Student Trip

New England Grows Conference and Trade Show dazzled our students this past February. Having only started our second week of classes a trip to Boston was a great way to get motivated in the green industry. To get the most of the trip the voyage began on Tuesday so the group could get a full day of activities in. It was great to see the number of vendors at the show, including one of our graduates, Dennis Gendron, showing the wares of his business Shagbark Farms of North Salem, NY. Some of the educational sessions attended included: “Parks, Plants and People: Beautifying the Urban Landscape” with presenter Lynden B. Miller, Public Garden Design; “New Perennials for the Northeast” with Richard Hawke of the Chicago Botanical Gardens; and “Win More Bids...at Higher Prices!” with Kirk Armstrong of Gerry Weinberg & Associates. Fortunately our trip ended days before the snowstorm buried New England!

Centennial Trees

Tree lined drives are being created on the Delhi Campus thanks to the Centennial Tree Program. A variety of species are being used to improve the aesthetics and enhance our Woody Plant classes! Chosen for their structure and longevity, these trees will serve as a legacy to individuals, groups, faculty and staff. They have been positioned to welcome students and visitors along all the main drives throughout campus.

You can still help us reach our goal of planting 100 trees to commemorate beginning of Delhi College. Your gift of $250 reserves one of the trees planted to be planted in honor of Delhi’s 100th Birthday. Plaques are available for an additional $25. Don’t miss out on being part of this green legacy. Order your tree today. Visit www.bit.ly/centennialtrees or Contact Maureen McKenna at 607-746-4622 or Kathy Gillooley 607-746-4314.

ESF Landscape Architecture

SUNY Delhi is pleased to announce that as of January of 2013, SUNY Delhi Landscape Design and Management program is now able to offer students a transfer articulation agreement with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry’s (ESF) Landscape Architecture Program. Under our new advisement track, students can enter SUNY Delhi with guarantee transfer to SUNY ESF by maintaining a minimum GPA and submitting a satisfactory portfolio. For more information visit: www.delhi.edu/news_and_events/news.php
**Turf Club Highlights**

The Delhi Turf Club, consisting of 28 SUNY Delhi students and advisor, Julia Ward, have been busy these past months. On October 27th, they helped plant 4,000 saplings to help restore flooded river banks of the Batavia Kill in Ashland, NY.

In November, Delhi took four teams of students to the Empire State Green Industry Show (ESGIS) in Rochester, NY. While there the teams competed in the Turf Bowl. One of 2-year student teams won first place and the coveted trophy. teams, which included students Wyatt Kotary, Steve Slaughter, Brian Legg, and Matt Carter, took home first place and the coveted 2 year Trophy. Brian Legg also received top individual scorer in the 2-year division.

Eleven members of the Turf Club traveled to San Diego, CA in February to attend the annual GCSAA Trade Show and Educational conference. They also competed in the National Turf Bowl competition. Although the students didn’t place, James Suderly a senior said, “This experience was amazing. Julia, not only took us to the show, but made this entire trip educational by taking us to the San Diego Zoo, the USS Midway Museum, PETCO Park and Old Town. I wish I had joined Turf Club earlier and gotten more experiences throughout my college career.” Besides competing the students were able to network with industry leaders, see firsthand the latest and greatest equipment and attend educational seminars.

Service Learning

Advanced Landscape Design student Kyle Williams, of the Landscape Design and Management Program, has been working with a group called the Recreation Initiative Committee for the West Branch of the Delaware. His project consists of preparing landscape master plans for two new boat launch sites along the West Branch of the Delaware River, one in Walton and the other in the Village of Delhi. Kyle has prepared schematic designs for erosion control bioengineering, native plant screen plantings, and other supporting amenities to complement the natural environments of these sites. The boat launches will allow the general public to use these sites for canoe and kayaking in the river — possibly to the Cannonsville Reservoir. On the first field trip to Walton a Bald Eagle blessed the class with his/her presence!

Funding through the local US Soil and Water Conservation Dept. and the New York City Dept. of Environmental Protection will be used for construction. The site designs are anticipated to be installed over the next 18 months. Other community groups involved in the project include the Delaware County of Chamber of Commerce, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, NYS Dept. of Transportation, the Village and Town of Delhi and the Town of Walton.

We’re on Facebook

Recently a group page has been created for alumni and current students of the G&PS. It is the intent of this group to provide a network from which graduates and students may have professional interactions. If you would like to join please “friend” Birgitta Brophy of Delhi, NY and you can be added to this group.