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MO Hives KC to honor teens for completing inaugural Nature Action Crew 6-week internship program

KANSAS CITY, MO. (July 28, 2021) – [MO Hives KC](#), a nonprofit formed in 2020 to place and support apiaries (bee farms) in blighted urban areas, will honor six area teens who completed a Nature Action Crew internship funded by the Missouri Department of Conservation in collaboration with the Heartland Conservation Alliance.

Event Details: Sunday, August 1, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
 The Pryor Legacy Educational Pavilion
 MO Hives KC Apiary
 5030 Wabash Ave.
 Kansas City, MO 64130

“I am so proud of these young people and the work they did for us,” said MO Hives KC Co-Founder Dr. Marion Pierson. “Many of our crew members had never cashed a paycheck, or had any structured work experience. So, we are excited that our apiary also provides a work readiness program.”

The interns learned about the science and commerce of beekeeping, along with their work maintaining the hives, pruning trees, planting native flowers, solarizing the soil, spreading mulch, and other apiary maintenance and environmental stewardship.

In addition to earning a certificate which will be presented at the event, the participating Nature Action Crew members also earned an AmBEEsAdor certificate for completing coursework and experiential learning about nurturing and caring for bees and their hives.

MO Hives KC’s main apiary site is at 5030 Wabash Avenue, but it also maintains hives at Children’s Mercy Hospital’s community garden, the Blue Hills neighborhood and their newest apiary on a long-vacant parcel of land on Brighton Avenue, and an experimental vacant property installation atop the former Adam’s Mark Hotel.

With its urban bee farms, MO Hives KC:

- Provides new habitats for bees, populations of which have dwindled significantly over preceding decades.
- Spurs awareness of BEE-Commerce, which includes honey production and renting out these pollinators to amplify commercial food production.
- Educates area students on the science and commerce of beekeeping.
- Beautifies urban areas with robust community gardens that are supported by hardworking pollinators.
- Involves the community in pro-active self-help activities that yield more economic opportunity.

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