

GROWING THE FUTURE

GGIA Mentor Program

Today's horticulture industry offers a wide range of career choices. From landscape design and maintenance to high tech growing operations, there is an endless variety of job choices along with employers who are constantly searching for qualified employees. The GGIA mentoring program is designed to connect students pursuing a career in the green industry with seasoned professionals from across the industry's many sectors.

A little time can pay big dividends.

For students and employers alike, investing time in the GGIA mentor program can have big payoffs. Mentors can help students better prepare for their future with real industry experience and expertise. Students and mentors alike can make valuable connections that can lead to future job opportunities down the road.

HOW IT WORKS

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Mentors and students preparing for a career in horticulture are paired together based on their area of focus in the green industry.

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Contact information is exchanged and connections are encouraged on a recurring basis.

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GGIA's WINTERGREEN conference is the official kickoff for the mentoring process but participants are encouraged to meet as often as they like.

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Mentors will be placed with students annually in advance of the WINTERGREEN conference.

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The GGIA staff will follow up throughout the year to make sure that both mentors and students are having a productive experience.

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At the end of the year, mentors and students can continue the relationship or request to be paired with a new partner.