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Fall Harvest with ENVS 334 by Dr. Amy Telligman

During the last lab of the semester, students in ENVS 334 (Principles of Sustainable Agriculture) picked the crops they planted in their garden plots in September. The bounty consisted of fall plants – those tolerant to shorter days and cooler nights. Featuring prominently in the line-up were members of the Brassicaceae family (aka the mustard family): mizuna, arugula, radish – both daikon and scarlet globe, and 2 varieties of kale. With the help of Chef Steve and Walter from AVI, Wofford’s Food Service Provider, the crops were cleaned, chopped, and some were sautéed.

The class shared their harvest at the screening of a documentary entitled The Gleaners and I, a film exploring food waste and food availability across urban and rural communities in France. Gleaning, the practice of collecting leftover and unused food, has changed in form over time. For instance, until the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, parishes in southern England strictly adhered to gleaning bells signaling the start and finish times for gleaning. According to the book of Leviticus in the Old Testament, farmers should not harvest all of the crops from their fields, rather they should leave the edges unharvested for the poor and foreigner living among us. Our guest, Tonja Smith, the founding director of Ruth’s Gleanings, shared with the audience that it was this bible verse that inspired her to develop the local nonprofit organization, a food rescue and distribution service with an emphasis on reclaiming fresh produce.

Good Luck with Exams!
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Profile of the Week:**

**University of North Carolina – MBA in Sustainable Enterprise**

The Center for Sustainable Enterprise at the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School offers a MBA with a concentration in Sustainable Enterprise. According to their website “it prepares students to manage the "triple bottom line": financial, environmental, and social performance.” The program is recognized as one of the leading MBA social and environmental impact management programs in the country and has most recently been ranked in the top ten by *Bloomberg Businessweek* for sustainability and Best Green MBA by *The Princeton Review*.

Courses and requirements for the concentration cover topics including corporate sustainability strategy, financial analysis and metrics, environmental/social impact assessment, sustainable innovation and investment, corporate responsibility, economic development, and entrepreneurship in developing economies.

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