

# THE PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE + LAWN CARE FILES

## A DAY IN THE LIFE



### GROUND & FIELD TESTING MANAGER

**Name:** Vince Jagodzinski

**Current Role:** Grounds & Field-Testing Manager

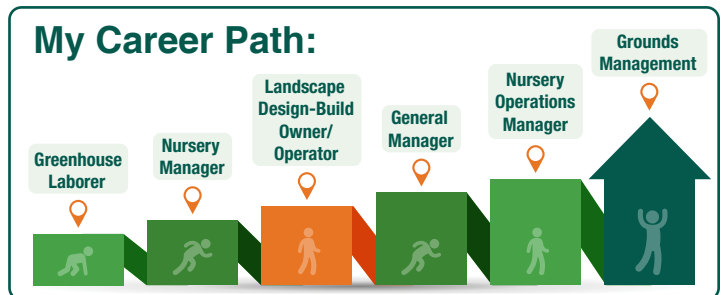
**Years In Professional Landscape Industry:** 36

#### What Is My Day Like?

*My day begins before sunrise. I'm reviewing schedules, weather forecasts, and equipment status to ensure our grounds reflect SBD's commitment to excellence. Whether managing landscaping, facility grounds, or outdoor spaces, every detail matters. Morning priorities include coordinating with my team—overseeing schedules, conducting safety briefings, and addressing urgent team and site needs. I inspect grounds and field-testing areas daily, identifying issues from irrigation problems to seasonal plantings to safety that require attention. Throughout the day, I'm multitasking: troubleshooting equipment breakdowns, managing vendor relationships, and ensuring compliance with standards. I collaborate closely with facilities, operations, engineering, and executive teams to align grounds management with organizational priorities and visitor experiences. Strategic responsibilities involve budgeting, sustainability initiatives, field-testing initiatives, and long-term landscape planning. I track seasonal needs, oversee capital improvements, and implement cost-effective solutions without compromising quality. My impact extends beyond aesthetics. Well-maintained grounds enhance client impressions, employee morale, and property value. Safety protocols I implement protect our team. Sustainable practices I champion reduce operational costs and reflect SBD's values. Success means my work remains invisible—when everything functions seamlessly, guests notice only beauty and professionalism. That's when I know we've achieved operational excellence together.*



#### My Career Path:



#### Quick Fun Facts

- What is your favorite plant?** Japanese Maple, with a cold hardy banana as a close second!
- What is your favorite landscaping tool or equipment?** FELCO 7 pruner
- What was your first job within the industry?** Greenhouse Laborer/loader at a local greenhouse
- Education background:** BFA from Xavier University
- Fun Fact:** I enjoy all forms of art and any activity that involves my wife, kids, and grandchildren.

#### What do I love most about the professional landscape industry?

*The landscape profession combines creativity with tangible results. You design beautiful outdoor spaces while improving communities and the environment. It offers physical work, business ownership opportunities, and the satisfaction of transforming properties that clients and visitors cherish for years.*



#### My advice for future landscape and lawn care professionals:

Your work shapes people's lives daily. Approach each project with pride—your hands create sanctuary. Listen to clients deeply; understand their dreams. Stay humble, keep learning, and respect the land. Build genuine relationships, not just transactions. Your integrity becomes your legacy. Remember: you're not just working a property; you're cultivating beauty and peace.

