

**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
- Service-Learning Projects of East Georgia State College:** David Chevalier, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Associate VP of Academics, Mathematics and Natural Sciences and Erin Youmans, Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science & Technology Centers Regional Coordinator - *David will present on service-learning projects that they have performed since the establishment of the tree campus higher education in 2017. Erin will talk about their moon tree that they planted this summer and the moon tree celebration that will be used as the service-learning project for 2024.*
- 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, ISA Certified Arborist, 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 **Tour** of Georgia Southern Botanic Garden  
Introductory talk by **Joshua Jones**, Horticultural Manager, ISA Certified Arborist  
*We'll enjoy a visit to 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.*
- Climbing/Limb Cutting Demonstration** with Zachary Vanotteren, ISA Certified Arborist
- 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, ISA Certified Arborist, 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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