

Annual Banquet Recap

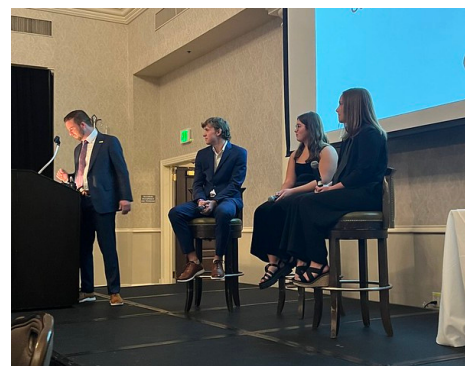
Thank you to all that joined us for the 2024 Annual Awards Banquet at River Crest Country Club in Fort Worth! We awarded more than \$35,000 in scholarships to deserving Legacy and Turf Grass Students, and also recognized our tournament and match play winners. Be sure to check out the spotlights on our scholarship winners on pages 13-20.

As always, the highlight of the evening was recognizing the 2023 Superintendent of the Year, Assistant Superintendent of the Year and Distinguished Service Award Winners.

Congratulations to our Superintendent of the Year - Bryan Brown; to our Assistant Superintendent of the year - Jeremy Rhodes; and to our Distinguished Service Award winner - Merlin Tielkemeier. Be sure to watch for our Spring newsletter for spotlights on these award winners.

Congratulations are also in order for our 2023 Match Play Champions - Todd Gilmour and Roger Meier, and to our Runners Up - Monty Ashworth and Lee Langley. Congratulations to our Chapter Champion - Steve Gilley; to our Affiliate Champion - Chad Gibson; and to our Assistant Champion - Pete Williams.

The event concluded with our always popular Casino Night and prizes. Thanks again to all that joined us for a great evening and thank you to Joe Livingston and River Crest Country Club for hosting us!



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Upcoming Events

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February 22, 2024
BWI Dallas Conference Room

Chapter Championship
June 3, 2024
The Nelson Golf and Sports Club

Family Social
July 21, 2024
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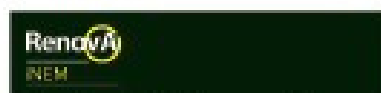
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President's Message

The year 2023 will be one I will never forget. At the beginning of the year our Board of Directors set goals that we hoped to achieve. We had two main goals that we felt were realistically attainable. The first being to offer a fun year of events, and not just fun and active events, but also different. We hoped to reinvigorate our events to bring a new excitement to our membership.

The second goal was to bring notoriety to our profession so that we could be recognized for what we do for the great game of golf. I feel we achieved both goals.

The family social was hosted at Globe Life Field, where we got to watch the eventual World Series Champion, Texas Rangers. This was a magnificent event to get out with the family and see our peers in a different environment than on the golf course. Plus, it was air conditioned! We had a great private section in center field. We also hosted our September education at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. After the education, we were able to hang out and watch some horses run. I think a few guys benefited financially from it! Lastly, our Scholarship tournament, which was hosted and perfectly executed by Kevin Carpenter and team at The Northwood Club. At this event we were fortunate enough to host the "Hardline" from 1310 The Ticket, as they broadcast live from the event. We were given on-air spots leading up to the event to promote the day as well as our Web site and what we do as a profession. The day was fantastic and the energy from all participants was through the roof!

It was an absolute honor to have served as the NTGCSA President. It was an opportunity I did not seek out to achieve, but I am ever so glad I did. If you have ever considered wanting to serve the chapter, I encourage you to act. It will put you in a position to get outside of your comfort zone and do more than you ever thought you could. Prior to serving, I loved my comfort zone and would do anything to stay in it. Now, after serving, I have realized my comfort zone is much larger than it was a few years ago.

As we head into 2024, our new President, Mike Upchurch, along with the Board of Directors, will no doubt continue to build our association into what should be one of the greatest local chapters in the country.

Thank you all for a fantastic year, and I look forward to the future.

Neil Packard
Past President, NTGCSA



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2023 Scholarship Tournament Recap

Our Annual Scholarship Tournament and Silent Auction held in November at Northwood Club were both a huge success! Thank you to Kevin Carpenter, Coby Morrow and the entire Northwood Club staff for a great day. We were fortunate to have the Hardline from KTCK The Ticket broadcasting live from the event and bringing some notoriety to our association and the superintendent profession!

Thank you to all of our sponsors for supporting this great event and helping us raise a record amount!

Congratulations to the First Place Gross Team of Brian Honea and Travis Klosterboer. Second place was Michael Underwood and Trey Kemp. Congratulations also to the First Place Net Team of Ronny Glanton and Grant Jones. Second place was Todd Dattalo and Skyler Arnberger.

Our closest to the pin proximity prize winners were Scott Brand, Greg Jones and Tanner Westbrook. Neil Packard was the longest drive proximity winner.





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The GCSAA Conference and Trade Show returned to Phoenix for the first time since 1987 and was well received. Attendance rivaled that of Orlando 2023 with nearly 11,000 attendees and over 6,600 seminar seats filled, representing the highest total since 2008.

GCSAA Board of Directors

Jeff White, CGCS was elected President of the GCSAA at the GCSAA Annual Meeting held in Phoenix. T.A. Barker, CGCS was elected Vice President and Paul Carter, CGCS Secretary/Treasurer. Board members Douglas Dykstra, CGCS and Marc Weston, CGCS were re-elected to serve on the board, while Gregory Jones, CGCS, MG was newly elected to join the board as a director. Steven Hammon and H. Scott Griffith, CGCS, continue their service on the board. Kevin Breen, CGCS, will serve one year as immediate past president. Mark Jordan, CGCS, retires from the board.

2025 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show

Mark your calendars for the 2025 GCSAA Conference and Trade show February 3-6, 2025 at the San Diego Convention Center.

GCSAA Legacy Award

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Thank you to all that attended our Annual Meeting and Elections at Grapevine Country Club in November. Thanks to Merlin Tielkemeier and the entire staff at Grapevine Golf Course for hosting us for the second straight year! Thank you also to Turf Materials for sponsoring a great day!

Congratulations to proximity winners Don Lecroy, Bob Smith and Willie Wallace. Congratulations to our first place finishers Cody Crowther and Paul Watkins and to second place finishers Landon Lindsay and Drue Thompson.

Congratulations to the following on their election to the NTGCSA Board of Directors:

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Legacy Scholarship Winner Spotlights

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients! The NTGCSA awarded \$35,250 in Legacy and Turfgrass Scholarships. Legacy Scholarship recipients are listed and featured below.

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Michael Dattalo
Aidan Lindsey
Corynne McCaskill
Laney Muench
Katie Stine
Kristen Wallace

\$2,000

Jacob Claburn
Natalie Ogden

\$2,250

Lauren Moore
Emma Scott
Blair Shipman
Will Shipman
Jake Snodgrass

\$2,500

Kathleen Claburn
Calvin Phillips

Jacob Claburn - Son of Mark Claburn



1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I am a senior at Tarleton State University.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

The scholarship has made it easier for me to attend school by alleviating my costs, because I work and go to school at the same time.

3: What is your favorite thing about college?

My favorite thing about college is the experience to be away from home and make my own choices and experiences, and the broad range of classes I get to take.

4: If you could give one piece of advice to a future college student, what would it be?

Advice would be to not be ashamed to take a couple years at a community college first. It gives you an opportunity to take core classes cheap and explore options before making a larger financial commitment.

Kathleen Claburn - Daughter of Mark Claburn



1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I am in my third year at Texas Tech University and I am a theatre arts major with a minor in music.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

The NTGCSA scholarship has allowed me to take more courses per semester, helping me to take in more knowledge every semester while also being able to enroll in more "fun classes" like being in the Goin'

Band from Raiderland. This will also allow me to graduate a semester early and start in my career field.
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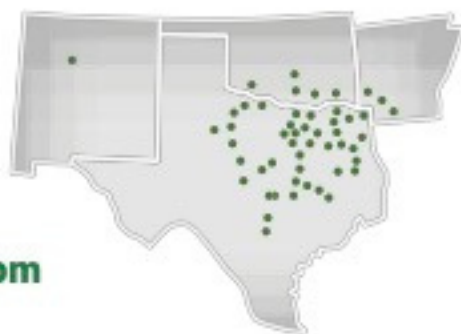


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Legacy Scholarship Winner Spotlights

Kathleen Claburn, Continued from page 13

3: What is your favorite thing about college?

My favorite thing about college has been getting to meet so many amazing people and have so many once in a lifetime experiences like getting to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with my best friends.

4. Tell me about your dad. How has he and his profession in the golf industry influenced you?

My dad, Mark Claburn, has greatly inspired me. His work ethic and drive has pushed me to want to do more and work harder to achieve my goals. He has taught me so much about nature and our environment and how to cultivate it. It's been so cool to get to see the behind the scenes of his work and how even after 20 years there's always something new about the course he can teach me and so many others. I hope to one day hold as much knowledge in my brain as he can!

Corynne McCaskill - Daughter of Chuck McCaskill

1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I am currently in my 3rd year at the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Architecture.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

My design classes require me to buy a lot of materials for building physical architectural models, along with different computer



softwares. The NTGCSA Legacy scholarship helps me through the year to purchase these annual software memberships and various materials for design.

3. What are your plans after college?

I would love to find a job at a firm and stay in Austin for a couple more years. I think it's a great city for emerging professionals and there are so many opportunities!

4. Tell me about your dad. How has he and his profession in the golf industry influenced you?

I grew up with my dad working on golf courses. I would go with him early in the mornings as he set up for the day, driving around the course and watching the sun rise. He is extremely hard working and passionate about his career, as I've seen since I was a little girl. Watching him has instilled the same passion and dedication in me for my future career as an architect.



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Legacy Scholarship Winner Spotlight

Laney Muench - Daughter of Tim Muench



1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I am a junior marketing and sport management student at Texas A&M.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

The NTGCSA Legacy Award has given me the freedom to explore my passions in school, rather than just rushing through school to save money.

3. What is your favorite thing about college?

My favorite thing about college is participating in school traditions that make me feel like I'm a part of something greater than myself.

4. What are your plans after college?

After college, I plan to get a Master of Business Administration and work for a professional sport organization.

Natalie Ogden - Daughter of Trevor Ogden

1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, and what is your major?

I'm a senior at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. My major is Child Development and Family Services with a concentration in Early Childhood Education.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

The NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship has benefited me and my family by paying for one of my last semesters of school. I graduate in December of this year and my parents have been a huge blessing in helping me pursue my dreams by paying for school.

3. If you could give one piece of advice to a future college student, what would it be?

Create a time management schedule between classes, work, and relationships. You don't want to push away your biggest supporters because you are stressed or do not have time to put towards their relationship. If a project is due at the end of the week make sure you plan accordingly and don't procrastinate.

4. Tell me about your dad. How has he and his profession in the golf industry influenced you?

My dad is one of my biggest supporters. Most students move away for college to gain some independence but with my college situation, my dad moved closer to me. He was the first to show up and be there for me if I needed support. Visiting him at work is one of my favorite activities because I get to see my dad work hard and put his passion into his work. These skills along with many more have shown me that work ethic and finding a job I love are so important for my future.





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Legacy Scholarship Winner Spotlight

Emma Scott - Daughter of Brick Scott



1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I am a senior at Blum high school, a two time state volleyball champion, and an All-Star player. In the fall, I will be attending Wayland Baptist University on a volleyball athletic scholarship, and majoring in biology.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

Combined with the athletic scholarship, the NTGCSA scholarship covers the expenses of my first year of college! This will allow me to focus on my studies, future career, grades, and volleyball.

3. What are your plans after college?

After receiving my bachelors in biology, I am planning on transferring to Texas Tech's Nursing school located in Amarillo, Texas! After receiving my degree I will begin travel nursing around the country and give light to people in need through my profession as an ER travel nurse.

4. Tell me about your dad. How has he and his profession in the golf industry influenced you?

My dad's profession has taught me what hard work is. A grueling job of leaving the house at 3 in the morning, working, still managing to make it to all my volleyball events through the late night, then waking up and doing it all over again. This has inspired me to learn and thrive off of the thought of working hard, and pushing through tough times through my profession.

Jake Snodgrass - Son of Bradley Snodgrass

1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I'm a Senior at Talihina High School in Talihina, Oklahoma. I plan on attending Carl Albert State College for my first year as a full-time student in the fall. I'm applying to the honors program for this fall. I plan to apply to The University of Arkansas to their graphic design program in the future.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

This scholarship will help me further my education, which will allow me to have the resources I need in the work field.

3. If you could give one piece of advice to a future college student, what would it be?

I would tell them that every professor is different and that you have to learn what each one expects from you and what to study.

4. What are your plans after college?

I hope to have a job in an interesting city where I can make art for others to enjoy and utilize.



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Legacy Scholarship Winner Spotlight

Kristen Wallace - Daughter of Willie Wallace



1. Tell me about yourself. Where do you go to school, what year are you in, what is your major?

I am a 2nd year Marketing major at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

2. How has receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship benefited you?

Receiving an NTGCSA Legacy Scholarship allows me to share my appreciation for superintendents and provides some financial assistance in the financial hardships of college. I'm honored to be a NTGCSA recipient; I appreciate that the scholarship helps pay my tuition and allows me to focus more on excelling in my classes.

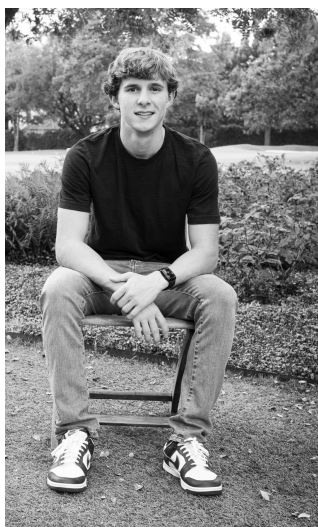
3. If you could give one piece of advice to a future college student, what would it be?

If I could give one piece of advice to a future college student, it would be to show up to class early and pay attention to requirements (whether they're for assignments, scholarships, job applications, graduation, etc.).

4. Tell me about your dad. How has he and his profession in the golf industry influenced you?

As a superintendent, my father pays attention to the "little things" around golf courses. Whether it's raking bunkers, mowing fairways and greens, collecting leaves, or managing maintenance crews, my father doesn't take for granted the conditions and hard work needed in order to run a golf course smoothly. At times, golfers can get frustrated about the playing conditions when they're having a poor day, but it's hard to hear the criticism when I know people behind the scenes work a lot harder than golfers think. Whenever I'm on the golf course, I make sure to do my part to repair divots, put empty range bags where they're supposed to be, pick up broken tees and such so that I'm respecting the golf course.

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Chapter Delegates Committee
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Membership Renewals

NTGCSA Memberships run on the calendar year and expired on December 31, 2023 - regardless of when you signed up and paid your dues.

Thank you to all of you that have already renewed!

All memberships for 2024 can be renewed and paid for directly on our Web site at www.ntgcsa.com.

If you have trouble with your log-in, or prefer an invoice, be sure to contact Shannon at:

ntgcsa@gmail.com.

Paid Membership Options

Superintendent/Affiliate/EM Membership - \$120

Emerald or Bronze Membership - \$450

Emerald or Bronze members get all meetings (except for the scholarship tournament and annual banquet) paid for in advance. This is a discounted rate for paying your meetings up front.

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NTGCSA Spring Education

Registration is NOW Open for our first Education Event of 2024. Register on our Web site at <https://ntgcsa.org/meetinginfo.php>.

The Event is \$60 and includes lunch and education for NTGCSA Members. This event is included for Bronze and Emerald Members.

NTGCSA Match Play

NTGCSA Match Play sponsored by Turf Care of Texas is BACK and registration is NOW open thru February 29!

Please email Shannon at ntgcsa@gmail.com with team members names, emails and handicaps.

Match Play entry is \$20 and is open to NTGCSA Members Only! The First place team will be awarded \$2,000. The Second place team will be awarded \$500.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 am - 8:50 am
A Review of TDA Pesticide Laws and Regulations (1 Laws & Regulations)
Kathrine Newton & Henry Krusekopf, Texas Department of Agriculture

9:00 am - 9:50 am
Overview of Turfgrass Fungicides (1 General)
Wes Epple, BASF Sr. Sales Specialist

10:00 am - 10:50 am
Texas Turfgrass Weed Control (1 General)
Dr. Eric Reasor, PBI-Gordon Companies

11:00 am - 12:00 pm — Lunch

12:00 pm - 12:50 pm
Beneficial Insects in the Landscape (1 IPM)
Gary Brooks, MS Texas A&M Entomology

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm
Rehabilitating Drought Stressed Trees (1 General)
Emmett Muennink, Arborjet/Ecologel South Central Technical Manager

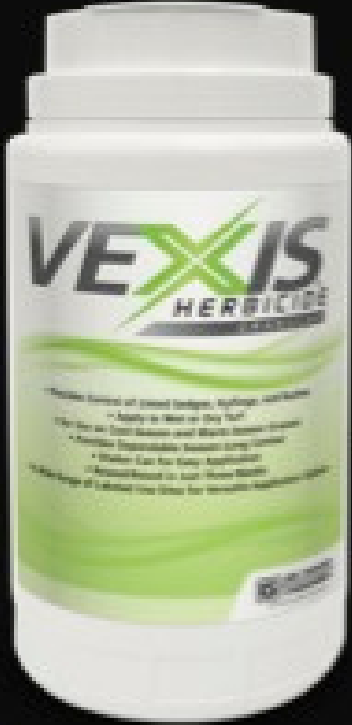
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Veritex Bank Championship



It's that time of year again! The Korn Ferry Golf Tour is returning to North Texas and volunteers are needed to help make North Texas shine as a premier destination for golf in Texas.

Agronomy volunteers are needed for the 2024 Veritex Bank Championship at Texas Rangers Golf Club April 24-28. Two meals per day will be provided to volunteers. You can find the link to sign up to volunteer on the NTGCSA Web site at www.ntgcsa.org under Latest News.



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The PGA Professional Championship presented by Club Car, Corebridge Financial and Rolex is the largest all-professional national championship with a field consisting of 312 players representing 41 PGA sections and will be broadcast live by Golf Channel. The champion, along with the top 20 finishers, will be named to the Corebridge Financial PGA Team and will advance to the 2024 PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club this May.

This event will be played on both the East and West Courses at Fields Ranch. Hard work from the entire agronomy staff, along with volunteers and supporters, is vital to Championship level course conditions. To provide the best playing experience for all involved, we are asking for support.

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