

Intern Spot Light

Dr. Green Thumb

This year's Fairburn Farmers Market Intern is none other than Mr. Kentrell Kitchens. Kentrell is a Fairburn native and a recent graduate of Creekside High School. In 2018, Kentrell started his own business creating a hydroponic gardening system to grow various fresh herbs and vegetables. This type of gardening allows his customers to not only have fresh herbs and vegetables, but the hydroponic gardening does this in a way where even someone who may not have a "green thumb" can succeed.

We asked Kentrell some questions about himself and his experience thus far and this is what he had to say:

-How did you get into gardening?

"I got into gardening unintentionally, honestly, I was just being lazy, I was 8 years old I had a turtle, but it died. My mom urged me to throw the tank away, but I didn't, and one day I just so happened to find a purpose for it. I saw a potato, put it in the tank with some dirt, then watered it and put the cage on top with the light, and before I knew it, it grew a very long vine that touched the ceiling with a lot of mini potatoes in the tank, and that's how I started gardening."

-Where does the name "Dr. Green Thumb" come from?

"The name "Dr. Green Thumb" comes from my father. I guess it started kind of like a joke, I would be in my garden doing what a gardener does, and he would just come out and say "what you doing Dr. Green Thumb" and it just stuck with me."

-How has this internship helped you thus far?

"The internship has helped me be more social, it has given me the opportunity to be a vendor at the farmers market where I networked with other vendors, and informed people in the community about who I am, what I do. I also sold some of my products and I was able to really talk with Mayor Hurst.

What are your plans after this summer internship?

"My plans after this summer's internship is to continue my business, keep in touch with the farmers I met and start my electrical apprenticeship so that I can work my way up to a general contractor and a project estimator."

-What would your biggest piece of advice be to someone who wants to or plans to apply for this internship next year?

“My biggest piece of advice would be, don’t be afraid to ask questions. I say that because this is not your typical internship. You’re getting job experience with both the Fairburn Farmers Market and the Fairburn Recreation Department. I’m learning a lot about the community and the need for access to fresh produce. I’ve created 2 garden boxes so far within the City of Fairburn.”

-How can we keep in touch with you or utilize your gardening business?

“I have a website, drgreenthumbsgardens.com and I also utilize social media where you can see my work and follow me @dr.greenthumbsgarden on Instagram =)”



Kentrell’s Hydroponic Gardening System.

