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Harvest Time in the Chandler Garden by Isa Warlick '23



This semester Dr. Telligman's ENVS 334 Agroecology class had the wonderful opportunity to put our green thumbs to the test and care for our personal garden plots all semester long. While drainage and weeds were our biggest battles, we learned quite a bit about the hands-on knowledge it takes to grow from seed. The best way we found to get around the puddles and swamps that frequented our gardens after a rain was to use raised beds. This kept the plants from an excessively saturated ground, which was demonstrated best to us by classmate and senior Drew Wilson's garden plot. When discussing the greatest learning curves we all faced and what really separated the subpar plots from the superb we landed on the obvious answer, time and care. Tyler Edwards '24 discussed how he spent some time each day weeding his plot and checking

for pests. One of the participating Wofford groundcrew mentioned how he works his home garden until dark every day when he returns from work.

Gardening sure isn't easy work, however it is incredibly fulfilling. On December 8th we were finally able to enjoy the fruits of our labor with a shared feast and judging competition. Teachers and students alike were welcomed to come try our homegrown dishes which included some highlights of spicy daikon radish fries, kale chips, veggie rolls, coleslaw, collard greens, and mint tea. The intrinsic connection between humans and our food is so often overlooked in the age of fast food and large corporate grocery stores. I certainly know this inspired me to feel more connected with my food and I hope it did my classmates as well.



ENVS 334 students harvested vegetables and herbs from their garden plots then took them to the Food Lab and made some delicious dishes.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

December 10th

9:00-11:00am

Goodall Center, 351

Broadway St, Glendale, SC

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.](#)

December 12th – 16th

Good Luck with Exams!

Happy Holidays!

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

University of South Carolina – Arnold School of Public Health

The University of South Carolina offers several areas of study through its Arnold School of Public Health including Environmental Health Sciences, Biostatistics, and Epidemiology, which may be of interest to environmental studies students looking at graduate programs.

MPH and MS are offered in Environmental Health Sciences, which focuses on the interact between

humans and the environment and the adverse effects of environmental conditions on human health.

Biostatistics and Epidemiology are interconnected by analyzing and generating data to advance the goals of public health but are separate degree programs within the Arnold School of Public Health.

To learn more about these programs and the other degrees offered, visit [Arnold School of Public Health.](#)
