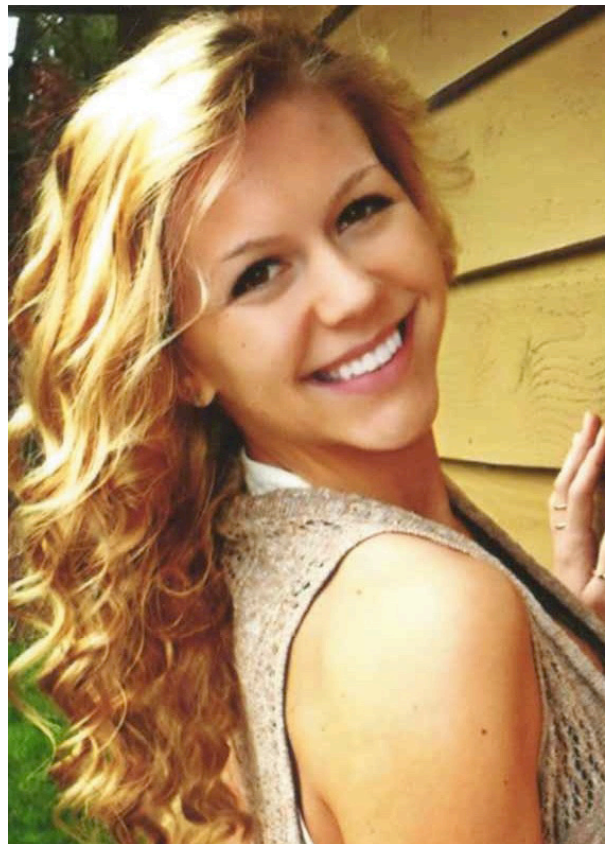
Winners of this year's Joseph S. Garske Scholarship are:



Kelsey Dodge

Allison E. Hable, daughter of Jeff and Donna Hable. Jeff is the Superintendent at Phalen Golf Course in St. Paul. Allison is a graduate from the Coon Rapids High School and is currently attending the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Her area of study is general at the current time.

Kyle Kazmierczak, son of David and Denise Kazmierczak, is the recipient of the Joseph Garske Re-newel. David, CGCS, is the Superintendent at Prestwick Golf Club in Woodbury. Kyle is a graduate of Stillwater Area High School and is currently attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His area of study is Nuclear Engineering.



Allison Hable

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