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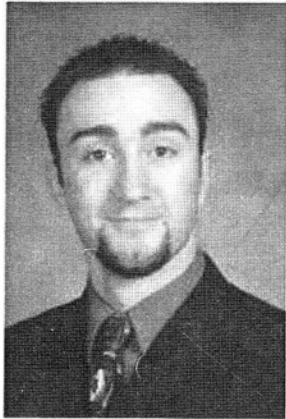
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## Michael D'Ascanio - SFMANJ Student Scholarship Award Winner

On December 11<sup>th</sup> Michael D'Ascanio was awarded a \$1,000 student scholarship at the SFMANJ business meeting in Atlantic City at the NJTA Expo.

Four very qualified students applied for this scholarship. Michael stood out because he was well rounded in his education, work experience and research experience in athletic turf. He completed an internship at Fenway Park maintaining their baseball field, worked on turf research at Cook College while maintaining a high GPA. Michael also has been a member of the SFMANJ chapter the longest of those who have applied.



The *Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey* again wants to acknowledge Michael's past achievements and work experience in the athletic field industry by awarding him the first

annual SFMANJ Student Scholarship.

Contributors of this scholarship are the SFMANJ chapter, Dr. Henry Indyk, Dean Marzocca and Floyd Perry. To contribute to future scholarships you may send a check to SFMANJ, PO Box 370, Annandale, NJ 08801. See the form in your advertiser's packet. If you did not receive a packet, please call 908-730-7770. ♦

## NJ Turfgrass Expo Update

by Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann

The athletic field education session was another great success this year. "Synthetic Surfaces for Athletic Fields" was the hot topic as Dr. Andrew McNitt, Penn State University; Fred Stengel, Bergen Catholic High School; Dr. Henry Indyk, TurfCon GSI Consultants; and George Toma, NFL Field Consultant; filled the room with the pros and cons, humorous stories, innovative ideas and just the facts. What did I learn? If I could afford it, one of my fields would be synthetic. In my opinion, with multi-use, over-played

fields, dual seasons and high expectations of the users, synthetic turf is the answer to playing all day, everyday.

At the full-day session we elected new Board of Directors, gave a \$1000 student scholarship to Michael D'Ascanio, a Rutgers University Turfgrass student and long time member of SFMANJ, and drew names for our Company Spotlight for this issue. Alas, Wilfred McDonald won the second year in a row. They graciously declined and we drew again. Check inside for the winner. We broke the record for SFMANJ members attending the Expo athletic field Thursday session at 35+. Over 107 people overall filled the room.

The trade show was as always the highlight of my day. Besides receiving cool handouts to bring back to the staff I found a plethora of information about the latest products and equipment.

Thanks to everyone who stopped at the SFMANJ booth to say hi and renew their memberships. And most of all thank you all for supporting this chapter throughout the last 4 years. With your help, we have been able to bring you great educational programming and information concerning your athletic fields. We've just begun!! ♦

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