



Mike Kenna was joined by his family and friends when he received the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award. Left to right: Patrick Kenna, Irene and John Kenna, Charlie Kenna, Susan and Mike Kenna, and Dr. Kent Kurtz.

KENNA RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Michael P. Kenna, Ph.D., USGA Green Section Research Director, was presented the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Cal Poly Pomona Alumni Association on June 6, 2003. Dr. Wayne R. Bidlack, dean of the Cal Poly School of Agriculture, was on hand to present the award that recognizes professional achievement, community service, and service to Cal Poly Pomona. Dr. Kenna was nominated by Dr. Kent Kurtz, professor of ornamental horticulture and turfgrass management in the Cal Poly Horticulture/Plant and Soil Science Department.

A 1979 Cal Poly Pomona ornamental horticulture graduate, Kenna has been the USGA Green Section director of research for the past 13 years. During this time, he has been responsible for overseeing the distribution of more than \$14 million in grants to 180 research projects at more than 40 universities and institutions through the USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Program.

"There is a sense of hope that careful and steady work will produce better plants for all of us to use in the future, whether in traditional agriculture or in our urban landscapes," Kenna says. "I enjoy my job, the interaction with university faculty and graduate students through USGA-sponsored programs, and the opportunity to direct a program that is making progress with regard to resource management and environmental issues."

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