



# PLANET ACCREDITATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

To be listed as an accredited school in the next edition of the PLANET Annual Report and to receive the SCD registration discount, this report is due by **December 15, 2012**.

Report for Academic Year 2011-2012

Add more lines or attach additional sheets if needed

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Accreditation status (Full or Provisional) Provisional

If Provisional, describe progress made toward completing requirements for Full status  
Requirements for Full Accreditation have been completed. Report and Request for full accreditation will be sent forward by 12-15-12.

Please describe any substantial changes in the program since the last site team visit  
None

Name of Major(s) Landscape & Horticultural Science, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management

**I. Student Enrollment by**

Summer Quarter	_____	Fall Semester	<u>98</u>
Fall Quarter	_____	Winter Semester	<u>94</u>
Winter Quarter	_____		
Spring Quarter	_____		

**II. Advisory Committee (Provide Names, Company, City, State & E-mail address)**

Chairman: Bruce Burger – The Quarry Golf Course, San Antonio, TX, bburger@quarrygolf.com -

Carlos Cantu Jr., Cantu Contracting, San Antonio, TX, carloscantu812@cs.com -

Scott Kelley, Mortellaro's Nursery, Schertz, TX scott@mortellaro.com – Michael Garcia, San Antonio Botanical Society, San Antonio, TX mghortisuper@sazoo-aq.org – Billy Odam, San Antonio ISD, San Antonio, TX, BODAM@saisd.net -

David Rodriguez, Texas Agri-Life Extension Service, San Antonio, TX, dhrodriguez@ag.tamu.edu -

**III. Student Internships Completed Since Last Report**

Student Name	Employer	City, State
Mary Fernandez	Texas Agri-Life Extension Service	San Antonio, TX
Heather Hardee	Color Spot Nurseries	San Antonio, TX
Amy Leonard	San Antonio Zoological Society	San Antonio, TX
Shirley Loughmiller	Landmark Nurseries	San Antonio, TX
Vania Taylor	D.R.T-The Alamo	San Antonio, TX
Nathan Garcia	San Antonio River Authority	San Antonio, TX

**IV. Professional Practice – All Green Industry Meetings Attended by Students (indicate the number of that attended each event) or Faculty since Last Report**

Event Name	Location (City/State)	Date	Check All That Apply:
TNLA Region I Meeting	San Antonio, TX	October 2011	X Attendee Presenter Coordinator Other <b>2 Faculty</b> <b>12 Students</b>

Event Name	Location (City/State)	Date	Check All That Apply:
Texas Turfgrass Assoc. Annual Meeting	San Antonio, TX	December 2011	X Attendee  Presenter Coordinator Other <b>1 Faculty</b> <b>2 Students</b>

Event Name	Location (City/State)	Date	Check All That Apply:
Student Career Days	Manhattan, KS	March 2012	X Attendee Presenter X Coordinator Other <b>2 Faculty</b> <b>11 Students</b>

Event Name	Location (City/State)	Date	Check All That Apply:
TNLA Region I Meeting	San Antonio, TX	May 2012	X Attendee X Presenter Coordinator Other <b>2 Faculty</b> <b>14 Students</b>

**V. Creative Works Authored, Co-Authored or Researched by Faculty Since Last Report**

None

**VI. PLANET Student Career Days**

Attended PLANET event (indicate year, location, number of students)



None

Attended affiliated Career Days event (indicate date, location, sponsor, number of students)

March 22<sup>nd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> 2012, Kansas State University, Texas Nursery & Landscape Assoc., 11 Students and two faculty.

Did not attend (explain)

Success stories/ testimonials from SCD

SCD gave our students a whole new perspective on the landscape industry. They were excited to see so many people passionate about what they were passionate about. It allowed them to see how prepared they needed to be for industry jobs.

**VII. Scholarships/ Awards** List all scholarships and awards students received.

Christina Franklin – Palo Alto College Horticulture Club Scholarship

**VIII. PLANET Student Chapter** List major activities of the PLANET Student Chapter.

October 2011 –Fall Community Pumpkin and Plant Sale (Fundraiser)

March 2012 – Spring Community Plant Sale (Fundraiser)

March 2012 -- Service Project – Work on Schultze House Gardens

May 2012 -- Service Project – Tree Planting at Methodist Mission Home

May 2012 -- Spring Community Plant Sale (Fundraiser)

May 2012 – TNLA Region I Meeting Presentation about Student Career Days Experiences

May 2012 – End of Semester Dinner and Gathering

**IX. Intern Hourly Wage Information** How Many Students in Each Range?

\$1 - \$9	1
\$10- \$19	4
\$20 - \$29	
\$30 - \$39	
\$40 - \$49	
\$50 and Above	

**X. Graduate Annual Wage Information** How Many Students in Each Range and What is Their Title?

\$1 - \$9,999		
\$10,000 - \$19,999	2	Watershed Operations Crewman, Maintenance Crew Leader
\$20,000 - \$29,999	5	Inside Sales Manager, Sales Representative
\$30,000 - \$39,999		
\$40,000 - \$49,999		
\$50,000 - \$59,999		
\$60,000 - \$69,999		
\$70,000 - \$79,999		
\$80,000 - \$89,999		
\$90,000 - \$99,999		



\$100,000 and Above \_\_\_\_\_

**XI. Graduation Percentage/ Certificates Granted** Students that Enrolled in the Program and Graduated/Completed All Course Requirements \_\_\_\_\_ 70 %

**XII. Program Completion Numbers**

Graduated From the Program	<u>6</u>
Staying in the Green Industry	<u>5</u>
Going Out of the Green Industry	<u>1</u>
Going to a Graduate Program	_____
Going to a Four Year Program	<u>1</u>

**XIII. Testimonials Related to PLANET and How Accreditation Has Helped Your Program.**

The PLANET accreditation process has been very helpful in improving the professionalism of the Palo Alto College Landscape and Horticultural Science program. We have used the site visit report requirements for full accreditation and the recommendations as a guide in our unit planning process to strengthen the program further. Once the requirements were met, many of the recommendations made by the site visit committee have been adopted and completed.

**XIV. Success Stories – Please Share All Stories Relating to Students and Faculty in Your Program.**

Veldon Riggs, a Landscape & Horticultural Science faculty member, was an awardee of the NISOD Teaching Excellence Award for Dedication and Persistence in January of 2012.

Sam Cardenas, a Landscape & Horticultural Science student, successfully completed the requirements to become a Certified Arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture in September 2011.

Information contained in annual reports from PLANET-accredited schools is used to track changes in enrollment and placement, as well as to market and strengthen accreditation. Statistics generated by annual reports are the only data we have related to entry-level salaries, and placement in full time positions and internships. Additionally, many accredited programs use the information obtained in this report to favorably impress administrators and recruit students to their institutions.

Upon the completion of this report, a letter highlighting your school's successes will be sent from PLANET's president and the accreditation chair to your administration. Please send the contact information for whom you would like to receive the letter to [cherylclaborn@landcarenetwork.org](mailto:cherylclaborn@landcarenetwork.org).

As a reminder, benefits associated with accreditation (including reduced registration for Student Career Days and free PLANET membership to students) are available only to schools that have submitted their annual report for the preceding year.

Completed form due by 12/15/2012

**PLEASE return electronically to: [cherylclaborn@landcarenetwork.org](mailto:cherylclaborn@landcarenetwork.org)**

**If returned by mail:**  
PLANET Accreditation  
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