

A Look Back: 2013-2014 Horticulture

Anoka Technical College Horticulture Department has seen some changes this past year! Here is what is up!

Golf Course Grounds Management :

Our new Faculty Member, Marlin Murphy, arrived from Stillwater Country Club. He has 18 years experience as a Superintendent.



Toro Giving Program donated a brand new Flex 2100 Greensmower. Winter in Minnesota prohibits growing outdoors so our Turf Students built a bent grass green indoors under grow lights! It has been a work in process with a few glitches that we are working through but a couple of cups have been cut! Talk about a classroom distraction!



The job/internship boards is overflowing! This year we have seen both Turf and Landscape employers crying for our students!



Landscape Technology:

Travis Gienger, although not new, has taken our Landscaping courses to a new level! This past fall, he, and 18 students constructed a rain water recycler patio for Anoka Technical College's courtyard. The entire project used 3 semi loads of pavers and wall block, 5 dump truck loads of underlayment material, a load of

High Res Cubes and a 10,000 pound rock bubbler! Phase 2 will continue this fall with the addition of another patio (donated by the Hort Club), and plant material.



The Northern Green Expo saw a Fire on Water Fountain that wowed the crowds! The fountain was erected by volunteer Landscape and Golf Course Students! We promote that we are a trend forward landscaping degree... Actions speak louder than words!



The Horticulture Club took the opportunity to brighten the lives of the residents at Twin Rivers Nursing Home in Anoka. They donated two raised flower beds and helped the residents plant bulbs and Christmas greens. In the winter, they taught a class of 5th Grade students at Franklin Elementary School for the morning!.

