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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



(L to R): Rachel Brittenham '13, Jan Patton '14, and Jessica Jones '15 volunteering at the Tailgate Recycling Initiative table.

(Photo courtesy of Trent Brock)

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Tailgate Recycling Initiative by Rachel Brittenham



The *goldblack & green* sign promotes the Athletic Tailgate Recycling Initiative at a recent home football game.



Get your Wofford Tervis Tumbler today! See details below.

Each year we see new efforts by the Wofford community to exercise our environmental stewardship. This fall, the first Tailgate Recycling Initiative was executed at all of Wofford's home football games. Thanks to incredible volunteers from campus organizations such as Alpha Phi Omega, Fierce Green Fire, and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, all of Wofford's tailgating visitors helped to divert large amounts of easily recyclable materials from local landfills.

Eric Breitenstein and I created the blueprints for this project over Interim 2012, while interning at *Upstate Forever*, a local non-profit organization aimed at conservation and creating sustainable communities. We felt that this was a simple process that Wofford could utilize to make a palpable difference and become more environmentally

aware.

Volunteers simply walked throughout the tailgating lots, handing out clear recycling bags to each group as well as an informational card explaining everything that is recyclable from their tailgate. There was a very enthusiastic response from visitors, who actively participated. After the two most recent football games, Wofford gathered nearly 2,000 lbs of recyclables. This is nearly a TON of items that Wofford kept out of a landfill!

The foundations are in place for the project to continue next fall, thanks to Jan Patton and other amazing volunteers. This initiative was a big step in helping the "Gold & Black" GO GREEN!

See Rachel and Eric's Sustainability Proposal on our ENVS webpage under the Quick Links column

<http://www.wofford.edu/environmentalstudies/>

Check out the blog by one of our *Thinking Like A River* symposium panelists, Susan Fox Rogers: <http://susanfoxrogers.com/>.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- November 13th -16th **Sustainability Cups for Sale:** Fierce Green Fire will be selling 16oz. Tervis tumblers designed by Wofford students in front of Burwell and at Zach's (11:00am-1:00pm), Tuesday-Friday this week. Cups are \$20 and can be purchased with cash or TerrierBucks (*must have your W#*). Use your cup at many of the dining facilities on campus for free soft drinks! (*See picture above on page 1.*)
- November 21st -23rd **Happy Thanksgiving!**
- November 26th **Fierce Green Fire Meeting:** 8:30pm in BSA 1.
- December 3rd **Book Signing:** Helen Correll author of "*Middlewood Journal*" will be at the Spartanburg County Library Headquarters, 6:00pm.
- Ongoing **Summer 2013 Intern Program:** Applications for The Savannah River Remediation (SRR) Intern Program at the Savannah River Site (SRS) are being accepted beginning November 1st. To qualify for a summer internship with SRR, the student must be a US citizen, enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited four-year university and have a current GPA of 2.5 or higher. See Dr. Savage for information on submitting an application. Selected applicants will be contacted by March 31, 2013.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Goddard College – MA in Sustainable Business & Communities

Goddard College in Plainfield, Vermont offers a MA in Sustainable Business & Communities (SBC) that "views the concerns of social responsibility, sustainability, and social justice as inextricably linked."

The four-semester Master of Arts program or the two-semester Certificate of Graduate Study, gives students a choice while building their studies around one of three areas: Socially Responsible Business which uses alternative business models "to create positive and sustainable local and global

transformation;" Social Entrepreneurship which focuses on "nonprofit and community-based organizations to create just, equitable, and sustainable social change;" or Sustainable Communities which "fosters civic engagement, democratic values, social justice, and environmental stewardship."

For more information about this program, visit <http://www.goddard.edu/ma-sustainable-business-and-communities-program>.