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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

As Jackson explored the local trails during her Triathlon Interim, she discovered the landscape reminded her of home.



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A Triathlon Interim

by Maggie Jackson '25



During the month of January, or as Wofford students coin Interim, I spent my early mornings "tri"-ing a new activity. I participated in Professors Benjamin Cartwright's and Kim Rostan's Triathlon Interim, which consisted of indoor swimming, stationary biking, and (to the best of my ability) running in various locations of Spartanburg. Through the course, I was able to grow and enhance my fitness alongside my peers, but I was also blessed with the experience of seeing all the beautiful landscapes Spartanburg has to offer. We began running the urban backroads near the Willis Road YMCA, then the beautiful trails of Croft State Park surrounding calm ponds and mountainous terrain, along with the streams near the Cottonwood and Drayton Mills Trails.

However, one of my favorite experiences had to have been visiting Croft State Park. As we entered the trails, I was reminded of the scent of the blue ridge mountains and the stillness the woods provided. As we entered the woods, I could almost forget I was a hundred twenty miles east and one thousand feet closer to the ground than I had been six months ago. Seeing these parts of Spartanburg has helped me to have a firmer grasp of our landscape and the opportunities it holds. As a native of the panoramic mountains of Northeast Georgia, I came to miss some of the natural beauty I have been surrounded by in my hometown. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to immerse myself in not only a new sport but also to greenspaces the city of Spartanburg has provided for its community.

Students in Dr. Telligman's ENVS160 lab used solar pathfinders to map the solar potential at Glendale and discover how many panels would be needed to power the Goodall Center.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

March 14th
Application Deadline at
5:00pm

Northside LLC Application for 2022-2023: Rising sophomores are eligible to [apply for the Northside Living-Learning Community in community sustainability work](#). This includes enrollment in two linked courses in Sociology/Anthropology and Environmental Studies in fall and spring respectively as well as programming focused on service and learning with partners in the Northside community. As part of the Northside LLC, you will reside in Milliken House at Northside Station located just a 5-minute walk from campus at 501 Howard Street.

March 19th
11:00am-1:00pm
Goodall Center
351 Broadway Street,
Glendale, 29346

World Water Day Celebration: Wear blue and celebrate World Water Day. Ages 4-12 can enjoy animals, educational games, water testing and crafts with special guests from Spartanburg Water and the Watershed Ecology Center. For more information contact bradachme@wofford.edu.

March 26th
9:00am-2:00pm
County Administration
Building
366 N. Church Street, 29303

14th Annual Hazardous Household Waste Collection & Rain Barrel Sale: Rain or shine, all Spartanburg County residents can bring their hazardous household waste to be disposed (excluding electronics). Rain barrels will be available for purchase. [See the list of acceptable and unacceptable items.](#)

April 1st
Application Deadline

Rachel Carson Council Fellowship Program: Get paid to organize for the environment at Wofford. [Learn more.](#)

Ongoing

[Job Opportunities at Teton Science School](#)

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Iowa State University – Sustainable Agriculture

The State of Iowa is the natural location for the nation's first comprehensive [graduate program in sustainable agriculture](#) because it is one of the most rain-fed agricultural regions in the world.

Iowa State University has the first graduate program in sustainable agriculture and boasts many "firsts" in agricultural research and teaching. Among those "firsts" are the first land-grant university, the first to offer forestry and dairy science, the first Master of Science degree in farm mechanics, and a leader in sustainable agricultural research with the largest

group of faculty working on sustainable agricultural issues.

The issues that face the agricultural industry today are complex and jobs are available in research, education, the food systems industries, governmental policy, non-governmental organizations, and commercial agriculture. Students who graduate with a Master of Science in sustainable agriculture are highly qualified to deal with environmental, agronomic, and social challenges facing the industry.