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Education

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Bachelor of Science – Horticulture- Honors, Turfgrass Management Emphasis, May 2014

Turfgrass Management Experience

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Student Supervisor

March 2012 – Present

- Performed day to day and gameday maintenance of all university athletic fields including clay repair, chalking, tarping, synthetic infill brushing, watering, and mowing
- Rebuilt multiple pitching mounds and batters boxes to appropriate specifications and orientation
- Managed setup of postgame on-field activities such as banquets and “kid’s day”

BOSTON RED SOX

Boston, Massachusetts

Groundskeeping Intern

May 2012 – August 2012

- Aided in daily maintenance of Fenway Park to MLB standards including painting, grooming, repairing, and mowing
- Clay repair pertaining to the maintenance and reconstruction of mounds and batters boxes
- Daily infield skin maintenance and post-event reconstruction including rolling, leveling, and watering
- Assisted in setup and takedown of events such as Roger Water’s “The Wall” concert as well as the field repairs thereafter
- Helped convert the baseball field into a soccer field and back to a baseball field for a Liverpool FC exhibition game
- Cultivated and overseeded damaged and thinning areas of turfgrass

ST. FERIOLE ISLAND BALLPARK COMPLEX

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

Head Groundskeeper

March 2011 – August 2011

- Created a watering program that synchronized irrigation with ETo rates and rainfall to ensure adequate watering while saving non-profit organization from the expense of over watering
- Worked cohesively with the park’s board of directors to prepare for large festivals and tournaments
- Supervised temporary crews of prison inmates to perform maintenance duties and project labor throughout the complex
- Worked extensively with resodding and leveling of damaged turf areas
- Calibrated spreaders and sprayers and performed extensive irrigation repair
- Implemented several IPM techniques successfully

MEZERA MOWING AND MORE

Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

Owner / Operator

April 2005 - May 2010

- Contracted 20+ general lawn maintenance jobs annually (weekly and seasonal)
- Identified problem areas in customer lawns and efficiently communicated those issues to the customer with viable solutions
- Managed and trained employees in various tasks such as mowing, trimming, hedge trimming, and equipment maintenance
- Anticipated complications that may arise on a jobsite and planned accordingly to ensure tasks were completed properly and in a timely manner
- Adhered to national, state, and local business and pesticide application laws and offered alternative options to customers

Leadership Activities and Honors

CFANS Dean's Scholar Program Scholarship and Horticultural Science Industry Scholarship recipient

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, VP of Communications, manager of the 157-year old Cutter Mansion of Minneapolis

University of Minnesota Research Apprentice under Dr. Eric Watkins and Josh Friell for 10 months

CFANS Freshman Orientation leader

University of Minnesota Turf Club Vice-President

STMA Website Committee member