

Join Dan Bernardo, Interim Washington State University president, and Eric Olson, Washington's largest honey bee keeper, and start the buzz for a new WSU Honey Bee and Pollinator Research Facility. Together Dan and Eric have pledged to match your support dollar-for-dollar up to \$25,000, through June 30, 2016.

Come talk to beekeepers and researchers and watch this free, fascinating and informative bee activity, on the lawn of the WSU Lewis Alumni Center. You can #BeeLikeDan and help build a new home for the hives at WSU!

PROPOSED HONEY BEE + POLLINATOR RESEARCH FACILITY



SUPPORT THE FACILITY

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- WSU is raising money to build a 15,330 sq. ft. Honey Bee + Pollinator Research Facility.
- The total cost for the facility will be \$16 million.
- The facility will be located adjacent to the Eggert Family Organic Farm on the Pullman campus.
- Research space of over 2,700 sq. ft. for diagnostic labs, a cryogenic germplasm repository, molecular lab, and controlled atmosphere rooms.
- The repository will include 'top-tier' genetics from U.S. and international queen breeders.
- The facility will offer controlled atmosphere capability for research where transformative wintering technology can be documented, with the potential to reduce U.S. honey bee winter losses from 30–40% to a more sustainable level (<10%).
- The facility will provide breeding stock to the beekeeping industry and assist with breeding improvement.
- The facility will include a screened observation area where the public can watch bees in demonstration gardens.
- Demonstration gardens and apiaries will promote understanding and teach the public about pollinator health.
- Scientists from around the country and the world will be able to visit and conduct research.
- Research at WSU includes work on honey bee genetics, reduction of wintering losses, and alternative varroa mite control, amongst other topics.
- Donations for the facility can be made online at: https://secure.wsu.edu/give/default.aspx?fund=7593













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HONEY BEE+ POLLINATOR RESEARCH FACILITY

- GENETICS
- ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS
- SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



Honey Bees and Pollinators

Honey bees and pollinators are integral to food production and our economy, as well as an essential part of our environment. Our farmers depend on healthy crops to make a living. Our economy depends on those farmers to feed people at home and around the world, and our ecosystem depends on everything working together.

Honey bees are the most economically valuable pollinator in agriculture—they pollinate over 100 crop varieties in the United States alone. Over the past two decades, honey bees and pollinators have been in decline. It is vital that research and outreach are supported to save bees and pollinators and to meet the long-term needs of sustainable agriculture and food security.





7 out of **10**Ratio of crops pollinated by bees worldwide.



\$18 billion
Estimated dollars honey
bees support and
contribute to the U.S.
economy each year.



Increase in agricultural use of pollinators by developed countries since 1960; 62% increase in the developing world.

Washington State University Honey Bee and Pollinator Research

Washington State University has a world class honey bee and pollinator research program that works with beekeepers, scientists, environmentalists, and everyday Americans to improve honey bee and pollinator health. WSU bee researchers are discovering solutions and developing innovations to address challenges that threaten the fragile balance of nature.

INTERNATIONAL GERMPLASM STORAGE CENTER: WSU is the first university to implement cryopreservation methodology for the long-term storage of honey bee germplasm. Securing permits to import germplasm from bees around the world, WSU established the world's first honey bee genetic repository. This resource will improve honey bee breeding and protect valuable genetic material for future generations.

The Need for a Specialized RESEARCH FACILITY



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You can find out more about making a contribution by contacting Melissa Bean in the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Office of Alumni & Development, at 509-335-0505 or melissa.bean@wsu.edu.

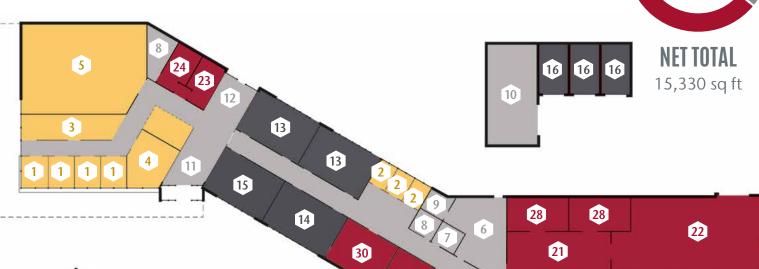
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HONEY BEE+ POLLINATOR RESEARCH FACILITY

WSU HONEY BEE + POLLINATOR RESEARCH FACILITY Floor Plan







- 1. Office Faculty
- 2. Office Visiting Scientists/Tech
- 3. Student Office
- 4. Break Room/Kitchen
- 5. Classroom/Conference Room
- MECHANICAL & CORE
- 6. Mechanical
- 7. Data
- 8. Custodial
- 9. Electrical
- 10. Storage
- 11. Lobby
- 12. Public Education



- 13. Diagnostic/Technical Labs
- 14. Cryogenic Germplasm Repository
- 15. Molecular Lab
- 16. Controlled Atmosphere Rooms

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- 17. Extraction Room
- 18. Cold Room
- 19. Hot Room
- 20. Unloading Area
- 21. Wood and Fabrication Shop
- 22. Garage
- 23. Men's Restroom

- 24. Women's Restroom
- 25. Men's Locker
- 26. Women's Locker
- 27. Apiary Gear
- 28. Comb/Wood Storage
- 29. Observation
- 30. Instrumentation Room







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Architectural renderings of the proposed facility.

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We Need You

BEE THE CHANGE! To continue to grow our program, we need a community to help fund this new research facility. Protecting honey bees and pollinators is dependent on much-needed funds. *The time to get involved is now*. Please consider contributing to the new WSU Honey Bee + Pollinator Research Facility. Your gift can make a difference.





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