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SUCCESSFUL GREEN CORPS PROGRAM CELEBRATES GRADUATING CLASS, RECRUITS STUDENTS FOR SUMMER

In a unique job-training effort aimed at providing young adults with in-demand horticulture and landscaping skills, including commercial pesticide application, park maintenance, irrigation and greenhouse maintenance, the Franklin County Commissioners will celebrate the graduation of the second class of Green Corps participants and begin the recruitment process for a new, summer class of students.

Launched in 2011, this partnership between Franklin County, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC) provides young adults (18-24 years old) from low-income families with 32 weeks of paid in-class instruction and practical grounds work experience, field trips and internships.

To date, eight individuals have successfully completed the program. One-hundred percent of this year's three-person graduating class has already secured employment.

Summer classes begin July 29 and space is limited. Interested individuals should call the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation at [614/559.5075](tel:6145595075) to apply.

WHAT:

Franklin County Green Corps Graduation Ceremony

WHO:

Franklin County Commissioner President John O'Grady
Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corp President and CEO Suzanne Coleman-Tolbert
Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department
Franklin Park Conservatory staff trainers
Green Corps Graduates and families

WHERE:

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
On the Scotts Miracle-Gro Community Garden Campus
1777 East Broad St., Columbus

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 1st
5:30pm - 7:00pm

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