

Arbor Day celebrated with plantings at SOU

On April 26th, five SOU landscape crew members and four volunteers came together to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a wide array of native plants on the south side of Hannon Library.

Prior to the event, the landscaping crew laid out 1,200 starters with plants like Deer Fern, Woods Rose, Quaking Aspen, Snowberry, Spiraea, Festuca, Carex, and more. From 8 am-12 pm day-of, the crew and its volunteers were able to get a large portion of those plants in the ground.

Students, staff, faculty, and community members are highly encouraged to visit the back side of Hannon Library to check out the results of that day, as well as to test the new walking trail that meanders from one side of the building to the other.

Observance of Arbor Day is just one requirement for institutions hoping to secure certification as a Tree Campus USA, a recognition that SOU recently received for the 10th year in a row. Visit <https://www.arborday.org/programs/tree-campus-higher-education/> for more information about the Arbor Day Foundation and its Tree Campus Higher Education certification program.

