



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



## Abilene Christian University Abilene, Texas

### EDUCATION & OUTREACH



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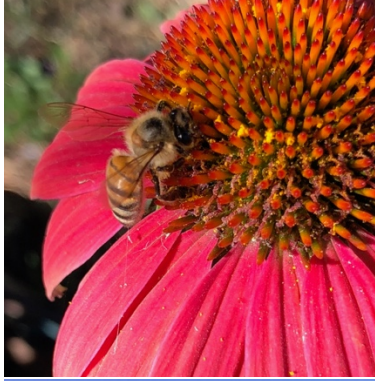
March 27 - Grounds Manager, Gayenell Rainwater, spoke at the [Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability on "What Becoming a Bee Campus Means."](#)

April 22 week – ACU hosted Earth Week activities including an information booth in the main area of campus.

April 24 & 26 – ACU hosted 2 showings of "The Guardian" in Hart Auditorium.

Oct. 13 - ACU Grounds Crew put together a float for Homecoming (including Bee Campus banners) and one staff member dressed as a bee.

## POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



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Basically, we maintain the two large gardens. If something isn't working there we replace it with something else. Now, when other small beds fail, we have gradually begun replacing them with native plants. This year we added native Turks' cap to pocket areas of our campus as well as Blackfoot Daisy, *Salvia farinacea*, and *artemesia*. We have plans to add *Eupatorium havenense*.

Habitat enhancement is a hard one to nail down because it is not done with volunteers; our landscape crew does it. It is a change in the culture at ACU, a departure from traditional formal landscaping. We are doing it as needed rather than on specific dates on a schedule. Different things are replaced as needed during the growing season.

## POLICIES & PRACTICES

Our committee consists of Grounds Manager, Gayenell Rainwater; Director of Grounds, Scott Warren; Team Leads, David Scot and Cole Stevens; and Jim Carpenter, Professor of Environmental Science. We will continue to try to draw students into the committee through the Agriculture and Environmental Science classes. The Grounds Department supplied seed for the Agriculture Department to grow some native species for a landscape project.

## SERVICE-LEARNING

Plant Science class for Agriculture and Environmental in Spring Semester in 2018.

## CURRICULUM

One or more classes actually do some counts on Monarch instars in our pollinator gardens.

## EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE



We have several Bee Campus USA signs and some plant markers.

## CONTACT US!

**Committee:** ACU Buzz

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