

Monday Matters: A New Home for Orchids at ODU

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Dear Colleagues:

Darrin Duling is the Associate Director of the Kaplan Orchid Conservatory. He sends the following message.

The [Arthur and Phyllis Kaplan Orchid Conservatory](#) is bursting with color right now as we are in peak tropical orchid blooming season. Please make a point to visit it soon, as this iconic botanical gem on the ODU Campus will be closing to visitors on the afternoon of May 26. The display house is open Monday – Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. No appointment is needed to visit. A spectacular new KOC public display house will be a prominent feature of the new Biological Sciences Building, expected to open in 2026.

The orchid collections and propagules of many of the rare tropical specimens in the current landscaped display house will be temporarily housed in a greenhouse that will be located within a nearby construction staging area for the Biological Sciences Building. Unfortunately, due to its location within a construction zone and greatly restricted interior space, the temporary greenhouse will not be able to safely accommodate visitors and tours.

While it is sad to have to say farewell to the old facility that has delighted and inspired thousands of visitors for the past 15 years, there is a lot to look forward to with the reimagined structure that will take its place. Be on the lookout for forthcoming articles featuring artistic renderings and detailed descriptions of the new KOC and all that it will have to offer.

Best Regards,
Gail

Upcoming Events and Deadlines:

- Science Friday: PSB 1100, 4 pm
 - March 17, 2023: Jian Wu (Computer Science) and Abby Braitman (Psychology)
- COACHE survey – Please complete this survey as soon as possible if you have not already
 - Survey was sent only to full time faculty past the first year
- Sexual Harassment training due March 6
- Cheng Fund for Innovative Research proposals due March 15
- College of Sciences Award nominations due to college from Chairs on March 15
- COSURP proposals due April 4

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