Earth Day gets a little recognition

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Earth Day events may have been officially canceled on Palomar's campus but two of the college's clubs decided to take matters into their own hands and show appreciation to the Earth in their own way April 22.

Up until this year Palomar's clubs joined forces under the Inter-Club Council to hold annual Earth Day events featuring live music, cultural dancing, various vendors and food.

However, due to lack of club support and limited ICC leadership efforts, this year's official day to thank the Earth was left up to independent efforts by Club Success and the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Club.

Although the two clubs didn't work together, they both choose a similar way to spread the environmental word to students—through plants.

Club Success members planted a Japanese Silver tree in the Arboretum and EOPS sold various plants to students in the Student Union.

"We want to make a statement about the importance of the environment in our lives," said Club Success Adviser John Dis.

during the planting ceremony. The tree was donated by Briggs Tree Co. and Wholesale Nursery. While local public defender Genaro Lara, a frequent Club Success supporter, donated money for a plaque to commemorate the event.

"We wanted people to have the opportunity to have a plant since plants are what give us life," said EOPS Club President James Tellez.

Although he was disappointed by the canceled Earth Day events and resulting lack of turnout, Tellez feels that the sale was a good contribution to EOPS' annual fundraising. The money earned helps the club throw a Christmas party for underprivileged children.

"EOPS is still going strong, even though other clubs may not be," said Tellez. "I feel that if we are going to do something we should be faithful and do it no matter what."

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