



## KNLA Congratulates New PLANET Certified Landscape Technicians

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Fourteen candidates have earned the designation of a Certified Landscape Technician:

**Whitney Baker**, Klausing Group, Lexington  
**Ben Blevins**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington  
**Kenneth Clayton**, Eastern Kentucky University Student, Richmond  
**William Criner**, Joseph Hillenmeyer & Associates, Lexington  
**Marvin Fieldpausch**, Landscape & Irrigation Company, Richmond  
**Scott Hand**, Klausing Group, Lexington  
**Duane Larmour**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington  
**Chris Mitchell**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington  
**Duane E. Morgan**, Klausing Group, Lexington  
**Gary Reed**, United Landscape Services, Lexington  
**Kevin Sharp**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington  
**Shannon Smith**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington  
**John Thomson**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington  
**David Tribble**, Stephen Hillenmeyer Landscape Services, Lexington

A **Certified Landscape Technician** is a lawn and/or landscape professional that have been certified through a national and international “hands-on” testing program licensed to state organizations and developed by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET). The exam is licensed and administered by the Kentucky CLT Collaboration consisting of Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association (KNLA), Kentucky Turfgrass Council (KTC), and Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).

The Kentucky CLT Collaboration offers four CLT tests in Softscape Installation, Hardscape Installation, Turf Maintenance, and Ornamental Maintenance. To become a Certified Landscape Technician, an applicant must pass a General Comprehension test, Core test and Practical (hands-on) Problems.

Successful completion of the Hardscape and/or Softscape Installation test demonstrates that an individual has the skills to take a landscape blueprint and implement the design in the field. Passing the Maintenance (Turf Maintenance and/or Ornamental Maintenance) test shows that a person has the skills to maintain a landscape project in a professional manner.

Lawn and landscape contractor supervisors, foremen, and field technicians who are certified as CLTs are recognized as qualified professionals. National certification gives companies a way of meeting increased consumer demand for professional landscaping.

More information about the CLT can be found at [www.knla.org](http://www.knla.org).

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