Solu-Cal with Cavalcade
Solu-Cal with Cavalcade battles 30 weed varieties. It can be applied in fall for weed prevention the following spring. At press time, it’s approved for use in Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.
Solu-Cal USA // Solu-Cal.com

Defendor Specialty Herbicide
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Dow AgroSciences // DowProvesIt.com

Design v6.2
DynaSCAPE’s new 6.2 landscape design application update features new tools, enhancements and fixes. This includes a new figure outliner tool to help with hatching; a new “close” option to the building outline tool; and a new PDF file import as a raster. The update is free for DynaSCAPE users with active subscriptions.
DynaSCAPE Software // DynaSCAPE.com

PRO Landscape Version 19
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Drafix Software // PROlandscape.com

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Toro // Toro.com
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Who is your mentor? There were two folks who helped me in my career. Doug Davis was the owner of the prior business that I worked for. Another fellow, Jim Lanier, worked there for a number of years as the vice president. Doug taught me the business of taking care of our customers by meeting or exceeding their expectations. Jim taught me how to be smart about the landscape contracting business. Both of these folks were instrumental in furthering my career and business.

What sparked your interest in the Green Industry at such a young age? There was a horticulture program in high school, which is really where I got my start. My senior year I was also involved with Future Farmers of America and they had a work-release program as part of an internship. I worked at a greenhouse for six months my senior year. It was called Garden Valley. It’s now long gone. There’s actually a church where it used to be.

What are some obstacles or restrictions you face as a landscape business owner in Georgia? Our biggest obstacle the past two years has been water restrictions. Certainly they’ve gotten better, and especially this year because we’ve had more rain. The biggest thing is trying to adjust your business to fit what you’re able to do: Use plants that are more drought-tolerant; use irrigation that is more conservation conscious; try to plant or install things correctly; and use technologies available that help manage your ability to water.

What are some of the most notable changes you’ve observed in the industry over the years? As I’ve learned more, I realize it isn’t just going out and mowing grass. There’s a business side to it. You see all kinds of changes with water restrictions and regulations, meaning what types of fertilizers and things like that you can use, planting techniques, etc. It used to be you couldn’t buy plants if they weren’t pre-dug in the winter in dormancy. Now you can dig all year-round. Your season is extended with planting.

How has your involvement in the Irrigation Association and the Georgia Green Industry Association advanced your career? They’re different from any other kind of business associations because it’s more geared toward your industry. With networking you’re able to grow your business in ways you normally wouldn’t get to. Back to restrictions and regulations, by being involved in those and having a voice in the industry, you’re able to approach your local representatives, folks in the state capital and even on the national level to try to work through issues that affect your ability to have a business and to operate as you need to.
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