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Welcome Ben Czyzewski to the SUNY Delhi Horticultural Sciences Department



Ben, the new instructional support technician, is a native from upstate New York having grown up in Galway, just outside of Saratoga. He became interested in the game of golf when he was in high school and played on his varsity golf team. Being an avid outdoorsman he wanted a career in which he could work in tandem with Mother Nature. After learning that the field of turfgrass management did offer career opportunities he enrolled in SUNY Delhi's four year Golf Course Management/Superintendent program in 2009. While studying at SUNY Delhi, he completed internships at several courses including The Edison Club in Rexford, NY, Southward Ho Country Club in Bay Shore, NY, and Pine Valley Golf Club in Pine Valley, NJ. Following his last semester at SUNY Delhi, he completed a six month internship at Schuyler Meadows Club in Loudonville, NY which turned into a two year stint as an assistant superintendent.

Ever inquisitive, Ben desired to gain a deeper knowledge of critical science behind some of aspects of turfgrass management. In January 2015, he received the opportunity to attend Penn State University and study turfgrass entomology under Dr. Ben McGraw (his advisor while at SUNY Delhi). While at Penn State, he studied the effects of golf course putting green cultural practices (mowing, nitrogen fertilization) on annual bluegrass weevil behavior. In December 2016, he graduated from Penn State University with a M.S. in Agronomy.

We are very excited to have Ben at SUNY Delhi. His technical expertise and practical experience will be a welcome addition to the program. Ben states, "The program has a reputation for producing students that have the technical skills necessary to be valued employees to the industry immediately upon graduation. As a graduate of the program, I have a lot of pride in its reputation and hope to not only maintain, but build upon what the program has to offer." Should you have any questions for Ben please feel free to reach him at czyzewbb@delhi.edu.

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