



December 18, 2019

Lisa Perkins
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Dear Lisa:

I am pleased to inform you that Joliet Junior College's Horticulture Landscape Contracting Program has been granted Full Accreditation through the year 2026 for meeting the Landscape Contracting Model Curriculum established by the NALP Landscape Contracting Accreditation Board. Congratulations on this accomplishment. The formal presentation will be made at Faculty Forum during the NALP National Collegiate Landscape Competition at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 18 – 21, 2020.

The NALP Accreditation Review Team, made up of a landscape contracting professionals and educators, conducted a thorough review of Joliet Junior College's Horticulture Landscape Contracting Program on September 29 – October 1, 2019. The report outlining the NALP Accreditation Review Team's findings, recommendations and requirements is attached.

To help schools manage their budget for accreditation fees and to level the rising costs of accreditation site visits, the Accreditation Task Force, made up of faculty peers, requested that the accreditation fee be extended over the seven-year period between accreditations. In 2016, the NALP Landscape Contracting Accreditation Board approved revisions to include accreditation payments of \$500 per year for seven years. When Joliet Junior College is reaccredited in 2026, your accreditation fee will be fully funded. **Please keep in mind for budget purposes**, Joliet Junior College will receive an invoice of \$500 each year in September, effective September 2020.

The National Association of Landscape Professionals represents an industry of over 1 million landscape, lawn care, irrigation and tree care experts who create and maintain green spaces for the benefit of society and the environment. The association works with law makers and the public to protect and grow the industry and offers education, networking, training and certification programs that increase the professionalism in the industry and inspire its members to excellence.

Again, congratulations on this achievement. We look forward to a mutually beneficial working relationship with the faculty and students of Joliet Junior College.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Wall".

Randy Wall
NALP Accreditation Site Team Lead

cc: Dr. Judy Mitchell, President, Joliet Junior College
Dr. Randall Fletcher, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Joliet Junior College
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