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Certified professional introduces landscape career choice to student

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I had the unique opportunity to work with a graduating high school senior this spring. Our time together proved to be beneficial in triplicate. It fulfilled a graduation requirement for my intern, and, as it turns out, provided a service credit for my Certified Landscape Professional (CLP) renewal. But there was a third benefit: I had the opportunity to share our industry with a potential future colleague.

The Genesis program at Magnificat High School in Rocky River, Ohio, requires students to "design a personal learning experience that may, perhaps, inspire an eventual career choice" at the end of their senior year. I'd known Maggie Cooper for many years, so when she approached me to be her sponsor, I agreed, although I had some hesitation about the time commitment.

Where to start?

Measuring and designing landscape plans, negotiating contracts, talking to clients, take offs and data entry for estimating, checking jobs in progress, making field adjustments, acquiring materials ... I was overwhelmed. How was I going to convey this job to her in 10 days? In addition to the usual craziness of May in Northeast Ohio, we had to schedule the internship hours around her district/regional track competitions, and an unavoidable two-day trip for me out of the state.

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I decided to focus on the design aspect of the job spectrum, as I could give her prepared materials to read in case we had to be in different places on certain days. I selected textbooks and worksheets on design concepts, the basic requirements for a site study, and preparing a base plan to scale.

Early in the first week, we did a site study together. The following day was a split day for her, so I sent her home early with materials to read about scaling a project. The next morning we spent 30 minutes reviewing the material, and then after the initial rough layout, I allowed her to detail the site study information on the plan. WOW! Was I impressed! Maggie is a skilled mathematician, and she understood the concept immediately. Our success led me to an obvious conclusion — we were going to get through my design backlog on schedule!

Take offs were the next logical step for the math whiz. While I worked the phones, she applied the Pythagorean theorem to our prints. (Yeah, the last time I heard that phrase was in high school, too.) She was intrigued by the practical application of geometry to my daily work. However, when I asked for assistance in preparing a plant list for a client, the Latin proved very challenging for the Spanish scholar.

Over the course of 10 days, she helped tag 10-foot and 12-foot spruce trees in mud up to her ankles, checked on a project in progress, inspected completed jobs, and met with clients. Her final assignment was to develop a landscape design plan — from site study to completed design — for her parent's property. By the end of the internship, she completed a landscape plan for her home, complete with graphics for hardscapes and gardens.



Charlene Crowley, CLP (left), shared her business knowledge with high school senior Maggie Cooper.

While the possibility of renewal points didn't really influence my decision in the spring, it was an added perk. I encourage other CLPs to share their knowledge and experience to help steer young people toward a career in the green industry.

Student internship guidelines

Internships lay the groundwork for college students to enter the industry fully prepared to be productive employees. If you would like to set up an internship program at your company, "[Student Internships for the Green Industry](#)" contains recommended guidelines for a successful internship experience.

Information in the document includes:

- Definition of an internship
- Internship program guidelines
- Intern selection
- Internship expectations
- Internship funding
- Pay rates
- Intern rules
- Performance evaluations
- Safety obligations
- Faculty networks
- Sample learning modules

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International Certification Council members take charge

The PLANET certification program vision statement is “driven by market demand, every professional landscape firm aspires to have PLANET-certified employees on staff.”

The International Certification Council (ICC) is the group that seeks to make that vision a reality by establishing certification programs, administering exams, and enforcing ethical compliance of all certification programs on behalf of PLANET.

The council's eight members serve three-year terms, and each member chairs a committee. The ICC meets at PLANET's Summer Leadership Meeting and Green Industry Conference each year.

New ICC members

New members on the 2007 ICC are Kristen Fefes, CAE, and Skip Thompson, COLP, CTP.

Fefes is the executive director of the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC), one of the original groups offering the Certified Landscape Technician-Exterior (CLT-E) program. She has been with the organization for seven years. ALCC is a PLANET state association member with more than 700 member companies across Colorado that specialize in all types of landscape and irrigation work.

For 13 years, Thompson of A Cut Above in Columbus, Georgia, has been in the lawn care business. He has spoken about the turf certification designations at PLANET's Green Industry Conferences over the past two years. He also is on the Georgia Cooperative Extension Advisory Board.

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Certification program in Michigan marks a “timely” milestone



Diane Andrews

The Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) completed its fifth Certified Landscape Technician-Exterior (CLT-E) field exam in September. “Wow, how time flies,” says Diane Andrews, executive director for the association. “It seems like just yesterday that we visited the Illinois test site to witness first-hand how the field exam was implemented. Pat Cassady and the whole CLT

committee were so helpful to us, as were the Ohio and Wisconsin committees.”

Andrews continues, “We have been extremely fortunate to have our exam overseen by PLANET Certification Observers John Luznicky, CLP, and Marshall and Barbara Scheibe of Wisconsin; Dale Wenner, CLT, of Connecticut; and Tom Shotzbarger, CLP, CLT, COLP, CTP, CTP-CSL of Pennsylvania. We have learned from each of them how to fine-tune our exam to make it the most professional experience for our candidates.

“Our experience in obtaining volunteers for various association events throughout the year sometimes has been a difficult task. But this is not the case with finding volunteers to judge the CLT field exam. This year we even had a waiting list of judges who volunteered to help. The support we receive from the green industry is phenomenal.”

Why continue your certification?

The process of acquiring education and service points to continue your certification can enhance you personally and professionally. The requirement to complete continuing education provides you the opportunity to attend training, where you can research a new service offering and learn how to expand your business as well as your knowledge.

The renewal form is due by December 31 of each year and is always available on LandcareNetwork.org. Call Zane Castle or Marcia Higgins at (800) 395-2522 with any questions.

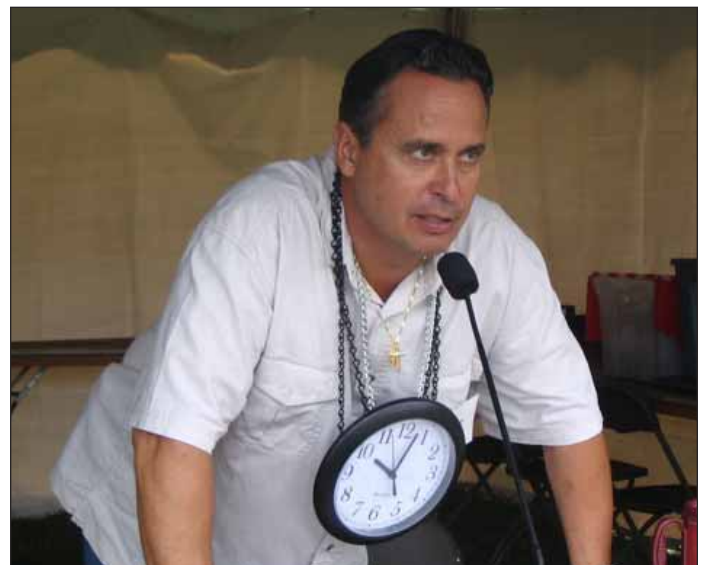
Talented timekeeper

One volunteer who hasn't missed a year at the field test is Dan Banks of Banner Sales & Consulting. He is the site announcer/timekeeper — a pivotal role at the field test. Ask anyone who has been to a Michigan test what they remember most and the answer invariably is ... the timekeeper. Some have suggested he could be in broadcasting.

PLANET certification observers have found him notable and included these comments in their official reports:

- “Dan Banks, timekeeper, kept candidates at ease with candid comments throughout the day, which was a nice touch.”
- “If there were an award for ‘Timekeeper of the Year,’ it would go to Dan.”
- “Dan does an admirable job of keeping everyone informed of the time status as well as reminding candidates about safety and making other comments to make the candidates feel at ease.”

At the test this past September, Banks probably made even more of an impression on everyone who was there. MGIA presented him with his own “bling” a la Flava Flav. He was a good sport and humored the staff by wearing it ... and he kept the test right on time all day.



Dan Banks receives high praise as timekeeper at the Michigan field test.

Promoting green industry certification to students

By Kathy Fediw, CLP, CLT

High schools, vocational/technical schools, and colleges are always looking for people to speak with their students about career opportunities. Why should you spend your time speaking to students about careers in the green industry?

1. Students are your future employees and your summer labor source. They are ripe for the picking! Consider this an ideal opportunity to recruit new employees for free.
2. Students have parents who are (or could be) your current customers. Parents always want to know what their kids did in school that day. Here's a chance to market your business for free.
3. Students are your future customers. These students will most likely own homes and/or businesses within the next few years. They will need your services and will remember you.
4. Students are your future competitors. Are you one of the many in the green industry who started a business while still in high school or shortly after graduation? Better to hire them than compete with them a few years from now!
5. Students are future leaders for our industry. These students represent our future and the future of the green industry. Don't you want a chance to help mold that future?

Information and tools



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When you're speaking with students, you can use several marketing tools available from PLANET. These include the Certified Landscape Technician-Exterior (CLT-E) certification recruiting video found on PLANET's Web site at LandCarenetwork.org (or request a copy of the DVD from PLANET), and a great PowerPoint program for interior plantscapers available through Plants at Work

(www.plantsatwork.org). View them first and decide if you want to use the entire program or just clips, depending on the age group and time you have allotted for your presentation.

Students will want to know:

- What kinds of jobs are available?
- What kind of education do I need?
- Will I be helping or hurting the environment? (Students are keenly aware of ecological issues.)
- How much money can I expect to make?
- Is there a real future in the green industry for me? Is this really a good career?

Students are more likely to want to work for a business that supports and encourages certification.

Certification is living proof that this is a respectable profession with a real future. Students will be very impressed to know that there are opportunities for advancement and recognition, and plenty of ways that they can get involved with both state and national organizations through certification. Students are more likely to want to work for a business that supports and encourages certification.

This industry needs knowledgeable, committed people like you to help spread the word. And we need knowledgeable, committed people like the students you'll be meeting to continue to lead our industry into a greener future.

Remember — certification sets you apart — use it!

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Certification milestones

By Marcia Higgins, Professional Standards Manager

This is the first *Inside Certification* newsletter to be issued in electronic format only. It allows the use of color, an increase in content, and live links to additional information. We want to make full use of what technology offers, so your e-mail address is as important as your postal address. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address. Send us an e-mail (certification@landcarenetwork.org) or call us at (800) 395-2522. The newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November.

Computer-based testing centers

The long-awaited launch of Beta testing the Certified Landscape Technician-Interior (CLT-I) exam in computer-based testing centers is here. We eagerly await the feedback on this testing experience. If this leads to all PLANET written-format exams being offered in computer testing centers, the days of waiting for an exam location in your area will be over. For more information

about the CLT-I, visit LandcareNetwork.org or e-mail me at marciahiggins@landcarenetwork.org.

Remarkable test results

Anyone who has earned a PLANET certification will confirm that the tests are challenging. In the past eight years, no one ever scored 100 percent on any section ... until now. We don't normally give out the passing scores, but this is a very special situation. **Amy Erfling, CLP**, of **Franz Witte Construction** in Boise, Idaho, took the test January 18 (passing the whole test, the first time through) and scored 100 percent on the Exterior Production/Operations & Horticulture section. Well done, Amy! Then, the January 22 exam came back from the CENTS show in Columbus Ohio, and **Scott Franks of Franks Foliage and Landscape** in Wooster, Ohio, had scored 100 percent on the Risk, Law, and Contracts section of the Certified Landscape Professional (CLP) exam! We are very proud of everyone who earns the CLP designation. Are you up to the challenge?

Community college adds new landscape design/build major

The Plant Science and Landscape Technology Department at Cuyahoga Community College's Eastern campus, a PLANET-accredited college, now offers an Associate of Applied Science degree with a landscape design/build major, one of three programs of its kind in Ohio. Landscape designers are in demand at medium- and large-size landscaping companies as well as at area gardens centers, and this two-year degree will prepare students for lucrative careers in both landscape design and landscape contracting.

The degree requires 71 semester credit hours. Course topics currently available for the major include:

- Botany
- Landscape plant materials
- Landscape equipment operation
- Landscape practices
- Landscape contracting
- Irrigation and soils



The new landscape design courses are Design I—Landscape Design and Construction Graphics, Design II—Introduction to Landscape Design, Design III—Planting Design, and Design IV—Advanced Landscape Design.

"This is an excellent major for the plant lover with a creative mind," says David Emmitt, program manager for Plant Science and Landscape Technology. "For many years, students could only get a two-year degree in landscape design in Columbus, but now this promising career path is available locally."

The complete curriculum for the landscape design/build major can be found at tri-c.edu/catalog/0507/addendum06/sequences/pst.htm. For more information about the degree or the Plant Science and Landscape Technology Department, visit tri-c.edu/pst or contact David Emmitt at (216) 987-2235 or via e-mail at David.Emmitt@Tri-C.edu.

Wisconsin contractors build hope in South Africa

Two years ago, the 350 kindergarten through sixth grade students at the Ikhwili Primary School in Kei Mouth, Eastern Cape, had never seen a swing set or a teeter-totter. That all changed last year when a group of Wisconsin landscape contractors, members of the Madison chapter of the Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association (WLCA), traveled to South Africa to build a playground and hope for the children.

The group, comprised of Dave and Jerry Watts of Watts Landscape Service in Middleton, Wisconsin, Paul Ganshert, CLP, Ganshert Nursery and Landscapes in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, Liza Lightfoot, Avant Gardening and Landscapes in McFarland, Wisconsin, and Susan Yost of Landscape Preservations, spent two weeks in South Africa working on the project.

“It was a tremendous experience,” says Ganshert. “When we first arrived, the children had no idea what we were building, but they were quick studies. All we had to do was put them in a swing or sit them on a teeter-totter, and they started to play.”

Construction pitfalls

“We learned in a hurry to leave our Western ideas behind,” Ganshert adds. “Building material was in short supply, electricity was erratic, and we borrowed the only power drill and electrical cord available. We also quickly adopted local vernacular for building terms and rediscovered the job of converting to the metric system.”

They literally built the playground from anything they could find. Benches were constructed using broken chair legs and old railroad ties. Seas shells from a nearby beach were used to create a flat area where the children could play marbles. A local contractor lugged in a large Cyprus tree that was erected as part of a climbing wall.

In addition to the swings and teeter-totters, the contractors built a climbing wall with ropes, a sand-box laden with rocks, and a healing garden. They even constructed a small theater area, with the ocean as a backdrop, where the children could sing and dance.



Ganshert continues, “It was just amazing to see the looks on the

children’s faces as the playground took shape. Their eyes got wide and they couldn’t stop smiling. It was great that we could bring happiness to an area of the world affected so much by disease and poverty.”

How it all started

Seeds for this project were sewn in the late seventies when Ganshert, while traveling in Europe, met some people from South Africa. They became friends and exchanged visits to their home countries. Later, he introduced them to a few of his contractor friends in Wisconsin, including Liza Lightfoot who was originally from South Africa. Interest grew in finding a way to help the underserved children. Last year, the small group formed a nonprofit organization called Kidlinks to help raise funds for their initial trek to South Africa.

More plans in the works

This month, Ganshert and a small team of area contractors will again travel to Kei Mouth, this time to work on a project for the adjacent secondary school. Initial plans call for creating a small park-like setting where the older students can enjoy some recreation, constructing a vegetable garden, and building a par course where students can be challenged physically and have some fun, too. Money raised by WLCA, Kidlinks, and various fundraisers this past year will help support the group.

Down the road, Ganshert and his contracting friends would like to expand their effort and help create a small garden industry and jobs for the town’s high school students after they graduate. They would also like to start a dialogue and possibly an exchange program with students in Wisconsin and elsewhere.

“Why do we want to help children so far away when so many people need help right at home,” asks Ganshert. “The answer is that these children have nothing, and giving them something — a playground, a garden, and later on maybe even the tools to help them make a living — gives them hope for the future.”

For more information about Kidlinks or how you can help support the effort put forth by Paul and his friends, contact Paul at (608) 274-2442 or visit the Kidlink’s Web site at: www.kidlinksworld.org.

Natural elements were used in the playground construction including eucalyptus logs that were put together for additional spatial definition, informal seating, and a variety of balancing games. Larger eucalyptus tree trunks and driftwood from the Indian seashore provided other unique play opportunities.

Congratulations to PLANET's newly certified candidates

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Joseph R. Kujawa, CLP, Kujawa Enterprises, Inc., Oak Creek, WI
Jody Lenes, CLP, Garden Gate Landscaping, Inc., Silver Spring, MD
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Jesus Cano, CLT (Installation), Sunrise Landscape Design, Inc., Vancouver, WA
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Terry Carter, CLT (Maintenance), Columbine Design, Inc., Englewood, CO
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Jose Garcia, CLT (Irrigation), CoCal Landscape, Colorado Springs, CO
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Hector Gonzalez, CLT (Installation), Bertotti Landscaping, Petaluma, CA
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Jeff Harden, CLT (Maintenance), St. Anne's Episcopal School, Denver, CO

Jonathan Harkins, CLT (Maintenance), Tremendous Landscape Co.®, Plainfield, IL

Jason Harless, CLT (Installation), Land Expressions, LLC, Spokane, WA

Brandon Hasson, CLT (Installation), Five Seasons Landscape Management, Inc., Reynoldsburg, OH

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