

### Musing Thru the Fence

All – I received an email from my younger brother this week sent to the families of his 400 gymnasts, from 2 year-olds to elite men’s and women’s competitors. *“Today, walking through our ghost-like facility was more difficult than I could ever imagine. The building is dark and cold with the thermostats at maintenance settings. The usual chatter of kids having fun while learning was substituted with silence. ‘Sad’ does not begin to capture the emotion.”*

Clearly this tugged at my own thoughts about how things were going on the SMH campus.



I was already headed that way to check water quality at Salado Creek, so I figured I would see what was happening on campus thru the fence.



I am thrilled to report that campus remains a bright and active space, full of blooming flowers, active bees and a growing wildlife population.



As the bees I found collecting pollen were on the North side of campus, I can only hope that they are inhabitants of the hives kept by Dr. Holbrook and her students. ([bee video](#))



I have always thought of our SMH campus fox as visiting 'our space', but the bold attitude of the fox reminded me that all along I have been visiting 'their space'. ([fox video](#))



The SMH campus is still a beautiful and busy place, but, just for now, without us.

I look forward to the time we can again greet one another as we walk from class to class and have a chat in the courtyard without masks.

Everyone have a safe weekend, take care, mr. k.