



## FUNDING TURF ADVANCEMENTS #2: NJTA Scholarships Help Students Every Year!

To support Rutgers students in turf certificate, undergraduate, and graduate programs, the NJTA and the New Jersey Turfgrass Foundation award between \$7,500 and \$10,000 in academic scholarships each year.

"The scholarship that the NJTA awarded me during my time at Rutgers proved essential to my career development in the turf industry," said Matthew Corbridge, who now works as the Director of Grounds at Blue Hill Golf Course. "During this pivotal time, the NJTA's financial aid allowed me to focus all of my time on studying, learning, and preparing for a successful career in golf."

Some of the NJTA scholarship recipients on the seemingly never-ending list include:

- **Patrick Burgess, Ph.D.**, Field Development Scientist at Bayer CropScience
- **Matthew Corbridge**, Director of Grounds at Blue Hill Golf Course
- **Michelle Dacosta, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Turfgrass Physiology at UMass Amherst
- **Kyle Genova**, Laboratory Technician at FMC Corporation
- **Josh Honig, Ph.D.**, Assistant Research Professor at Rutgers Department of Plant Biology
- **Christopher Navin**, Superintendent at P.B. Dye Golf Club
- **Karen Plumley, Ph.D.**, Research Director for the Alliance for Low-Input Sustainable Turf (A-LIST) and Professor at Rutgers University
- **Eric Watkins, Ph.D.**, Professor in Turfgrass Plant Breeding at the University of Minnesota

"The NJTA scholarships contributed greatly to the advancement of my graduate studies at Rutgers University," said Dr. Burgess. "The continual support from the NJTA, as well as networking with the board members, helped to prepare me for a successful career in turfgrass industry. Thank you, NJTA!"

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The NJTA 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 education offered by 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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