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OSU Turfgrass Management PACE Scholarship Committee
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my recommendation that Owen Johnson be considered for your scholarship toward the OSU Turfgrass Management PACE Course Series.

My name is Conner Olsen, M.S. (Go Beavs!) and Assistant Golf Course Superintendent of the Nicklaus Course at The Pronghorn Club in Bend, OR. I've had the pleasure of working with Owen for nearly a full year now, and I have watched him develop to become one of our strongest crew members in terms of operator capabilities, as well as in his understanding of our turfgrass management practices. We knew when hiring Owen that he was coming in with a reasonable amount of operator experience, but he has far exceeded expectations with regard to his willingness and desire to learn and progress beyond simply being an operator. To further his knowledge of turfgrass BMP's, he regularly attends our intern education seminars where he always asks thoughtful, detailed questions that lead to good discussions. He goes the extra mile out on the course to get his job done right while also ensuring that others are successful with their tasks. He has a keen sense of observation and awareness that helps him recognize things that others might not, like a reel that's not cutting quite right or a bunker face that can't handle the wear and tear of a mower.

Not only is Owen a standout employee at our course, outside of work he's been taking online college courses and also training as a Marine Corps Reserve. He shows dedication and respect in everything he does, and I believe he would show that same dedication and respect to this program and the expectations that would come with receiving a scholarship to participate.

I am confident that Owen possesses both the ability and the desire to succeed in the PACE Course Series. As a young, motivated, and thoughtful individual, he would represent the OSU Turf Program extremely well.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding my recommendation of Owen, please feel free to contact me at 503-710-6335 or conner.olsen@juniperpreserve.com

Sincerely,



Conner Olsen

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