HILLSBOROUGH Community College SouthShore Campus

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It is my pleasure to recommend John Lawson's Hydroharvest Farms equipment and services to study hydroponic gardening and related techniques as offered through his website, <u>http://www.hydroharvestfarms.com/</u>.

In my classroom, we have used sixteen stations to study the growing cycle of several traditional varieties of garden plants as well as herbaceous and naturally flowering plants. I highly recommend use of his easy "towering-type" methodologies for the classroom. Students have been fascinated to see the quick turnaround of growth, and application of many of the principles learned in their environmental studies here at Hillsborough Community College. We actually have used our "garden" as setting for an integrated capstone course taught every term called "Environmental Poetry" (IDS 2110). Students have detailed for college credit their "garden experience" in portfolio format to be read and shared among fellow students and professors.

Mr. John has been absolutely supportive in every aspect of dealings with our department, from setting up the stations to educating the staff here at HCC about the science of hydroponics. You could not ask for a better partner in your science education curriculum.

Respectfully,

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