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A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program



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Introducing First-Year Students to Glendale

by Corina Vandenberg '24

The Fall of a new school year brings with it a bustling campus and environmental studies program. This year, the Glendale Outreach and Sustainability Committee held an eco-friendly tie dyeing event at the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies, put on by interns Samantha Carter and Emma Sutton. Although everyone was welcome, the event was geared towards Freshman students to introduce them to Glendale Shoals and educate them on the history of the land.

The stunning dyes were made of food scraps from Burwell and Burrito Hub, a local restaurant. Through just two weeks of Burwell food scraps and one week of Burrito Hub scraps the interns were able to create five large buckets of varying-colored dyes. For a yellow color, interns removed the flesh from onions so just the skin was remaining, brought them to a simmer in water, and

then soaked them for 24 hours leading up to the event. Similarly, avocados (and baking soda) were used to make a blush pink, turmeric was used to make gold, and black beans and vinegar created a blue/purple color.

In addition to colors, attendees also had the choice of what they would be dyeing. They were encouraged to bring their own t-shirts, but were also provided with an assortment of socks, bandanas, and t-shirts. Attendees chose their article of clothing and soaked it in dye for 15 minutes before letting it air-dry outside on the beautiful fall day. The interns also provided attendees with vegan snacks like fruit and nuts while they waited. The convivial atmosphere attracted people of all majors and interests to come together and practice sustainability in a fun, new way.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

October 8th

9:00-11:00am

**Goodall Center, 351
Broadway St, Glendale,
29346**

Second Saturdays Volunteer Day in Glendale: Join us on the second Saturday of the month to help beautify the garden and surrounding areas at the Goodall Center. [Register here to let us know you're coming.](#)

October 12th

6:00pm

**Richardson Theatre,
Rosalind S Richardson
Center for the Arts**

Conversation with Alexander Smalls and Craig Melvin: Join Today Show host and Wofford Trustee, Craig Melvin '01 and celebrity Chef and author, Alexander Smalls '74 for an intimate conversation about Wofford, food, and life in New York.

October 28th

Application Deadline

Hiring student for Goodall Center Garden: 3 - 5 hours per week helping Steve Patton. Duties will include basic garden tasks like planting and weeding, possibly some mowing and light construction. Eagerness to learn is more important than existing knowledge. If interested, please send Dr. Savage an email explaining your interest and if you have any experience. Availability Wednesday afternoons and/or Saturday mornings is preferred. Must have your own transportation. Pay is \$9/hour. Please feel free to pass the word to anyone you know who might be interested! The job is also posted on Handshake.

October 29th

9:00-11:00am

**Cottonwood Trail, Sydnor
Road, 29302**

PAL Trail Clean Up at River Birch Trail: Bring your gloves and tools for fighting the invasive plant species and join PAL and Trees Coalition for the clean-up day. [Register here](#) to let them know you are coming.

October 31st

Application Deadline

South Carolina Wildlife Federation Scholarships: Any full-time students (graduate and undergraduate) currently pursuing degrees in any environmental field at South Carolina schools of higher education are eligible to apply. \$500 scholarships will be announced in January and awarded in February.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Columbia University – MPH in Environmental Health Sciences

U.S. News & World Report ranks The Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University as one of the top five schools of public health. The graduate program offers a Master of Public Health (MPH) in environmental health sciences.

Students in The Department of Environmental Health Science (EHS) investigate how the environment influences human health. They study topics such as biological mechanisms, environmental health, data analysis, risk assessment, occupational hazards, and policy analysis. In the field, students collaborate with

scientists and health officials across New York City, the country and around the globe to address environmental threats to health in communities worldwide.

New curriculum for the MPH program was introduced in the fall of 2012 providing skills and training for today's complex public health challenges. The program also offers a Master of Science and one in Health Administration.

[Columbia – Mailman School of Public Health](#)
