



Bee Campus USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Owens Community College Findlay Campus Findlay, Ohio

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Loading frames in honey extractor



Student preparing honeycomb for extraction

Spring Fling 2019 - March 19th, 2019
Fall Fest 2019 - September 12th, 2019

Fall Fest occurs every fall at OCC - Findlay. Students learned about our beehives and were able to extract honey from the honey combs.



Full Frame of Honey at Fall Fest 2019



Uncapping honey cells at Fall Fest 2019



Displaying full honeycombs

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Community Garden



Freshly planted garden

Planning and planting of the community garden next to the beehives and its maintenance throughout the year was made possible through various faculty and staff at Owens Community College. Members of our community also built and maintained a container herb garden that was located next to our in ground garden.

Our community garden provides great produce for our Owens' community as well as a great pollinator habitat for the bees.



Container garden



Planting the Community Garden



Produce from garden is offered to students

SERVICE LEARNING



Seedlings ready to plant - Spring 2019



Students and instructor checking out hive health

Students helped harvest honey, observed the health of the beehives, and helped maintain the community garden. Students also served on the Bee and Garden Community, as well as help start seedlings for the garden. Middle school students also helped build our container garden shelving for pollinator friendly herbs and flowers.



Students building potting shelves



Student extracting honey



Student checking out beehives

CURRICULUM & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Three continuing education courses were offered in the Spring of 2019 on the Findlay campus - "Honey Bee Keeping -101", "Starting from Seed" and "Making Black Gold, Composting and Soil Improvement for Gardening". Unfortunately, these courses had low sign up and were not run. We are actively working to create interest, so these courses are able to run at a later date.

We are always giving tours of our bee hives and community garden to visitors. Our faculty are knowledgeable enough to give a mini crash course on the ins and outs of beekeeping and the social structure of honey bees when given the opportunity.

EDUCATIONAL & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

There are two Bee Campus USA signs at each entrance to the college and there is a Bee Campus USA sign near the bee hives. There is also a bulletin next to student services which is updated with bee/garden information monthly.



Owens Findlay Beehive and Garden Bulletin



Signs that are located by community garden and beehives

POLICIES & PRACTICES

We don't use pesticides, we don't spray our dandelions or any other weeds.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <http://ohiodnr.gov/gonative>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List —
<https://www.opnseed.com/shop/ohio-pollinator-oasis-seed-packet-20813>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — The college does not have an IPM plan, we are a pesticide free campus.

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