

MAAGCS Notes

\$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 a 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.

GCSAA Legacy Awards

Syngenta Professional Products, in conjunction with GCSAA and The Environmental Institute for Golf funds the 2004 Legacy Aware Program. This program benefits children and grandchildren of superintendents. Three students from the Mid-Atlantic region received this award:

* Katelyn Ritter will attend Pennsylvania State University to study Architectural Engineering. Her father MAAGCS Secretary Thomas J. Ritter, CGCS, is superintendent at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Silver Spring, MD.

* Robin List attends Denver University as a graduate student in Social Work. Her father is MAAGCS member Thomas K. List, CGCS, superintendent at Ocean City Golf Club in Berlin, MD. Robin also won the Legacy Award in 1999.

* Tracy Montross attends Appalachian State University where she is studying Communications with a concentration in Electronic Media/Broadcasting and Political Science with a concentration in Campaigns, Media and Politics. She is the daughter of Former MAAGCS President and current MAAGCS member Walter Montross, CGCS, MG, superintendent at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, VA.



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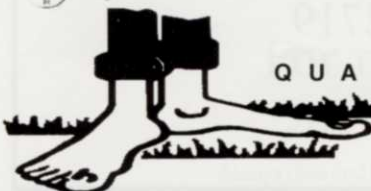
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