Joe Stoffregen is Chosen 1998 Horticulture Outstanding Alumnus

The 1998 departmental selection as Outstanding Alumnus is Joseph C. Stoffregen, 1985 graduate and currently Vice-president of Homewood Nursery and Garden Center in Raleigh.

As an undergraduate, Joe was on the NCSU Flower Judging team, coached by Dr. Joe Love, which won first place in the Intercollegiate Flower Judging Contest held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. Joe won the individual honor as the top judge. Joe was also a member of Pi Alpha Xi, a national honor society in floriculture and ornamental horticulture.

Joe has served as President of the N.C. Commercial Flower Growers' Association, President of the N.C. Horticulture Council, and is Chair of the Retail Marketing Committee of the N.C. Association of Nurserymen. In 1997 he was chosen as the Outstanding Young Nurseryman of the year. Each year he presents a lecture at the Student Seminar class, he is a frequent speaker at grower conferences, and he has a Friday morning television show. Congratulations to Joe for a well deserved honor.