

# Southwestern College LNT/LA Orientation



2015-2016 Academic Year



# Staff Introduction

- ◆ Bill Homyak – Turf Management, Horticultural Business Practices, Cost Estimating, Computer Drafting, and Assorted LNT courses
- ◆ Meredith Sinclair- Plant Identification Courses, Assorted Horticulture Courses
- ◆ Leah Rottke – Plant and Horticultural Science, Assorted Horticulture Courses
- ◆ Michelle Landis- Landscape Design Courses
- ◆ Samone Sayasenh- EOPS Counselor

# Typical Jobs Our Students Find

## Nursery Operations

- 💧 Plant Production
- 💧 Plant Sales
- 💧 Nursery Management



## Landscape Design

- 💧 Landscape Architecture
- 💧 Landscape Design
- 💧 Irrigation Design
- 💧 Urban Planning





# Typical Jobs Our Students Find

## Development

- ◆ Landscape Construction
- ◆ Project Management



## Maintenance and Operations

- ◆ Sports Turf Management
- ◆ Landscape Maintenance
- ◆ Arborist
- ◆ Irrigation Technician

# Typical Jobs Our Students Find

## Hospitality

- ◆ Floral Design
- ◆ Wedding & Event Planning



## Sustainability

- ◆ Water Managers
- ◆ Water Auditors
- ◆ Habitat Restoration



# Typical Jobs Our Students Find

## Agriculture

- ◆ Organic Farming
- ◆ Crop Production
- ◆ After School Education programs



## Municipal

- ◆ Open Space Management
- ◆ City Planning
- ◆ Parks and Schools

# Degrees and Certificates

## Degrees\*

- ◆ Golf and Sports Turf Management
- ◆ Landscape Architecture
- ◆ Landscape Occupations
- ◆ Sustainable Landscape Practices
- ◆ Nursery Occupations
  - Floral Design Emphasis
  - Retail and Nursery Plant Production

\* Requires general education classes in addition to LNT/LA

## Certificates of Achievement

- ◆ Golf and Sports Turf Management
- ◆ Landscape Architecture
- ◆ Landscape Design
- ◆ Landscape Occupations
- ◆ Sustainable Landscape Practices
- ◆ Nursery Occupations
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  - Retail and Nursery Plant Production

# Degrees and Certificates

Certificates of Proficiency are Coming Soon! All are under 18 units

- ◆ Floral Design
- ◆ Landscape Maintenance
- ◆ Landscape Contracting & Installation
- ◆ Nursery Production
- ◆ Retail Nursery Associate
- ◆ Sustainable Landscape Practices
- ◆ Golf and Sports Turf
- ◆ Water Management & Irrigation Skills
- ◆ Sustainable Landscape Design
- ◆ Home Horticulture Skills
- ◆ Computer Design Graphics



# Degrees and Certificates

Make sure to sign up for your degree or certificate program

- ◆ Helps to ensure continued funding of classes
- ◆ Locks in the degree or certificate requirements (Catalog Rights)
- ◆ Valuable for scholarship applications
- ◆ Valuable to future employers
- ◆ If you have classes from other colleges for similar programs we can work with you to get SWC college credit
  - minimum 12 units needed at SWC for completion at this campus

# Degrees and Certificates

## Signing Up is Easy:

- ◆ Step 1: Log into WebAdvisor: webadvisor.swccd.edu
- ◆ Step 2: In the student tab, look under “User Account”
- ◆ Step 3: Select “Update Major/ Educational Goal

### User Account

I'm New to WebAdvisor

What's my User ID?

Reset my password

Update your Email/ Telephone Number/ Address

Update Major/Educational Goal



# Degrees and Certificates

## Signing Up is Easy:

- ◆ Step 4: Access Pull Down Menu on next page, select, and submit!

### Update Major/Educational Goal

1. Please review your Major and Educational Goal.
2. If you wish to change your Major please select a new one from the drop down list otherwise leave it blank.
3. If you wish to change your Educational Goal please select a new one from the drop down list otherwise leave it blank.
4. Changing your Major may impact your Veterans Benefits/Financial Aid status. Please consult with a Counselor first.
5. Changing the academic major will cause students to lose their catalog rights for the previous major. For more information, see the [Southwestern College Catalog](#).

#### Student Major

Current Major

New Major

Landscape Architecture - A.S.

Important!





# Degrees and Certificates

## Additional Degree and Certificate Information:

- ◆ You can earn Certificates and Degrees at the same time.
- ◆ Double Major – You can complete a second A.S. degree with the completion of about 18 additional units.
- ◆ Certificates and Degrees are not automatically given to you when you have completed your required classes.
- ◆ You must submit the required paperwork to request them from the Admissions and Records office.

# More About Catalog Rights...

## Additional Degree and Certificate Information:

- ◆ Catalog rights means that if your degree or certificate requirements change while you are attending school, you are eligible to complete it with the original requirements.
- ◆ You have “Catalog Rights” for the year that you started the program. You must be a continuous student, and may not miss more than 1 semester (Fall or Spring) or your catalog rights start from when you return.
- ◆ There is an exception if you miss more than one semester because you are in the military.
- ◆ Keep your catalog from the year you started!

# Associates of Science Degrees

- ◆ Have a “grad check” performed by the Advising Center.
- ◆ Completely fill out a Graduation Petition form and submit it by the deadline for the semester in which you plan to graduate.
- ◆ If you are seeking to substitute a course completed at another school or one course for another, you need to petition for a variance with the appropriate department/division. **Do this well in advance of your planned graduation date!**
- ◆ All transcripts from other colleges or universities must be either included with the petition or on file in the Admissions Office.
- ◆ Submit or mail the petition to the Admissions Office.



# Course Offering Frequency

- ◆ SWC has a new commitment to students to offer all degree classes within a two year cycle.
- ◆ Some LNT/LA Classes are offered every semester, some once per year, and some once per every 2 years. Plan carefully, ask teachers when they may be offered or go the LNT webpage to see when future classes will be offered.
- ◆ Some classes have a prerequisite (Landscape Design 2) or require a teacher waiver to enroll.
- ◆ Don't wait to enroll in classes, you may find it is cancelled before it starts.

# Recommendations

## Good Starting Courses

- ◆ Plant and Horticultural Science
- ◆ Plant Identification
- ◆ Soils
- ◆ Landscape Graphics and Planting Design
- ◆ Plant Pest and Disease

## Good Ending Courses

- ◆ Sprinkler Design
- ◆ Landscape Contracting and Estimating
- ◆ Horticultural Business Practices
- ◆ Landscape Design II

# Student Work Experience

- ◆ Students may apply to work for the LNT department as a paid student worker in late August of every school year. They must carry at least 6 units (3 of which must be an LNT or LA class)
- ◆ Students may also work as a non-paid student worker by signing up for the PD 290 – Occupational Cooperative Education class. By working for us, you earn up to 4 units of college credit and satisfy the work experience requirement needed for many of our degrees and certificates. Students may also use a currently held horticulture job with an employer to meet this requirement.



# Student Scholarships

- ◆ Many scholarships are offered solely to LNT or LA students.
- ◆ Apply by going to the college's scholarship website. From the home page, click on Student Services and then click on Scholarships and begin the process. You can apply for horticultural scholarships and other campus-wide scholarships.
- ◆ These awards are valued from \$50 to as much as \$1,000.
- ◆ Remember, you can't win if you don't apply!
- ◆ The application process begins February 1<sup>st</sup> – don't delay!

# South Bay Botanic Garden (SBBG): A Living Laboratory at SWC

- 💧 A global plant collection on 4 acres
- 💧 A place for “hands on” learning
- 💧 Seasonal events and Saturday walks



# LNT/LA Orientation Questions?

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