NYSTA board member, Robert Sanderson, received the National Spirit of Progress award from Sodexho Campus Services. He was honored for his work refining used vegetable oil for use in diesel-powered equipment on the Nazareth College campus, where he is employed as the grounds and landscape manager. The award is given each year to a vendor partner that shows ability and initiative in helping the company grow its business, reduce costs and provide innovative products and services to customers.

Joe Broyles, senior regional account manager for Plant Healthcare, was selected by the New York State Turf & Landscape Association as its person of the year. He accepted the honor at the association’s spring meeting in March.

Long-time NYSTA member, Dan Schied, was recently recognized in the March issue of TurfNorth magazine. In 1995, he started a landscape networking group which has grown to become a popular list serve of more than 40 groundskeepers and turfgrass professionals. Members communicate through emails and meet two or three times each year to discuss issues, ask questions and give each other advice on how to solve turf and landscape problems. For grounds managers in the New York area interested in more information, email Dan Schied at dschied@facilities.rochester.edu.