Senior Krista Jones Uses Art as Focus of Capstone Project

Volunteers needed to help with 4th Grade Students!

World Water Monitoring Day
Saturday, April 16th
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Goodall Environmental Studies Center
Glendale, SC

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Within the Environmental Studies major, each student is allowed to pursue an area of interest in-depth during their senior year. For Krista Jones, environmental education and outreach has been the niche in which she focused her senior capstone. During the fall semester, Krista set out to contribute to the environmental education field in order to bridge the gap of knowledge about the environment.

In her capstone project entitled “The Art of Environmental Education,” Krista created a curriculum unit, Patterns in Nature, for the kindergarten, first, second and third grade classroom. The goal of the curriculum is for students to develop an understanding of their local environment in an interdisciplinary capacity. With collaboration from elementary schools and educators, classroom visitations and pedagogical research, she created materials to educate elementary students about their natural world by examining seasonal patterns.

In addition to writing lesson plans, weaving in educational standards and collaborating with educators, Krista added a unique touch to the unit. All the lesson materials she created were sketched and drawn by hand, making each a piece of art.

With completion of her capstone, Krista has confirmed that environmental education is her calling within the Environmental Studies field. Her plans are to pursue environmental education as a career after Wofford.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

March 15th

SPACE and Upstate Forever “Planning The Future of Your Farm”: A symposium of land conservation options for agricultural land includes a guest speaker, panel of landowners and BBQ dinner ($5 per person). 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM at Cleveland Park Convention Center. Go to http://www.spartanburgconservation.org/ for agenda and registration form.

March 16th

Deadline for applications for The Best Internship On Earth: Spend the summer hiking, rafting, and exploring with the Sierra Club’s youth program around the country. Earn some extra money and outfit yourself with gear from The North Face and Planet Explore. Visit: http://sierraclub.org/bestinternship/ to apply.

March 16th & 23rd

HUB-BUB Showroom: Last two Green Screen Films! 7:00 PM. This Wednesday (March 16th) will feature “Coal Country” with a guest speaker from Appalachia. Next Wednesday (March 23rd) will feature “Walden-The Ballad of Thoreau”. All Films are FREE!

March 19th

Sierra Club Waterfalls Hike: Hike to waterfalls off of Route 11 near Jones Gap State Park. Call or email Chip Green (579-0164 or jwgmaps@gmail.com) for details and meeting location.

March 22nd

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What’s happening in the community? Check out these websites for additional events and opportunities!

http://www.sustainablespartanburg.com

http://www.upstateforever.org

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Vermont Law School – Environmental Law Center

The Environmental Law Center (ELC) at Vermont Law School boosts “the largest graduate environmental law program in the country and has always ranked within the top two by U.S. News & World Reports.” It has been ranked #1 for 2011.

ELC offers an LLM in Environmental Law, a Master of Environmental Law and Policy (MELP), a joint JD/MELP, and dual degrees with institutions such as Yale, Cambridge, Thunderbird, Northeastern, and the University of Vermont.

Their goal is “to educate agents of change who will continue to be guided by the motto “Law for the community and the world” as they set off down their individual paths toward success as litigators, public interest attorneys, environmental and land experts, civil rights advocates, and activists.”

For more information, go to their website. http://www.vermontlaw.edu/x565.xml