

January 7, 2020

Dear Instructor.

The Horticulture Department at Joliet Junior College would like to extend an invitation to you and your students, to compete in its annual Horticulture Career Development event. The CDE is on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. The contest will take place at the:

Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center 17840 W. Laraway Road Joliet, IL 60433 (815) 723-3645

The cost is \$25.00 per team or \$5.00 per student. A team consists of 5 students. Each school may bring up to three teams. Please bring payment the day of the contest. Make checks payable to Joliet Junior College. IAVAT 2019 CDE event format and cards will apply, http://iavat.weebly.com/uploads/5/2/5/3/52531863/horticulture_rules.docx, with the following sections offered in the Sample Practicums:

- 1) Identifying and Controlling Plant Disorders
- 2) Nursery Landscape Tool ID

You may register by calling or emailing David Bartz at 815-280-6692 or dbartz@jjc.edu. Please provide the number of students you are planning to bring so we can plan accordingly. The registration deadline is February 11, 2020.

On the day of the event registration and refreshments will begin at 9:00 a.m. The contest will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. The college will again be offering scholarships to the top five individuals. These scholarships are for students planning to attend Joliet Junior College to pursue a degree or a certificate in Horticulture. This award is available to any high school senior who competes at this contest. Successful recipients will be notified by mail.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your students to use their classroom knowledge. It is also a great way for the students to see what educational opportunities the college has to offer in the area of Horticulture. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Sincerely,
David Bartz
Asst. Professor of Horticulture