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Events Feature Creation Care Alliance, GWU Alumnus, Local Beekeepers and Farmers



BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University celebrates Creation Care/Earth Week, April 9-11, with a series of programs to highlight the ways people of faith can preserve the integrity, beauty and health of God’s creation. The activities are sponsored by the GWU Impact Center for Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility, and all events are open to the public.

On Tuesday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m., in Stewart Hall, Tucker Student Center, the Dimensions Speaker will be Scott Hardin-Nieri, director of the Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina (CCAWNC). The CCAWNC is a network of people of faith and congregations who have united around a moral and spiritual call to take care of nature. The Alliance offers practical solutions through education, service and advocacy.

On Thursday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a Creation Care/Earth Day Fair will be held on the front patio of Tucker Student Center. The theme is “Pollinators,” focusing on the honey bee and its importance to fruit, nut and vegetable crops. Beekeepers will display an enclosed hive that allows people to watch honey bees working the honeycomb. They will also have honey to sample and provide information on beekeeping. Representatives of the Foothills Farmers’ Market will bring some common flowering plants that benefit honey

bees, as well as other insect pollinators. Gardner-Webb's Student Government Association will distribute flyers on recycling and give away water bottles. Students in BIOL 104 (Environment) will present their projects on improving sustainability at GWU.

Also on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Stewart Hall, Tucker Student Center, GWU alumnus and N.C. State Ph.D. candidate, James Withrow, will present "Pollinator Health and Honey Bee Queen Quality and Behavior." Withrow, a double major in music and biology, was honored as the Most Outstanding Male Graduate at the December 2012 commencement.

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James Withrow played the violin and was a double major in biology and music at Gardner-Webb.