

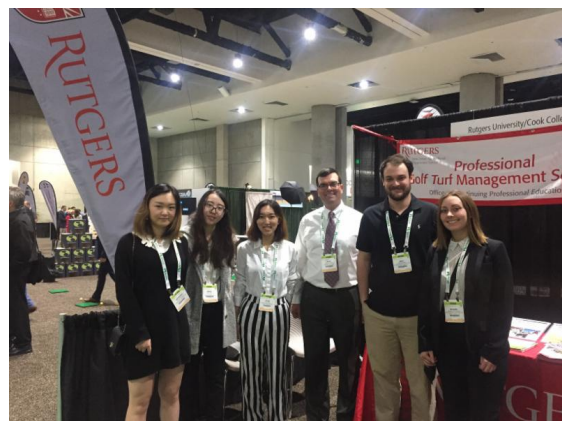
## Advancing the Turfgrass Industry in New Jersey and the World



### FUNDING TURF ADVANCEMENTS #9: Sponsoring the 2019 Rutgers Turf Bowl Team

The New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA) is proud to support the Center for Turfgrass Science by financially sponsoring the undergraduate student team at the 2019 Annual GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl in San Diego, California earlier this month.

The annual competition, presented in partnership with John Deere Golf, consists of physical and visual identification of samples, as well as multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, essay, short answer, and matching questions on the agronomic, business, and financial management aspects of the golf course superintendent profession. Each year, the GCSAA awards a total of \$10,000 in cash and prizes to the top 10 teams during a closing celebration that buzzes with pomp and circumstance.



Rutgers turfgrass research and outreach agronomist Brad Park served as the turf bowl team's advisor. "The Golf Industry Show provides a valuable chance for these students to meet and interact with the people working in every aspect of the industry," he said. "It is a great networking opportunity and educational experience."



"The exam is extensive," said Eric Ingram, a Senior at Rutgers University. "It took about three hours and was fair, but also pretty tricky."

Another team member named Raquel Schwartz appreciates all the financial support given to the Scarlet Knights team. "The NJTA gave us a \$1,000 check that went towards our expenses. That helped out a lot with

hotel and airfare." Raquel graduated in January. Days after competing in the GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl, she started her first career job as an Assistant in Training at Union League National in Cape May Courthouse.

The undergraduate students left San Diego with a fresh perspective on the various career opportunities within the industry, new and developed professional relationships, as well as memories of participating in such a huge greens industry conference and grandiose competition.

### **FUNDING TURF ADVANCEMENTS is Brought to You By: YOU & ALL Members of the NJTA**

The NJTA New Jersey Turfgrass Association exists solely to promote the turfgrass industry in the Garden State through education, professionalism, and leadership. Thanks to the support of members like you, the NJTA is able to subsidize some of the research needs of the Rutgers University Center for Turfgrass Science.

If you would like to support these efforts further, you are welcome to [Donate to the NJTA Foundation](#) anytime!



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