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Highlights from the 2024 Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Annual meeting



Cale Bigelow, **Jada Powlen** and Lee Miller attended the 2024 Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America (GCSAA) annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Cale presented the topic "Nutrient update from turfgrasses: How much do you lose with clipping collection?" Dr. Lee Miller from the Purdue Botany and Plant Pathology Department presented on the topic of "What do you do when your fungicide gets wet?".

Purdue sent 16 students (4 teams) to participate in the 30th

annual GCSAA Collegiate quiz bowl. Similar to the Sports Field Managers Turf Quiz bowl the students are tested on their turf/weed/seed identification skills, practical math for the golf industry and golf operations business management related questions. The competition had nearly 300 students and consisted of 68 teams from turf programs across North America. The team of Eli Ziliak, Brody Piel, Hayden Flick, and Jacob Winger won 1st place in the event. Purdue students have won this annual quiz bowl competition three out of the last four years.

Highlights from the 2024 Sports Field Managers Association Annual meeting



Cale Bigelow and **Jada Powlen** attended and participated in the 2024 Sports Field Managers Association (SFMA) annual meeting in

Daytona, FL. They co-presented a seminar "What's new in research for winter overseeding of warm-season grasses". Cale also presented: "Pure Live Seed: Does it matter?" and co-presented "Soils 201: Next level soils knowledge for the sports field manager" with Dr. Barry Stewart from Mississippi State Univ.

HLA graduate student **Stephen Campbell** (co-advised by Cale Bigelow and Allen Talbert in ASEC) received a SFMA "SAFE Foundation" graduate student scholarship. For his MS degree project Stephen has been working on developing and implementing a turfgrass curriculum for high school Agrirculture teachers in Indiana.

One team of four undergraduates also attended the SFMA annual meeting and competed in the Collegiate Quiz Bowl challenge. The competition consisted of 28 teams and 109 students from two-year and four-year turf science programs from across the United States. The team of **Brody Piel**, **Hayden Flick**, **Eli Ziliak** and **Jacob Winger** placed 2nd in the 4-year event (see attached image). The SFMA Collegiate Quiz bowl examines the team's knowledge on practical topics like turf/weed/insect identification, mathematical calculations related to sports field industry as well as topics like irrigation, and a practical case study related to athletic field management.

HLA Faculty Recognized for Citation and H-Factor Increases

College of Agriculture Citation Increase 2022 to 2023



Congratulations to **Celina Gomez**, **Krishna Nemali**, **Kranthi Varala**, and **Ray Bressan** for being recognized by the College of Agriculture for increases in their year-over-year advancements in citations and H-factor increases! It's great to see their excellent research influencing so much other research!

HLA Represented at the Purdue Ag

Alumni Fish Fry



From left to right: Hannah Beck, Danielle Hewitt and Robin Tribbett

Huge thanks to **Robin Tribbett**, **Hannah Beck**, and **Danielle Hewitt** for representing the department at the Ag Alumni Fish Fry this past Saturday!



The **Diverse Corn Belt** project was also represented at the Fish Fry and **Emily Usher** gave away a lot of swag!

Purdue Horticulture Society's Rose Sale



HLA Bowling Team

| 1-0 | Good | Thyme Gang | | | | Week 21 | Lane 23 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------|------|-----|-----|---|---------|
| Avg | Name | | HDCP | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total |
| 176 | Alexandra Jewell | | 48 | 203 | 169 | 211 | 583 |
| 125 | Ashley Adair | | 94 | 132 | 133 | 123 | 388 |
| 169 | Chris Adair | | 54 | 137 | 137 | AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON | 468 |
| 128 | Robert Luecke | | 91 | 115 | 145 | 128 | 388 |
| 114 | Emily Usher | | 104 | | | | |
| - 97 | -97 Wil Brown | | 119 | | | | |
| Von | 1 | Total | | 587 | 584 | 656 | 1827 |
| von_ | 0 | Handicap | 287 | | | 287 | 861 |
| ost | D | HDCP Tota | 5 | 874 | 871 | 943 | 2688 |

Our team **Good Thyme Gang** played against **River City Rascals** Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl for
Week 21 of the Purdue Staff and Students league. We won all 8
points, moving our team up to 3rd place.

In the Women's category: **Alexandra Jewell** placed 1st in scratch game scoring a 211, placed 1st in scratch series scoring a 583, and placed 3rd in handicap game with a 259, and placed 1st in handicap series with a 727.

No placements in the Men's Category.

Don't be shy... Join us for bowling!

We bowl 3 games on Monday nights starting at 6:30pm. All Purdue faculty, staff, students, and retirees are welcome. If you would like to bowl with us for a session during the season, please email **Alexandra Jewell at jewell4@purdue.edu**.

Fruit Pruning Workshop



Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day



Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day



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