



Educating the Force

- ◆ Blackhawk Technical College is offering the following landscape classes at its Center for Transportation Studies located on Highway 14, just west of the Highway 51 intersection in Janesville:

Diseases, Weeds and Pests – The class will cover the control of diseases, weeds and pests specific to Wisconsin landscape plants. Identification and correct diagnosis is emphasized while examining various landscape settings. This class meets eight Mondays, starting August 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 at a cost of \$97.35

Landscape Plants (Trees and Shrubs) – Learners will select trees and shrubs appropriate for various landscape schemes in Wisconsin based on physical characteristics, cultural needs, and customer preference. This class meets eight Tuesdays, starting August 22, from 6:30 to 9:30 at a cost of \$97.35

Arboriculture and Grounds Maintenance – The class will cover the care of flowers, lawns, shrubs, trees and woodlots. Emphasis will also be placed on watering, transplanting, pruning, cutting, and chemical applications.

For registration information, contact Nancy Lightfield at (608)743-4472

- ◆ UW-Madison and MATC team up to provide a new educational program that will include courses such as Introductory Horticulture, Soils, Woody and Herbaceous Ornamental Plants, Landscape Architecture, Turfgrass Management, and Integrated Pest Management for Landscape Plants. The program is geared both toward current industry workers, as well as prospective employees who want to gain entry-level skills.

Students can either attend the program full-time and earn a certificate upon completion of 20 credits or enroll in specific courses that meet their needs and schedule. The upcoming winter session will run from November 13, 2006, to March 23, 2007. The enrollment deadline is October 1, 2006.

For enrollment information contact the FISC office at (608) 263-3918

- ◆ The Tree Fund's "Careers in Arboriculture" DVD is now available. If you are interested in making an order for this DVD please contact Kristen Spatafora at (630) 221-8127 ext. 257.