

## Membership Has Its Rewards

What better return could there be on your investment as a student than to have a job the day you graduate? Could anything possibly be better than that? Well - you could land a job with a minor league facility! That, my friends, is having your cake and eating it too! STMA is proud to say that FIVE of our student members at the beginning of this school year are now Head Groundskeepers for minor league franchises.



Jeff Limburg receives his award from STMA President Steve Guise at the Awards Banquet in Mesa, Arizona



Steve Guise, Sarah Martin & Dr. Jim Watson at the STMA Awards Banquet in Mesa, Arizona

Colorado State University student and 1999 recipient of one of our new Dr. Jim Watson Scholarships, is headed to Geneva, Illinois, to work magic on the Kane County Cougar's field. Congratulations guys and gals!

Past student members (some of them also scholarship winners) also have participated in Chapter events and the National Conference, gaining a greater handle on future possibilities and making those vital networking connections. All of which pays off when the job hunt begins.

If you've ever wondered if your membership paid for itself, I'm sure after seeing these young members' good fortune, that question is answered with a resounding YES! The networking that is done through our membership and association is priceless!



**Raechal Sager**, former student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, AND 1998 STMA Annual Scholarship winner, is with the West Michigan Whitecaps in Comstock Park, Michigan. **Jeff Limburg** has had a busy year: He was awarded the Dr. Fred Grau Scholarship at this year's Conference, he graduated from Michigan State University, and is now in Ohio with the Columbus Clippers. **Matthew Mattes**, who attended school at Longview Community College in Kansas City, MO, (and combined the 1999 Conference with his honeymoon!) landed in Columbus, Georgia, with the Columbus Redstixx. **Patrick Skunda**, who also graduated from Michigan State University, is grooming for the Carolina Mud Cats. AND **Sarah Martin**, former

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