



Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture

"Growing in Excellence"

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It's time to celebrate the completion of another academic year! Our PSLA tradition is to close out the year with an ice cream social where we recognize our students and their accomplishments. The Critique Hall was packed as we welcomed students, alumni, scholarship donors, and friends of the Department for the May 13 celebration where we handed out 16 awards and scholarships. We were very happy to have many of the scholarship donors present to personally congratulate the student recipients.

Graduation was the final celebration of the semester. It is always great to participate in Commencement and share in the excitement with our graduates and their families and friends. As each name is read, the applause and shouts of recognition buoy the spirits of all. A special ovation was given to John Palmer as he received his BLA degree and his daughter, Allison, received a BS in the Department of ENST. Congratulations to all of our graduates! Please keep us posted on your activities and come back to visit.

Throughout the past year, our newsletters have documented the numerous awards that have been earned by PSLA students, faculty, and staff. I am very grateful for Susan Burk and appreciate so much her dedicated efforts to produce this newsletter each month. My thanks, also, to Cindy Zhao for keeping our PSLA web page filled with timely information and up-to-the-minute photographs. Both of these venues keep our friends apprised of our PSLA activities. Thanks, Susan and Cindy, for all you do to raise the visibility of PSLA.

I also extend my personal thanks to all of our PSLA faculty and staff for a great job this year. It has been challenging to do more with less, and I appreciate the substantial sacrifices each of you has made. It remains unclear what the future budget situation will be, but I know that our Department's trajectory is clearly upward. Let's focus on the things we can control, and continue our commitment to keep the Department growing in excellence.



Best wishes for a productive summer!
Bill



PSLA's Awards and Ice Cream Social Event held on May 13, 2009 honored outstanding students and their achievements.



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PSLA wishes you



An Enjoyable, Safe Summer!



Newest News!..

Congratulations to PSLA's Graduates!

We join you in celebration of your accomplishments and wish you much success in your future endeavors!

We are proud to have you as alumni!
Remember to visit us for our department, college and campus events.

Please keep us informed of your contact information, your progress, and achievements!



Congratulations to **last year's senior class, PSLA LARC 471**, Community Design Studio, taught by Mr. Dennis Nola and Mr. Brian Kane. Their Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Study (CKAR) was selected as Project of the Year by the Neighborhood Design Center! The Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) is a non-profit center for the coordination of professionals working pro bono to benefit local communities. Each year the Neighborhood Design Center chooses a project that exemplifies civic engagement,



quality of design, and positive impact on the community. The NDC facilitated the CKAR project, bringing together town, state, metropolitan Washington, county agencies and PSLA's Community Design Studio students to create the community plan. PSLA's landscape architecture students used the information gathered in the various workshops to develop a number of design proposals addressing streetscape, transit-oriented development, the redevelopment of two shopping centers, and improved community open space. The class members were recognized at a ceremony on May 20, 2009. For more information about the NDC or the CKAR, please visit <http://www.ndc-md.org/html/2009PGAwardproject.htm>.

The Joint Meeting of Eastern U.S. Wheat, Southern U.S. Small Grains Workers and the North Central Education/Extension Research Activity -184 (NCERA-184) members, hosted by PSLA and coordinated by **Dr. Jose Costa**, was held in Baltimore on May 17—19, 2009. More than 80 small grains (wheat, barley, oats, and rye) scientists representing 25 U.S. states and Canada attended the conference. Events included a field tour of the Wye Research and Education Center in Queenstown, MD to view the research plots of PSLA's **Drs. Jose Costa, Robert Kratochvil and Arv Grybauskas**.





More Newest News...

On Wednesday, May 13, PSLA held its annual Awards and Ice Cream Social Event. Congratulations to our award recipients!



UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

The Homeland Garden Club of Baltimore Award— Mary Anne O’Leary; **ASLA Honor Award Winners**— Jordan Crabtree, Alexia Friend; **ASLA Merit Award Winners**— Elisabeth Gluckstern, Andrew Lala; **Landscape Architecture Award of Excellence**— Jordan Crabtree; **Bartlett Tree Foundation Scholarship**— Mikhail Kozlov; **Bayer Environmental Science Turfgrass Scholarship**— Alexandra Hahn; **MD State Golf Association – Emmet Gary Scholarship**— Andrew Adle, Matthew Coates, David Corley, Steven Hutzell; **Francis R. Gouin Undergraduate Research Award**— Carol Allen; **Joe E. James Memorial Award**— Sarah Hammons; **Link-Shanks Award**— Mark Gonzalez; **Joseph Newcomer Memorial Award**— Joe Ikley; **PLANET (Professional Landcare Network) Team Recognition**— Benjamin Brown, Josh Burwell, Ben Butler, Andrew Cantrell, Adam Chaitin, Todd Colvin, Vinnie D’Alcotti, Chris Devido, Megan Fleming, Susan Gemmel, Mark Gonzalez, Nancy Harding, Brittany Harman, Josh Long, Andrew Mink, Chad Stern



GRADUATE AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in PSLA— Donna Pahl, Joyce Kelley; **Leland E. and Catherine B. Scott Award**— Josh Nadler ; **Francis C. Stark, Jr. Fund for Learning Resources**— Donna Pahl; **John H. Weinberger Scholarship**— Richard Leshin

RECOGNITION OF OTHER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We would like to congratulate the following recipients of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and other organization scholarships this academic year:

Beltsville Garden Club Scholarship— Robin Choudhury; **Bowie-Crofton Garden Club Scholarship**— Nancy Harding, Mary Marcinko, Daniel Snider; **Chapel Valley Landscape Scholarship**— John McCarthy; **Frank Duda Turfgrass Scholarship**— Steven Hutzell; **James and Gertrude Leamer Scholarship**— John McCarthy; **Mid-Shore Community Foundation Scholarship**— Stephen Abt, Katelynne Connolly, Johnathan South; **Kenneth S. Fowler Memorial Endowment**— Benjamin Brown; **Maryland Greenhouse Growers Association Scholarship**— James Doukas; **James and Dessie Moxley Scholarship**— Daryn Harper, Steven Hutzell; **A.F. Vierheller Award**— Tyler Stephen Abt, Carol Allen, James Doukas, Mary O’Meara; **Maryland Crop Improvement Association James R. Miller Award**— Joe Ikley

Jacobsen’s Future Turf Managers Seminar Award Winner from PSLA!

Jacobsen, a Textron Company and leading turf equipment manufacturer, selected PSLA’s Turf and Golf Course graduating senior, **Chris Devido**, as a recipient of the Jacobsen’s Future Turf Managers Seminar Award. Chris attended a 3-day professional turfgrass management seminar May 18—21 at Jacobsen’s headquarters in Charlotte, NC. Fifty students from prestigious Turfgrass programs around the country were selected to attend the seminar, all expenses paid by Jacobsen. During the seminar, the graduating seniors had the opportunity to meet and network with some of the most widely known practicing turfgrass professionals in the US. Congratulations, Chris, and best wishes for a very successful career!

PSLA’s **John Palmer** graduated **Magna Cum Laude** this month with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the LARC program. His daughter, Allison Palmer, is an AGNR May 2009 Bachelor of Science graduate in Environmental Science & Technology. Congratulations, John, on your graduation and academic excellence, and also on the graduation of your daughter. We join you in celebration of your family’s achievements.

Phillip Merrill Presidential Scholar Named by AGNR...

PSLA’s **Steven Hutzell**, rising senior in the Turf and Golf Course Management Program has been chosen as a Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar for the upcoming academic year, 2009-2010 by the College. This highly selective program recognizes the University’s most successful seniors through academic excellence, and the important role that teachers and faculty have as mentors. Steven Hutzell named PSLA’s **Dr. Mark Carroll** as the faculty mentor at Maryland who has made the most impact on his academic achievement. Congratulations to both Steven Hutzell and Dr. Mark Carroll for this recognition!

Within The Ranks...

Dr. John Lea-Cox has been selected to receive the 2009 Outstanding Extension Educator Award given by the American Society for Horticultural Science. Dr. Lea-Cox will be recognized at the ASHS meeting in St. Louis later this summer. Congratulations Dr. Lea-Cox! It is very significant to be recognized by your peers for the outstanding work that you are doing. We are very proud of your accomplishments and salute you on receiving this award!



Looking Ahead...

- Monday, June 1— Friday, July 10—Summer Term I
- Friday, July 3 —Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday
- Monday, July 13 — Friday, August 21—Summer Session II
- Thursday, August 27 — New Faculty Orientation
- Friday, August 28 — UM Graduate School New Graduate Student Orientation, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m., Colony Ballroom, Stamp Union
- Monday, August 31— Fall 2009 Semester Begins
- Monday, September 7—Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- Tuesday—Thursday, September 8—10 — AGNR New Faculty Orientation