

## Letter of appreciation

To: Ontario Golf Superintendents Association  
Board of Directors

From: Norman E. McCollum  
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Re: Honorary Membership OGSIA  
Jan 12, 2016

Sally: If possible could you circulate  
this letter to the Ontario Golf  
Superintendents Association Board of  
Directors and its members

Thank you

Norman

To: OGSAA and its members  
From: Norman E. McCallum  
re: Honorary membership

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I first of all want to express my thanks to the individuals that submitted my name for consideration to receive an Honorary membership in your association. This recognition becomes even more meaningful to me because it was submitted by my peers. I am humbled and grateful to the OGSAA Board of Directors by the recognition you have given to me to-day. Thank you most kindly.

Many of our achievements in Research & Education would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the Florida Golf Superintendents Association and the entire ministry of Agriculture & Food.

It has been said that ones success is achieved by riding on the shoulders of others. Nothing could be more applicable than in my case.

I would like to recognize three individuals that played a large part in my success.

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First - my long time friend and mentor Dr

Clayton Switzer, former Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College and deputy minister, Ontario ministry of agriculture and food.

Second - my supervisor, colleague and friend, the late Dr Jack L. Eggens Professor emeritus, Dept of Plant Agriculture University of Guelph. Jack and I had an incredible career together and I think of him often. How can we but not forget the hallowing of ~~laughter~~ laughter echoing down the hallways by Dr Eggens during his lectures in various buildings on the campus including his office.

These two individuals spent their careers raising the profile of Ontario's 404 Superintendents and for that fact alone we are extremely grateful.

Third - The final group of individuals I would like to recognize is you, the Ontario Golf Superintendents Association and its members.

I always looked forward to those OGSA Research field days and was grateful to my staff who wholeheartedly supported me in getting ready for those events. In retrospect I didn't know how I did it with one machine operator, 2 summer students and myself. You the OGSA inspired me, I expected professionalism in the establishment of the research plots that you in part had entrusted me to manage. You motivated me and I am grateful to you for your confidence and support. This support was unwavering from those 1st beginnings at the Cambridge Research Station in March of 1969 and later on at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute on Victoria <sup>Road</sup> ~~Avenue~~. I could not have done it without you.

The Ontario Golf Superintendents Association has indeed <sup>been</sup> most kind to me and this was most evident when at my retirement dinner which was held at the Victoria Park Golf Club on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005, David DiCorso announced that the OGSA Board of Directors had approved to commit \$1000<sup>00</sup> a year towards the "Norman E. McCollum Turfgrass Diploma Entrance Scholarships"

This most generous donation continues to this day and I have been informed that this commitment has been renewed by your board of directors for the next five years. words cannot express enough my thanks and gratitude for this gesture.

I am most proud to share this legacy in partnership between you, myself and the Ontario Agricultural College Alumni Foundation University of Guelph

once again thanks for your friendship  
and fond memories

Happy to meet again  
most sincerely  
Norman

Norman E. McCollem  
January 12, 2016