K-12 Candidate

CJ Lauer, Associate Director of Facilities, The Episcopal Academy

CJ has been involved with the turfgrass industry since the age of 14. He started his career on the golf side working at local golf courses in the Baltimore area. After earning a degree in Political Science from St. Mary’s College of Maryland, CJ decided that he wanted to continue his education and obtained a certificate in Golf Course Management from the University of Maryland, Institute of Applied Agriculture.

After graduating from the IAA, CJ went on to become an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent for nine years gaining different experiences that ranged from a grow-in of a high-end resort course to other country clubs in the Baltimore Metro Region. It was the time spent on the golf course that gave CJ the background to pursue a career in Sports Field Management and when the opportunity arose he took a job at The Episcopal Academy as their Grounds Superintendent and lead the team through the grow-in of the campus. After spending four years in the Philly area, CJ had the opportunity to return to Baltimore and became the Director of Grounds at the McDonogh School. It was there that he constructed numerous fields and started the renovation process of their athletic fields.

After the brief stint at the McDonogh School, CJ was asked to return to The Episcopal Academy as the Associate Director of Facilities where he currently oversees a crew of 20 staff members and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the campus along with any building and field projects and renovations.

College/University Candidates

Charles Lakey, Sports Turf Manager, The Catholic University of America

Charles "Charley" Lakey has been in the Grounds/ Landscape/ Sports Turf Industry for 20 years. Starting with local Parks & Rec. to University Landscape/ NCAA DIII Athletics at The Catholic University of America. "MASTMA has been an integral part of my learning curve when I took over as Sports Turf Manager, the educational opportunities and networking has been invaluable. I would like to give back to the chapter for this generous help." Charley is also involved in: PGMS, MTC, NALP as well as STMA and of course MASTMA.

Clint Steele, CSFM, Sports Turf Manager, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Hello, my fellow Sports Turf Managers! My name is Clint Steele. I work for the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). Currently, I serve on the MASTMA Board of Directors as the director for University & College Facilities. I am also the Co-Chair for MASTMA’s Education Committee.

I am a graduate of Virginia Tech’s Agriculture Technology program, and I am a Certified Sports Field Manager through the Sports Turf Managers Association. I have been in this industry, in some form, for 20 years now. I started out by working on my high school’s baseball field after practices and games. It was playing baseball and working on the field that I got... “IT”. That unexplainable connection to this profession that so many of us have. From there, I went to school at Virginia Tech, and worked on the grounds crew. After graduating, I worked for a small sports field renovation company in Northern Virginia, George Mason University as an Assistant Sports Turf Manager, and for Capitol Sports Fields, before my current position at UMBC.

I am passionate about this profession, and industry, and that is why I decided to get involved with MASTMA. As turf managers in this region, we are up against a lot. It is up to us to educate those who do not know what we do. With our professionalism, education, passions, and hard work, we can make a difference to promote ourselves as the experts that we need to be. That is why, with your continued support and input, I am committed to bringing you the best education opportunities that we can.