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**Earth Day Celebration and Activities Announced at Whitaker Center**

*Downtown STEM center partners with PA DEP, Capital Region Water and more to provide range of activities*

**Harrisburg, PA** - Whitaker Center is partnering with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Capital Region Water, Tri-County Community Action and other Central Pennsylvania environmental stewards to provide a full range of activities in Harsco Science Center on Saturday, April 27 from 11:00am - 2:00pm in recognition of **Earth Day 2019: Protect Our Species**. Science center guests will have the opportunity to learn about DEP's FalconCam, meet the Pennsylvania Honey Queen (and her hive), learn why protecting our pollinators is so important, as well as attend demonstrations, teaching lessons, and more. Visitors are encouraged to visit as many interactive stations as possible with incentives for participation. All of the stations and activities are included in the cost of Harsco Science Center admission.

Also held in conjunction with **Earth Day 2019: Protect Our Species** is the installation of our new Pollinators and Upcycled Art exhibits for both our Art on the Curved Wall Gallery and Kunkel Lobby on the Arcade Level of Whitaker Center. The featured artists of the Upcycled Art exhibit are Dallastown Area Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sculpture classes, taught by Katie Colmer. Students began by researching the works of Dale Chihuly, American glass sculptor and entrepreneur, whose works, according to Colmer, "are considered to possess outstanding artistic merit in the field of glass blowing." Colmer led her students in designing and creating collaborative faux glass installations that resemble similar characteristics to Chihuly's work using upcycled plastic water bottles.

The Pollinators Art Exhibit call for entries is open through April 15, 2019. For more information on submitting an entry, please visit [whitakercenter.org/art-gallery-and-gift-shop](http://whitakercenter.org/art-gallery-and-gift-shop).

For more information on these and other programs as well as hours of operation and admission plans, call 717-214-ARTS (2787) or visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org)

**About Whitaker Center**

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four story premium large format theater with a recently upgraded 4K digital projection system. Visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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