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Arconic Presents Check to DACC

Presentation Scheduled for 3:30 pm, August 8, Bremer Center

DANVILLE – Officials from Danville Area Community College and the DACC Foundation will welcome Julie Peelman and Leonardo Paulino of Arconic for a grant-check presentation from Arconic Foundation, Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 3:30 PM in the Bremer Center at DACC. The \$20,000 gift is earmarked for support of DACC's Sustainability Land Learning Lab on Daisy Lane in Danville.

The project, Sustainability Farm Enhancement, will include funds to improve the honey bee project with new bees and hives, bee suits, and honey harvest equipment. An observation hive is planned so children and adult members of the community can safely experience hive action. Another portion of the funds will provide tools to aid in production and curriculum such as a solar powered remote weather station and agricultural drone. Finally, the grant provides funds for equipment to improve working conditions at the Lab – a utility vehicle and gas generator.

Following the presentation, Dr. Wendy Brown will lead a tour of the Sustainability Farm for the Arconic visitors and anyone else who is interested, weather permitting.

The 5+ acre farm was established in 2015 thanks to the generosity of DACC Foundation donor Kristy Herr Bartos and her husband, Jerry Bartos, who offered a long-term lease for \$1. The farm is a cross-curricular project involving horticulture, agriculture, biology, art, sustainability, and culinary arts.

Active projects at the farm include a vegetable garden, honey bee hives, a pollinator prairie area, blue bird houses, and owl boxes. Green building students built a garden shed on the

property and International Greenhouse donated a Tunnel Greenhouse to extend the growing season.

Last year, more than a ton of produce was donated either to DACC students through a Farm Market stand on campus or to local food banks and shelters. This year, a Farm to Fork dinner prepared by Culinary Arts students is planned for August 25 using farm produce and locally sourced meats.

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