



# Bee Campus USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education



## East Georgia State College Swainsboro, Georgia

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH



L-R: 1) GreenFest. 2) Arbor Day. 3&4) Franklin Memorial Library presentation.

- Arbor Day Celebration: February 14
- Earth Day "Bee Inspired" Celebration: March 3
- Memorial Pollinator Garden: April 10
- Swainsboro Farmer's Market: April 21
- Swainsboro Pine Tree Festival: May 5
- Academic Building Expansion Dedication: August 16
- EGSC Club Day: August 23
- GreenFest Sustainability Event: October 6

In addition to on-campus events, many off-campus events promoting pollinator education and outreach took place in 2018.

- a. On February 22, a visit was made to the Swainsboro Primary School for Family Night. Approximately 250 students and adults listened to a reading of the book "The Beeman" while the campus beekeeper showed and demonstrated beekeeping equipment, an observation hive of honeybees, and talked about the importance of honeybees and other pollinators.
- b. On Saturday, March 24 Erin Youmans, Director of the Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center located on EGSC's campus, brought honeybees and pollinator-awareness

information to the Atlanta Science Festival in Atlanta, GA. It is estimated that over 2000 people of all ages had contact with Erin and pollinator information through this event.

- c. On May 18, EGSC faculty member Paul Cerpovicz brought honeybees, and information to Trinity Christian School in Statesboro, Ga to talk to a class of approximately 25 students about the pollinators and their importance to our lives.
- d. On June 6, Paul Cerpovicz (EGSC faculty) visited about 200 children at the Franklin Memorial Library in Swainsboro, Ga with honeybees, honey, information, and demonstrations to talk about the importance of pollinators.
- e. From June 18-24, Katelyn Moore (EGSC Media Coordinator) helped EGSC celebrate National Pollinator Week with daily Facebook posts of interesting and important facts about honeybees and other pollinators.
- f. On August 8, EGSC celebrated National Honeybee Day with Facebook posts by Katelyn Moore about the importance of honeybees.
- g. National Honey Month (September) was celebrated by Katelyn Moore with daily posts on EGSC's Facebook page to educate readers about honey, honeybees and pollination.
- h. In the fall, EGSC's three-dimensional design students created artistic Mason bee houses to place around campus.
- i. The Bobcat Apiary website (<http://www.ega.edu/bobcat-apiary>) was updated throughout the year with information about Bee Campus USA, pollinator-related events, pollinator-friendly plants, integrated pest management practices, and EGSC garden information. The site also has a link to a 24-hour bee cam video of honeybees in EGSC's Bobcat Apiary.
- j. In the spring, EGSC received a Buzz Fund Grant from the Georgia Beekeepers Association to enhance the Bobcat Apiary and to promote pollinator and honeybee education and awareness to the community.

## POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



*EGSU Memorial Pollinator Garden.*

In March of 2018 a pollinator-friendly Memorial Garden was placed on the EGSC campus to honor those students, staff, and faculty who have died. The garden was designed and planted by EGSC students, faculty and staff and featured milkweed, rosebushes, daylilies, Fothergilla Mt. Airy, and Butterfly bushes.

## POLICIES & PRACTICES



Dr. Paul Cerpovicz (EGSC Bee Campus Chair) maintains the honeybees in the Bobcat Apiary and is involved in outreach activities; Erin Youmans (Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center Director) has received grants to promote honeybee and pollinator education that meets K-8 standards. Dr. David Chevalier (Biology Chair) supports all Bee Campus activities and is chair of EGSC's Tree Campus program, which directly complements the Bee Campus initiative. Dr. Jimmy Wedincamp (Dean Math/Science and Entomologist) supports all Bee Campus and Tree Campus activities and the Bobcat Apiary. David Steptoe (Director of Plant Operations) and Michelle Goff (Business Affairs Director of Operations) maintain the campus grounds and are responsible for the campus integrated pest management plan, control of pesticides, and installation and upkeep of gardens on campus. Mary K. Moore (Communications Director) promotes Bee Campus related activities to the campus and the community, photographs and publishes events, and posts pollinator information to social media. Jean Schwabe (Fulford Community Learning Center Director) promotes and hosts many campus events involving pollinators. Mike Rountree (Vice President of Information Technology Services) and Victor Poole (IT Web Services Specialist) maintain the Bobcat Apiary bee-cam and the Bee Campus webpages. Dr. Robert Boehmer, President of EGSC, is very supportive of all Bee Campus USA activities and promotes it whenever possible.

[Recommended Native Plant Species List](#)  
[Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan](#)

## SERVICE-LEARNING

No service-learning projects were conducted in 2018.

## CURRICULUM

No formal pollinator curriculum was offered in 2018.

## EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

EGSC has purchased three 2' x 3' metal signs displaying the Bee Campus logo and will have them installed very soon at both entrances to the EGSC Swainsboro campus and in front of the Bobcat Apiary. We also have a large portable Bee Campus sign to bring to various functions, both on and off campus. There have also been numerous flyers made up and distributed for various events that signify EGSC as a Bee Campus Institution.

## CONTACT US!

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