

Bio for Tim Blank

Tim Blank currently serves as President of Future Growing, LLC and Green Earth Building Group, LLC. Growing up in a rural farm community of the Western Dakotas, he gained a great appreciation for agriculture and the land we all steward. Having a passion for both agriculture and science, Mr. Blank graduated in 1992 with a degree in Horticulture and Greenhouse Management.

In 1993, Mr. Blank was employed by the Walt Disney World Company as an advanced intern at The Land's Hydroponic Greenhouses. After his 6 month internship, he spent the next 6 years conducting research in every horticultural discipline under controlled environment agriculture. He also served as a research liaison for the Department of Energy (DOE) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) partnership with Walt Disney World. This collaborative research focused on multiple environmental factors that affect plant health and the use of remote sensing instrumentation. As a result, this research has been used to aid in the detection of plant stress in various hydroponic growing systems.

In 2000, he accepted the position as Chief Horticulturist and Greenhouse Manager of The Land Pavilion at Epcot. He managed 4 hydroponic biomes over a 2-acre area consisting of tropical, temperate, productive, and innovative greenhouses. To further support the operations of the facility, he also managed a team comprised of Scientists and advanced Horticultural Interns.

Mr. Blank has co-authored several papers pertaining to the extensive collaborative research at The Land. He traveled the US and abroad speaking on the research at Disney while bringing back the latest technologies and concepts to The Land. He is accredited for implementing innovative advances in technology, as well as new growing concepts and techniques that have strengthened The Land's world class status. Well known in the hydroponic community, he is a popular keynote speaker at conventions and conferences.

In June of 2005 Mr. Blank left the Walt Disney World Company and partnered with several other international experts in the hydroponic field to launch a one of a kind company called Future Growing, LLC. Future Growing is a hydroponics consulting firm and supply company that is dedicated to growing healthy food by utilizing aeroponic technology to grow under any condition in the world. Future Growing has 3 main areas of focus that include commercial aeroponic tower farms, rooftop Tower Garden™ farms, and family farms utilizing the Tower Garden™ technologies. Many families today are concerned with the poor nutrition in their food, pesticides, and atmospheric contaminants such as acid or toxic rain. Mr. Blank and his team provide solutions by teaching families and urban communities how to be self-sufficient by growing all of their own pesticide free fruits and vegetables in a vertical hydroponic or hydro-organic system year-round. The vertical growing technologies along with the liquid plant nutrients that Mr. Blank has developed allow people to produce healthy and nutritious food in a fraction of the time and effort it takes with conventional gardening. Most importantly, this advance way of growing ignores the change of seasons and food is grown in an environmentally controlled greenhouse throughout the entire year. With concern for our environment and knowledge of future energy costs, Future Growing is a strong advocate of energy independence utilizing high efficiency wind and solar technology to power greenhouses, urban farms, and homes. Mr. Blank currently serves as President of Future Growing, LLC. and is dedicated to reintroducing healthy food to the American Family. Mr. Blank also serves as President of Green Earth Building Group, LLC., a company dedicated to creating green communities and commercial buildings that feed themselves.

Most recently Tim has partnered with Jay Martin to form a sister company under NSA/Juice Plus, Tower Gardens. He is excited about how this new venture and collaboration will help further the expanded mission of NSA/Juice Plus: Inspiring healthy living around the world.