

**Georgia Tree Council
2024 Campus Tree Conference**

Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, Georgia
September 18, 2024



Program Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. **Welcome** from **Mary Lynne Beckley**, Executive Director, Georgia Tree Council and **Robert Seamans**, Board President 2023
- 9:05 - 9:15 a.m. **Welcome** from Georgia Southern University Grounds Superintendent **Maurice Coley** and **Ron Stalnaker**, Georgia Southern University Vice President of Business and Finance
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. **The Trees of Georgia Southern:** Maurice Coley, Grounds Superintendent
Maurice will share his methodology of tree care on the Georgia Southern campus in Statesboro, as well as recent and future tree planting projects. Georgia Southern is a Tree Campus Higher Education institution.
- 5-minute break
- The Trees of East Georgia State College:** David Chevalier, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Associate VP of Academics, Mathematics and Natural Sciences.
David will present on EGSC's Tree management practices, including protection of trees during periods of construction projects on campus, providing advisement on removal and replacement of trees, and selection of tree species to be planted on campus. EGSC is a Tree Campus Higher Education institution.
- 5-minute break
- 10:05 – 10:50 a.m. **The Arboretum at Georgia Southern's Armstrong Campus, Savannah:** Michael Carr, Superintendent of Grounds Operations
Michael will present on the establishment of the Arboretum at Georgia Southern's Savannah Campus and his tree mapping and tagging system of his campus trees.
- Tree Pruning Demonstration**
Seth Hawkins, Urban & Community Forestry Coordinator, Georgia Forestry Commission
Seth will do a live demonstration of proper tree pruning techniques for maintaining healthy trees.
- 11:00 a.m. – Noon **Walking tour** of Georgia Southern Botanic Garden
A guided tour of the Botanic Garden's arboretum and woodland trails, plus a landscape garden of coastal plain natives, a native azalea collection, heritage gardens, wetland gardens, and other features. The Garden is a research and educational resource for faculty and students and provides undergraduate and graduate programs, projects, and internships as well as continuing education programs of interest to the community.
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (Presentation: Tree Campus USA, Seth Hawkins, Ga. Forestry Commission)
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Healthy Soils for Healthy Trees** with Holly Campbell, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia. *Holly will instruct on soil requirements for healthy trees, especially in high pedestrian traffic areas.*
- Tree Risk Assessment** with Shem Kendrick, ISA Master Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified *Shem will discuss managing trees for safety on campus, helping attendees to better determine the likelihood of failure of branches or the whole tree.*

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