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Climbing to New Heights

It's spring semester and the seniors in Dr. Bradham's Senior Seminar are thinking about next steps. Graduating college is an amazing accomplishment but also one that can be a bit nerve wracking. After hearing rumblings of some seniors stressing out about what comes next, we decided to work on conquering fears and finding ways to move forward when things seem stressful. The only way to do this (obviously) was for the seniors to spend the afternoon at The Riveter... climbing up 50 foot rock walls as a reminder that there is nothing they can't do! Below is a reflection from some of our adventurous superstars:

The Environmental Studies Senior seminar took us on a trip to [Riveter Adventure Community](#). Riveter offers rock climbing through multiple levels of difficulty as well as mountain biking. Students in the senior seminar participated in a myriad of activities that challenge their preconceptions about their own abilities.

"We watched our friends conquer obstacles and challenges through our three-hour stay.

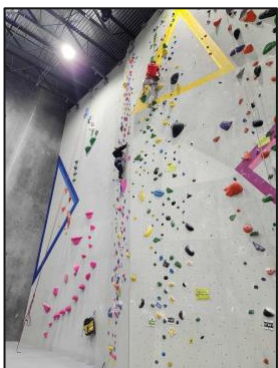
Even in that short amount of time we were able to develop new skills and reach new heights, literally." ~Isa Warlick '23

The atmosphere at Riveter was very inviting. People of all skill levels were able to come together and converse through their love of climbing and mountain biking. Strangers soon became friends and even offered advice on how to tackle different routes up the rock as well as life advice. You never know where your next step will take you.

"I definitely did not think that a class at Wofford would allow me to go rock climbing. I have had many opportunities at Wofford but none like this. We were able to bond over shared struggles. Some of us were experienced climbers but most of us were not." ~ Chandler Dickert '23

This class has prepared us to succeed in our post graduate endeavors by developing our life skills. We cannot wait to see what the rest of the class has in store for us!

Submitted by~ Chandler Dickert, Luke Nelson, Isa Warlick, Grayson Murray, Dr. Bradham



ENVS Seniors experience rock climbing at Riveter.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

March 7th
Application Deadline

2 Urban Farmers Needed: The Wofford Sustainability Committee seeks to hire 2 student farmers to grow food at the Hub City Farmers' Market Urban Farm. Students' primary responsibilities will be to help grow food and maintain the farm but will also help plan for the upcoming growing season and develop educational programs for the community. Supervisors are farm manager Ben Lea, and Dr. Amy Telligman. Farm or garden experience desirable but not necessary. 7-10 hrs/week, starting pay \$9/hr. Please send a letter of application, your resume, and the contact information for at least one professional reference to Dr. Amy Telligman, telligmanal@wofford.edu. In your letter of application, please list three goals for the experience, indicating what you hope to get from the job.

March 11th
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.](#)

March 18th
11:00am-12:00pm
390 E Boundary Drive,
29302

PALs to Host Trail Ribbon Cutting in Beaumont: Celebrate the unveiling of the Beaumont Mill Village Pathway, a segment of the Daniel Morgan Trail System.

March 25th
9:00am-2:00pm
366 N Church Street,
Spartanburg, SC 29303

15th 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.](#)

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

American University – MA in Natural Resources & Sustainable Development

American University's MA program in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development is a dual-degree program with the United Nations-affiliated University for Peace in Costa Rica. American University offers an MA in International Affairs, and the University for Peace in Costa Rica offers an MA in Natural Resources and Sustainable Development. This unique program offers students the opportunity to learn about environmental and development policies from the perspectives of both the South and North.

According to their website the two-year program schedule is: "Students spend their first semester at American

University learning the foundations of sustainable development policy both inside the classroom and within the Washington, D.C. policy community. They spend the next two semesters at the UN-affiliated University for Peace studying concrete practices and tracking international efforts toward sustainable development. During their summer at UPEACE students must complete an internship. They return to AU for their final semester, during which they write a substantial research paper, participate in an integrative seminar and complete their final courses."

[American University – School of International Services](#)
