

# GOLF & PLANT SCIENCES



## Save the DATE!!

### NYSTA Seminar and Golf Outing at Delhi

**Tuesday June 5**

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### **Our Golf & Plant Science Degree Programs:**

- BBA, Golf Course Management, Superintendent Program.
- BBA, Athletic & Sports Field Management
- AAS, Horticulture.
- AAS, Landscape Contracting.
- AAS, Golf Course Operations.
- AAS, Turf Management



## **Delhi Horticulture Club News** by Matt Robinson, Club President

This year the Delhi Horticulture Club has been a totally fun experience for me and my classmates in the horticulture and landscape programs. We, the club, were very engaged in fund raising, community service, traveling and learning. Below I have summarized some of the major activities we did this year. At this point I'd like to say thanks to my friends **Brandi Carufe, Keegan Bush, Kara Swartz, AJ Davis, Alexander Killmeier, Dan Glogowski and Patrick Dolan** for making this a good year!

### *Bonsai Presentation*

Early in April the Delhi Horticulture Club sponsored a presentation about the art of Bonsai. **Pauline Muth of PFM Bonsai Studio** in West Charlton NY was our guest speaker. **Mrs. Muth** presented information about the history and forms of bonsai. She then gave a quick demon-

stration on the techniques of creating a bonsai plant before allowing the audience to work on their own. **Mrs. Muth** worked with each participant and gave them advice on how to "sculpt" their trees. In the end, everyone had the beginnings of a bonsai that they could be proud of. (Horticulture Club Cont pg 2)



**Bonsai Presentation**

## **New 4-year Athletic & Sports Field Management Degree**

The Golf and Plant Sciences Department will admit students into the new four-year Bachelors of Business Administration (BBA) degree in Athletic and Sports Field Management. The field of athletic field, school grounds, and municipal complex management continues to grow in New York State and the nation, and employers are looking to hire well trained individuals. Previously, students interested in pursuing a

degree in athletic field management were limited to either a two year Turf Management degree or transfer into the Golf Course Management track. The new program mirrors the BBA in Golf Course Management, combining existing departmental strengths in agronomic, technical, and business areas and with new class offers focusing on the complexities of athletic field and facilities management. For more information please visit us on the web at [www.delhi.edu](http://www.delhi.edu).

**SAVE THE DATE!** Come and join us on **Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup>** for a half day seminar and golf outing at the College Golf Course at Delhi. The day includes demonstration talks on reel sharpening and maintenance (Mr. Steve Tait -Delhi), improving dollar spot control with fungicides (Dr. John Inguagiato-UConn), optimizing your irrigation (Mr. Cory Metlar-Rainbird) and annual bluegrass weevil monitoring programs (Dr. Ben McGraw-Delhi). Pesticide credits are available. The golf tournament will feature a 4-man scramble, lunch, raffles, and prizes. For more information or sponsorship visit: [www.nysta.org](http://www.nysta.org). We hope to see you there.

## PLANET

HORT CLUB NEWS BY MATT ROBINSON CONT.

**PLANET** Student Career Days is a huge event dedicated to college students studying in programs related to the green industry. PLANET Student Career Days includes competitions, a career fair with employers from around the country and numerous informational workshops. This year the event was held at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS.

**Keegan Bush, Alexander Killmeier, Patrick Dolan** and I were the "team" for Delhi. Some of the competitions in which we participated included Woody Plant Identification, Wood Construction, Paver Installation and Planting Installation.

On our way to Kansas State University we stopped at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Gateway to the West), in St. Louis, MS and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Both were fabulous to see and enjoyed by all.

**Birgitta Brophy and Julia Ward**, advisors to the club, were the staff that accompanied us on this trip.

### PLANET Day of Service

On April 20, 2012, the club participated in the PLANET Day of Service. This is a date set by PLANET, where college students

may volunteer for community service. This year our club worked on a variety of jobs around campus. We transplanted a tree (which was in the way of construction work) at Sanford Hall, we pruned overgrown shrubs around the campus entry sign, and we enhanced an existing shrub bed with transplanted perennials that also were slated for removal in front of Sanford Hall. Each year we look forward to participating in this event for it is a great way to give back to our campus and community.

## Delhi Students Compete in National Turf Bowl Competition

In February, six Turf Club members from SUNY-Delhi competed in the national Turf Bowl Competition, held in conjunction with the annual Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) meeting in Las Vegas, NV. It has been several years since Delhi has been represented at the national Turf Bowl. This year, two teams, one 4-man team and a 2-man team competed. Teams were quizzed on their knowledge of turfgrass biology, pest management, general maintenance procedures, and their ability to solve situational problems. The SUNY Delhi "A" Team (**Cameron Cooper, Benjamin Dewan, Tim Bruno, and Nicholas Pennella**) were able to place in the

top 1/3 of all teams, placing 34<sup>th</sup> overall, and 11<sup>th</sup> in case studies category.

**Julia Ward**, the advisor to the Turf Club was instrumental to preparing the students to compete in the Turf Bowl, including helping the club study and raise enough funds to assist with their expenses. "I was really proud of our students—both how they performed in the competition and how they conducted themselves during the week. We didn't really know what to expect on the exam, so I think what we learned this year will help us improve next year." Turf Club members raised by funds through leaf raking, alumni and superintendent association donations (thank you NEGCSA!) and completing community service. We

look forward to competing next year!



Alex Killmeier, Matt Robinson, Keegan Bush and Patrick Dolan



## LANDSCAPE DESIGN & MANAGEMENT

By Birgitta Brophy  
LA

A student service learning opportunity presented itself this past fall to the students of the Planting Design class. The **Delaware County Historical Association** contacted **Birgitta Brophy**, in the Landscape and Design Program, about the possibility of assisting them in developing a conceptual master plan of their facility. As part of the design process, historic and environmental research, site visits, a meeting with the New York State Dept. of Transportation Assistant Regional Engineer and the several board members allowed students a good basis from which to develop initial design concepts. The Board Members were looking for new ideas in improving the vehicular and pedestrian circulation, visibility along the state highway, building layout for existing and new buildings and landscaping complementary of the historic nature of the site were part of the client needs. In December four final design concepts were presented to several Board members. Design solutions proposed the moving of a church owned by the Association to the current site, creating a "Village Green" in which visitors could easily circulate from one part of the property to another, incorporating rural community elements like orchards and meadows and a new entrance that would allow visitors to pass through an old toll gate house as would have been done when traveling the Catskill Turnpike in the 1800's. Our students were praised for their professional presentations and solutions. Students involved included **Keegan Bush, Daniel Glogowski, Alexander Killmeier, and Matthew Robinson.**



PLANET Day of Service, Brandi Carufe and Matt Robinson working on campus.

### Campus Beautification:

The Delhi Beautification Committee has been very instrumental in enhancing the visual and physical aspects of Delhi College. This committee

is comprised of faculty and staff from all areas of campus. One of the Committee's duties is to review upcoming construction projects. Often the Committee is able to provide recommendations, based on the groups combined knowledge and prior experiences, which save the campus money and other resources. For example, this year many shrubs were saved from the renovation work being done on Sanford Hall. The existing shrubs were balled and burlapped so that they could be transplanted to other locations on campus by students in the **Introduction to Horticulture Class**. This same class also planted numerous grape hyacinths and narcissus bulbs, in key locations, to provide much needed early spring color on campus and learn the process of spring bulb planting. These bulbs were purchased by the Beautification Committee. The cooperative bond that has been formed between our department and the committee has provided hands-on learning experiences to students, cost savings to the campus and significant improvements to the Campus environment. **Kathy Gillooley and Julia Ward** were directly involved in these efforts both as committee members and Introduction to Horticulture lab instructor and instructional support associate respectively. Thanks ladies!

### Centennial Tree Planting

Please be sure to note the current Centennial Tree Planting effort underway supported by the Beautification Committee. It is our goal to plant 100 new trees for the 2013 Centennial Celebration of SUNY Delhi. We hope you can help us continue to "green" Delhi! For more information visit: <http://www.delhi.edu/administration/facilities/beautification.php>

### Alumni and Friends of the Golf & Plant Science Program

We would like to request your email address so that we can send you the newsletter digitally and so that we can make announcements that may be of interest to you.

Please send your email (and any news you may have) to Charlie Tarrant at [tarrantcb@delhi.edu](mailto:tarrantcb@delhi.edu) Thanks

Back issues of the newsletter are available on our website. Just visit [www.delhi.edu](http://www.delhi.edu) and select any of our programs from the drop-down 'Academic Majors' menu.

We love to hear from any of you at any time. Drop us a line and let us know what you are up to.

If you have any memories of your days at Delhi that you would like to share. Feel free to send them to us also.

