

## Meet the Staff



**Cindy Gardner**  
Accounts Receivable Manager

## Southland starts scholarship at TTC

Southland is proud to announce its new scholarship program with Trident Technical College (TTC).



Beginning this Summer, Southland will be awarding an annual \$1,000 scholarship to one student from TTC's Horticulture program. The award will be split between the Fall and Spring semesters.

"We are pleased to receive this scholarship funding that will support a student enrolled in Trident Technical College's Horticulture program. We thank Southland Landscape Corporation for their commitment to enhancing opportunities for current and future students," says Kathleen Forbes, executive director of the TTC Foundation.

The scholarship is part of Southland's effort to promote and encourage careers in the green industry. TTC's successful horticulture program provides the perfect place to educate the future leaders of the industry.

"Southland is excited to offer this scholarship to a worthy student enrolled in Trident Tech's Horticulture program," said Don Pottieger, president of Southland. "We are pleased to partner with this fine institution and proud to be a part of the school's scholarship program."

## Join us in helping the flood victims

On June 23 Southland launched a clothing drive to help aid the victims of the flooding in the Midwest. The goal of this is to collect shirts, pants, shorts and shoes for the people who have lost all of their belongings to the merciless Mississippi River.

Also participating in the clothing drive are The Greenery, Forever Green, Units, John Deere Landscapes, the Charleston Apartment Association and Artigues Landscape Group.

The Salvation Army will come by on July 7 to collect all donations from the Branch Support Center.

For more information please contact Brian Pottieger at (843) 375-0442 ext. 113 or [bpottieger@southlandusa.com](mailto:bpottieger@southlandusa.com).



**Years with Southland:** 2007 - Present

**Location:** Charleston, SC

**From:** Cincinnati, OH

### About Cindy:

Cindy joined Southland's Branch Support Center in August 2007 as the Administrative Assistant. Prior to joining us she worked for ServiceMaster of Charleston as Disaster Restoration Coordinator.

Since beginning with Southland Cindy has been promoted to Accounts Receivable Manager where she handles all billing and collections for the company.

She has an Associate of Science degree from Trident Technical College and has also attended the University of Cincinnati.

When not at work you can find Cindy working with the Boy Scouts of America where she is Assistant District Commissioner for the Kiawah District and Assistant Scout Master for the Swamp Fox District.

Cindy, her husband Mark and their three children Tommy, Matthew and Josh reside in North Charleston, SC.

# Southland intern sowing resume



**Photo by: Alex C. Hicks, Jr.**

**Source: Gary Glancy/GoUpstate.com - 6/16/08**

Noon is approaching and the mercury is pushing 90 degrees as Jason Getgasorn hustles to wrap up the job before lunch, but he isn't sweating it.

Getgasorn is too focused on the task at hand, keeping the properties at The Townes at Country Club well-manicured. After all, he loves what he does.

"It is hot," Getgasorn said during his lunch break Thursday, "but I just kind of think to myself, 'I can do it a little bit more.' and I just push myself to get the job done. When I work, I want everything to look beautiful, so the heat really doesn't bother me too much."

Getgasorn, 22, is one of the top students in Spartanburg Community College's horticulture program. This summer, he is serving as an intern for Southland Landscape Corp. The Charleston-based firm signed on with SCC's internship program this year, and it even kicked in a \$1,000 scholarship through the SCC Foundation that will be awarded each fall to one SCC horticulture student.

"We've had a tremendous internship program for many years now," said Jason Bagwell, SCC's horticulture department head. "We've had students do internships at Walt Disney World, Biltmore House and Gardens, Carolina Panthers (Bank of America) Stadium, the Chicago Botanical Gardens, places like that. And a lot of local internships as well."

Students such as Getgasorn actually pay for these internships, which are not requirements in the SCC horticulture curriculum. But Bagwell said some students choose to participate in the internships because they transfer - along with all course credits - to Clemson University's bachelor's degree horticulture program, where many SCC students, including Getgasorn, will enroll through a partnership between the schools.

Internships are a requirement at Clemson, but they are more expensive there, so some SCC students choose to do them before they transfer.

Cost is not the only motivation. Bagwell encourages internships as a great resume builder.

"We're a very hands-on program, so internships obviously are a huge tool for expanding the students' knowledge as well as skills," Bagwell said. "Most of our students who do internships usually come back their second year just totally different. They're much more mature, much more focused, and usually perform very well as leaders in our program, and end up in great supervisory positions when they graduate."

Upon graduating from Byrnes High School in 2003, Getgasorn enrolled at University of South Carolina as a middle school education major. After four years, however, he decided it wasn't for him.

"It just didn't appeal to me," said Getgasorn, who last month married 2000 Byrnes graduate Tiffany Owen. "I always liked landscaping, so I went to SCC because they've got that great horticulture program over there, great professors. I just love it."

Getgasorn, who helped maintain the grounds at USC Upstate in 2007, also operates his own landscaping business on the side, and aspires to eventually own his own landscaping-design business after graduating Clemson.

"Most of our students are in demand in the industry," Bagwell said.

"We're a regional program, and I've got job opportunities all the way from Hilton Head on the coast to Charlotte, Asheville and everywhere in between. So most of our students, whether they own their own business or go to work for somebody, they really go right out into the work force," he said.

## Thanks for Your Loyal Service

The employees listed below are celebrating their anniversaries with Southland in May.

**Tom Pyatt - 3 Years - Charleston, SC**  
**Agustin Merida - 1 Year - Charleston, SC**  
**Eloy Medina - 1 Year - Charleston, SC**  
**Gilberto Camino-Carlin - 1 Year - Charleston, SC**  
**Artemio Lopez - 1 Year - Charleston, SC**  
**Carmelo Garcia - 2 Years - Spartanburg, SC**  
**Cirilo Salgado - 4 Years - Columbia, SC**

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# Keeping the streets clean

Southland was out early Saturday, May 31 helping keep the streets clean. Volunteers from the company were participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program where we clean Highway 41 from the Oliver Brown Bridge to Dunes West.

The AAH program is part of Southland's way to support our local communities in which we live and work. Midland Operations is responsible for the frontage road near Piney Grove Rd. in Columbia, SC while Western SC Operations is responsible for Blackstock Rd. in Spartanburg, SC. We clean a two mile stretch at each location four times each year.



**Southland would like to thank the following staff members for their volunteer work:**

Felipe Botho, Humberto Pacheco, Adrian Santiago, Luis Lopez, Sado Garcia, Ramiro Estudillo, Erneido De La Torre, Pablo Catala, Ricardo Giron, Guillermo Gonzalez, Agustine Merida, Michael Schwartz and David Schwartz

## Landscaping Tips of the Month: June



### Lawn & Flower Care

- By the middle of the month, spring flower installation should be complete
- Maintain flowers with fertilization as needed and dead-heading and weeding.
- Continue to inspect turf, trees and shrubs for insects and disease. Treat as necessary
- Prune shrubs as needed
- Warm season Bermuda & Zoysia turfs should benefit from a round of slow release turf fertilizer
- Mow the lawn and trim and edge as needed.
- Continue to use post-emergent weed control on shrub beds and lawns as needed



## Happy Birthday Feliz Cumpleaños

**Bounsom Phouachith 6/3 - Spartanburg, SC**  
**Haruki Borbonio 6/3 - Charleston, SC**  
**Isaias Ramirez 6/4 - Charleston, SC**  
**Felipe Botho 6/6 - Charleston, SC**  
**Victor Martinez 6/8 - Columbia, SC**  
**Godofredo Gonzalez 6/9 - Columbia, SC**  
**Michelle Shulse 6/9 - Charleston, SC**  
**Dimas Ruiz 6/13 - Charleston, SC**  
**Francisco Diaz 6/20 - Spartanburg, SC**  
**Salomon Baxcajay 6/23 - Spartanburg, SC**  
**Ismael Medina 6/26 - Charleston, SC**  
**Ganen Gonzalez 6/26 - Spartanburg, SC**  
**Armando Trejo 6/27 - Spartanburg, SC**  
**Steve Stanton 6/29 - Charleston, SC**  
**Pedro Contreras 6/29 - Columbia, SC**

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## Is that wedding bells I hear?

Ashley Cooper, Operations Administrator for Southland's Midland Operations married Matthew Bower on May 24.

After her wedding the new Ms. Bower and her husband boarded a plane and headed off to Hawaii for their week long honeymoon.

**Congratulations on your wedding!**



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