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New Golf Course Maintenance Technician registered apprenticeship announced

EAST LANSING, MI - The Michigan Golf Course Association, in coordination with the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity and U.S. Department of Labor, announced the creation of a new apprenticeship program: Golf Course Maintenance Technician, today at The Lynx Golf Course in Otsego, MI.

Through this Registered Apprenticeship program, interested candidates can further their agronomy education, work alongside field experts to gain on the job learning, and gain a national occupation credential.

“There are nearly 800 golf courses in Michigan. MGCA knows how important golf is to Michiganders and tourists. To keep our courses in top-notch condition, we must get more people involved in the art and science of agronomy to consider job opportunities at golf courses. This registered apprenticeship program opens the door to help golf courses increase their workforce and offer advanced career opportunities,” said Jada Paisley, Executive Director, Michigan Golf Course Association.

Interested candidates will receive access to online content supported by Golf Course Superintendents Association of American (GCSAA). MGCA received collaborative input from GCSAA, MiGCSA, and Michigan Turfgrass Foundation in designing the “Golf Course Maintenance Technician Apprenticeship.”

“There has arguably never been a better time to get into the golf course management profession. There are opportunities at every level and this apprenticeship is just another example of that. We’re happy to work with the MGCA, MiGCSA and MTF to provide this new resource for our members and provide an additional avenue for individuals to get involved in the industry,” said Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs at GCSAA.

“The need for qualified people in the golf industry is critical. The turf programs around the country are trying to keep up, but it is clear there is a more immediate need to help facilities equip their employees on staff with the information they need to grow into a more managerial position,” added Adam Ikamas, Executive Director of Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association. “This program will help fill that need for so many courses around the state that simply have no other options right now. Hopefully, this can provide an avenue for loyal and dedicated staff members or new hires with some agronomy background to further their education and possibly pursue a career in the golf industry.”

To learn more about the Golf Course Maintenance Technician apprenticeship visit www.michingangca.org

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