2026 SUMMER FIELD DAY

Friday, July 24, 2026
at Aquinas College
2001 Robinson Rd SE - Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Registration Form

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

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Cost: AGRLP Members ~ $35 each ($45 after July 13)
Non-Member ~ $60 each ($70 after July 13)
KCTC students free with registration
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Please RSVP & have payment in by **July 13.** (please note we do NOT take Credit Cards)
(Registration is highly recommended as we can not guarantee spots will be available)

MDARD has granted 5 Re-certification Credits in 2, 3A, 3B or 6
Qualifies for CGIP credits offered at one credit hour per hour of instruction.

2026 Summer Field Day Schedule:

7:45 AM - 8:20 AM – Registration
8:30 AM -10:30 AM – Landscape Tree Walk – Kay Sicheneder
- Weed ID & Disease ID Walk- Stephen Lord
- Tree Disease Walk- Dave Roberts

10:30 AM -11:30 AM – Oak Wilt Research Update- Dave Roberts
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM – Lunch & Trade Show Outside
1:00 PM - 2:00PM – Why Settle for Survive? Help Landscape Trees Thrive – Kay Sicheneder
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM – Weed & Disease Management- Stephen Lord
3:00PM – MDA Certification Sign-in

Lunch & Beverages provided compliments of these Green Industry Vendors:

Advanced Turf Solutions
B & B Truck Equipment
Bartlett Tree Experts
Briggs & Stratton
Eco Green Supply
ForeverLawn W. MI
Hoekstra Equipment
Hortech, Inc
MNLA
Mason Lawn & Snow
RhinoSeed
VanderWall Bros
Woodland Equipment

Questions? Contact Karla VanderBaan @ 616.531.1370 email: info@agrlp.org

Mail Check & Registration form to:
AGRLP
PO Box 455
Grandville, MI 49468
*(note: we do **not** take credit cards)*

Information on our Speakers:

Stephen Lord - Stephen Lord, CSFM joined Advanced Turf Solutions in December of 2020 as a Turf & Ornamental Sales Rep in Michigan. Lord's core focus is to support Lawn, Landscape, and Sportsturf clients across Michigan with agronomic programming, product education, industry trends, and business profitability. Stephen also supports high school, parks and rec, and professional level sportsturf managers across lower Michigan.

Prior to joining Advanced Turf Solutions, Lord, a Certified Sports Field Manager, previously spent six years as the Head Groundskeeper for the Cincinnati Reds. He also spent eight years as an Assistant Groundskeeper at the professional level, including the position as Assistant Director MLB grounds for the Texas Rangers. Lord holds over 20 years of agronomic planning and operational experience.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Lord holds a Bachelor of Arts in General Management and a Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Science – Turfgrass Management Concentration. Lord is a member of the Sports Field Managers Association (SFMA) and has been a committee member for more than a decade. He has also held the position of Director of Professional Facilities on the National Board from 2019 to 2020. Lord has also been a member of the Ohio STMA since 2015 and Director of Professional Facilities from 2016 to 2020. Currently, Lord serves as the Commercial Director of the Michigan Sports Field Managers Association (since January 2021)

Lord resides in Grand Ledge, MI with his wife Kate, son Breslin (10), and daughter Sophie (4). In his spare time he enjoys anything outside - grilling, fishing, coaching youth sports, camping, and paddling.

Walk & Talk - Weed ID & Disease ID (if present)

This session will focus on Weed Identification and Diseases present on campus at Aquinas College. I will lead the group on a walk across the campus to discuss weeds present in July, including summer annual broadleaf weeds and grasses. I will plan to walk the area the day prior to site samples to check out with the group for weeds and note diseases I see present to discuss as well.

Recommendations will be discussed for control of tough weeds in summer like spurge, nutsedge, crabgrass, knotweed, and much more. If no diseases are present to identify, we will discuss conditions that lead to favorable development of diseases like dollar spot, brown patch, necrotic ring spot, and more. Disease programming will be discussed with regards to active ingredients that can be used in preventative capacity, as well as active ingredients that can be used in curative capacity. If time remains, we can discuss weeds along fence lines and sportsfields, with strategies to control weeds, slow growth of weeds (and grasses), and reduce labor inputs in these areas.

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Kay Sicheneder – SavATree - Kay has had a long career in arboriculture starting as a pesticide applicator in Long Island, NY in 1986. She worked on applicator educational materials and programs for MSU Extension and teaches courses in arboriculture and horticulture at community colleges. Kay spent eighteen years with Owen Tree Service where she ran the Plant Health Care department and continued learning about tree structure and failure. Lucky for her, Kay was Forestry Supervisor with the City of Ann Arbor in the early 2000's at the height of the Emerald ash borer infestation. Currently, she is a Senior Consulting Arborist with SavATree Consulting Group specializing in plant appraisal, tree risk assessment and expert witness for cases involving trees. Kay is president elect of American Society of Consulting Arborists. With the added advantage of keeping the peace with family, coworkers, and clients, she is glad to be both a MSU Spartan and a UofM.

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Dr. David L. Roberts – Dr. Roberts retired from Michigan State University in 2018 after committing over four decades to advancing MSU's Land Grant Mission, originally signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln during the midst of the American Civil Ware. He received his B.S. (1975) and M.S (1977) from Ohio State University and his Ph.D from Michigan State University. Over the decades, Dr. Roberts has published 100's of articles and has taught 100's of lectures and workshops. He has researched many issues in cultural problems such as plant nutrition and herbicide toxicity. Dr. Roberts has worked on Oak Wilt for over 40 years, inventing serval new and innovative remediation techniques. During his career, he has discovered a variety of new diseases and pests such as *Pythium*, a root rot fungus, altering management methods of crop preservation. In the early 2000's his research on Ash Decline in Southeast Michigan led to the discovery of the invasive Emerald Ash Borer in North America. In his retirement, Dr. Roberts intends to remain active with the Arboriculture/Landscape/Nursery Industries while hoping to have more time for his hobbies. Dr. Roberts is President, CEO and CBW (Chief Bottle Washer) of The Plant Doctor, LLC...aka The Tree Doctor. Contact information: Phone 248/320-7124, Email treedoctordave@gmail.com

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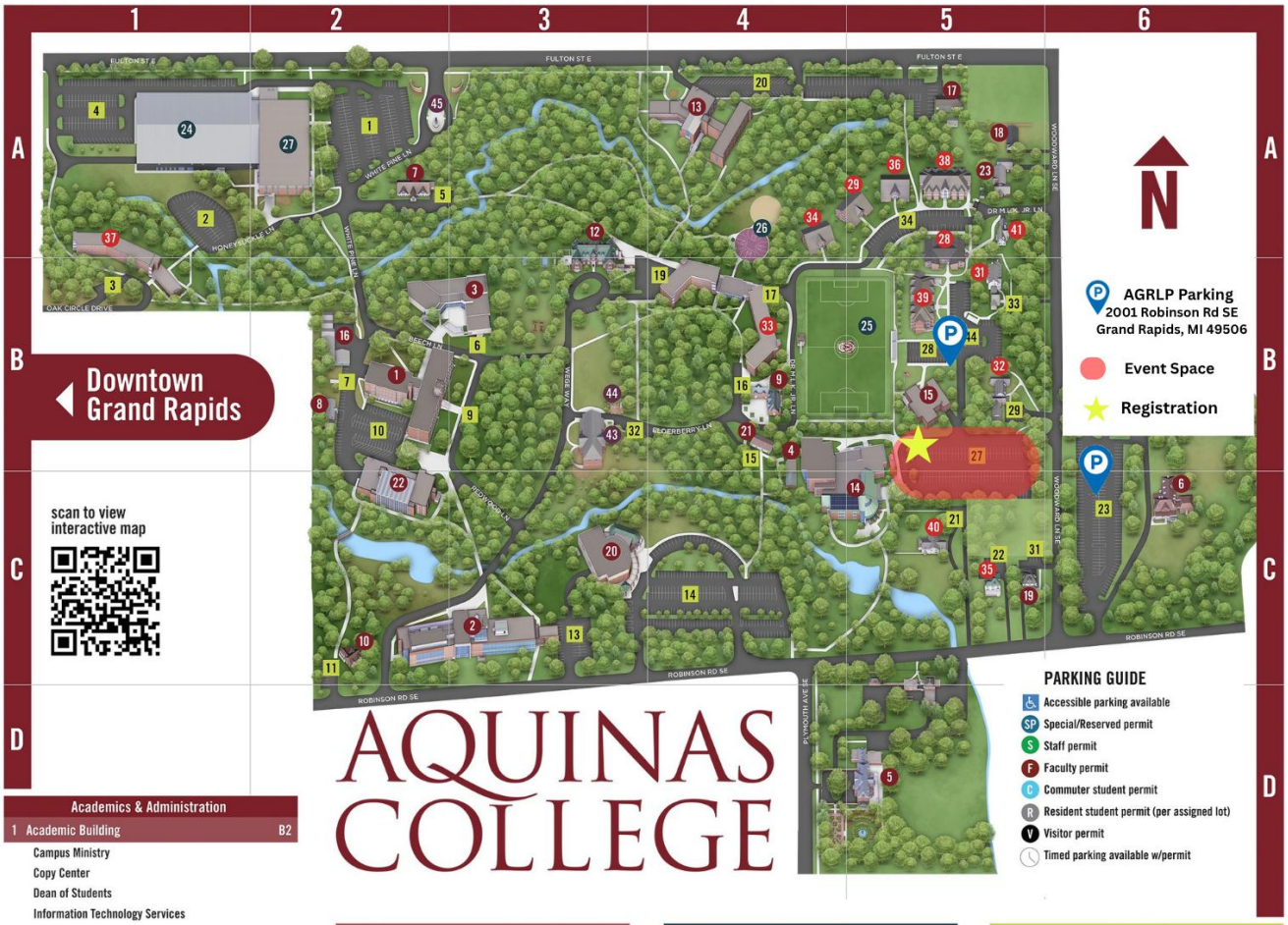

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Academics & Administration

- 1 Academic Building — B2
  - Campus Ministry
  - Copy Center
  - Dean of Students
  - Information Technology Services
  - Mail Room
  - Office of Graduate Programs
  - Physical Plant Office
  - Provost Office
- 2 Albertus Magnus Hall of Science — C3
  - Center for Sustainability
- 3 Art & Music Center — B3
  - Art Gallery
  - Kretschmer Recital Hall
- 4 Brink Hall — C4
- 5 Brookby House — D5
  - President's residence
- 6 Browne Center — C6
  - Conferencing & Event Services
  - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
- 7 Bukowski — A2
  - Dominican Center Marywood
- 8 Campus Safety — B2
  - Bike Rentals
- 9 Cook Carriage House — B4
  - Center for Diversity, Inclusion & Equity
  - Moose Cafe
  - Ryan Deck
  - Student Activities & Orientation
- 10 Gate House — C2
- 11 Grounds Building — B6
- 12 Holmdene — A3
  - Alumni Association
  - AQ Community Garden
  - Human Resources
  - Institutional Advancement
  - Marketing & Communication
  - President's Office
- 13 Hruby Hall — A4
  - Admissions Office
  - Business Office
  - Financial Aid Office
  - Registrar and Academic Advising
  - Student Accounts Office
- 14 Jarecki-Lacks Center — C5
  - Center for Opportunities, Resources, and Excellence
  - Grace Hauenstein Library
- 15 John F. Donnelly Conference Center — B5
  - Conference Center
  - Counseling, Health & Wellness
- 16 Maintenance Building — B2
- 17 Mother Euphrasia Sullivan Hall — A5
- 18 Mother Eveline Mackey Hall — A5
- 19 Mother Victor Flannery Hall — C5
  - AQ Advantage Center
  - Internships & Career Services
- 20 Performing Arts Center — C3
  - Circle Theatre
- 21 Theatre Arts Annex — B4
- 22 Wege Student Center — C2
  - Accessibility Services
  - Health Center
  - The Corner
  - Wege Dining Room
  - Wege Plaza
- 23 Woodward House — A5

Athletics

- 24 Alksnis Athletic & Recreation Building — A1
  - AQ Hall of Fame
- 25 AQ Athletic Field — B5
- 26 Regina Bowl — A4
  - Basketball & Sand Volleyball Courts
- 27 Sturrus Sports & Fitness Center — A2
  - "Coach Bo" Competition Court
  - Fitness Center
  - Residence Halls

Dominican Hall — A5

- 29 Fr. Bartolome de las Casas Hall — A5
- 13 Hruby Hall — A4
- 31 Knape Hall — B5
- 32 Meijer Hall — B5
- 33 Regina Hall — B4
  - Residence Life Office
- 34 Ruth Rasmus Eberhard Hall — A4
- 35 Sister Mildred Hawkins Hall — C5
- 36 St. Catherine of Siena Hall — A5
- 37 St. Joseph the Worker Hall — A1
- 38 St. Martin de Porres Hall — A5
- 39 St. Rose of Lima Hall — B5
- 40 Willowbrook Hall — C5
- 41 Woodcock Hall — A5

Faith & Sprituality

- 7 Bukowski — A2
  - Dominican Center Marywood
- 43 Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel — B3
- 44 Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima — B3
- 45 St. Thomas Aquinas Statue — A2

Parking

- 9 Academic Lot — B3
- 6 AMC Loading Zone — B3
- 15 Annex Lot — B4
- 23 Browne Lot — C6
- 5 Bukowski Lot — DOMINICAN CENTER PARKING — A2
- 16 Carriage House Lot — B4
- 34 Dominican Lot — A5
- 28 Donnelly Event Lot — EVENT PARKING ONLY — B5
- 13 East Albertus Lot — C3
- 31 Flannery Lot — C5
- 1 Fulton Lot — A2
- 11 Gatehouse Lot — C2
- 24 Grounds Lot — B6
- 22 Hawkins Lot — C5
- 19 Holmdene Lot — B4
- 20 Hruby Lot — A4
- 33 Knape Lot — B5
- 2 Lower St. Joseph Lot — A1
- 7 Maintenance Lot — B2
- 4 Mayfield Lot — A1
- 29 Meijer Lot — B5
- 14 Plymouth Lot — C4
- 17 Regina Lot — B4
- 44 St. Rose Lot — B5
- 3 Upper St. Joseph Lot — B1
- 10 Wege Lot — B2
- 21 Willowbrook Lot — C5
- 32 Wisdom Lot — B3
- 27 Woodward Lot — B5