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Grant to Attract Monarch Butterflies to Science Garden at Cisco Campus

This story was written by, Rayssa Maldonado Leite, Basketball Co-Editor of the Cisco College Wrangler Express.

Cisco, Texas - March 12, 2025 – Cisco College has recently been awarded a “Bring Back Monarchs to Texas Garden Grant” (BBMT Garden Grant \$600) for the Spring 2025 semester.

According to Justin Cenicerros, Biology Professor and Chair of the Division of Science, the contribution will support the installation of a Monarch Butterfly Garden around the Stamey Hall Science Building at the Cisco Campus.

Sylvester Lopez, CC transportation coordinator, has been leading the Lady Wranglers volleyball team in this project along with science and agriculture students. Students have already started preparing garden beds on the south side of the greenhouse. The plan is to have first plantings by springtime, Cenicerros said.

Agriculture Professor Brandi Terry’s Horticulture class will be in charge of setting up the grant-based butterfly demonstration garden, and students from the General Botany Lab, located on Cisco Campus, will help grow many of the plants from seed.

Rayssa Maldonado Leite, the Science Division lab technician, is transplanting and taking care of the growing young plants that will be used later in the gardens.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this project is invited to take the BIOL 2389 course in Greenhouse Cultivation and Gardening, a second eight-weeks Academic Cooperative course, earning three hours of elective credits.

The class will be “directly responsible for the further germination and husbandry of plants for the gardens,” Cenicerros said, “and for growing garden vegetables for our annual plant 'thank-you' give-away to the hardworking staff at Cisco College.”

Persons who would like to enroll in the course should contact their academic counselor or Professor Justin Cenicerros at Justin.Cenicerros@cisco.edu.

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About Cisco College

Since first admitting students in 1940, Cisco College has offered programs and activities intended to encourage lifelong learning and enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves.

As a member of the Texas state system of publicly supported institutions of higher education, Cisco College maintains an open-door admissions policy and provides an array of learning, skill development and life experiences to motivate and challenge students. Classes are offered at two primary locations, Cisco and Abilene, in addition to several other off-campus sites. The College strives to maintain a student/faculty ratio which facilitates close interaction between faculty and students.

Cisco College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate level degrees.