

Dr. William H. Daniel Award

Dr. William H. Daniel was one of the Founders of STMA and as one of its supporters; he also set the pattern for educator/researcher involvement in the Association. The partnership between the educators and researchers in this industry and the sports turf managers who incorporate the knowledge, training, and research advances in practical, on-the-field applications is key to providing better and safer sports turf areas.

To honor all that he achieved, the Dr. William H. Daniel Award (formerly the Excellence in Research Award) recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the sports turf industry through his or her research, teaching or extension outreach. The influence of the individuals in this segment of the industry may be highly visible or behind-the-scenes.

Criteria in Research area:

- Member of STMA
- Conducted research relevant to the sports turf industry
- Research enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry
- Research has practical implications
- Research was published in a professional journal

Criteria in Teaching area:

- Member of STMA
- Developed and/or executed teaching programs relevant to the sports turf industry
- Teaching programs enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry
- Teaching programs provide technical background and/or practical training
- Teaching programs channel outstanding individuals to the sports turf industry

Criteria in Extension area:

- Member of STMA
 - Developed and or executed extension programs relevant to the sports turf industry
 - Extension programs enhanced the understanding of the sports turf industry
 - Extension programs provide technical background and or practical training
- Extension programs assist in improving quality of sports turf areas