The Senior Gala was an evening to remember! After a semester of hard work on their capstone projects, seniors were able to present their research to students, faculty, and family of Wofford College. During the Fall 2023 semester, Sebastian LaTorre ’24 worked diligently to set up field cameras around his home city of Knoxville, effectively recording snapshots of the biodiversity local to his area. Using his photo editing skills to insert himself into pictures containing all the animals, he created some incredibly unique photos that he was able to present at the gala.

At the event, I also had the privilege of presenting research on amphibian conservation that I have been engaged with since my sophomore year of high school, even bringing my own poison dart frog habitat. In doing so, I was able to educate curious attendees about chytrid, a fungus that is infecting amphibian populations and causing their rapid and ultimate demise. It was fascinating to see peoples’ facial reactions when I told them that chytrid is the most destructive pathogen ever described by science; conversely, it gave me great hope to hear attendees ask about how to advance the conservation of amphibians looking to the future.

Reflecting upon the event, I and other environmental studies students discussed how thankful we were for the opportunity to present our work within the department.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Follow the Goodall Center Instagram page.

**SC Wildlife Federation Summer Internship**: SCWF is looking for a fundraising assistant for summer 2024. Dates: May 6-August 9, 20-25 hr/week, $12/hr. Send resume and cover letter describing career goals, interest in the position, 3 references and availability between 9am-5pm, M-F to Angi Fuller Wildt, Director of Development and Event, angi@scwf.org.

**Goodall Visiting Fellows Program Reading and Q&A**: Join us for a *Just Days After National Poetry Month (Because It’s Never Too Late)* reading and Q&A with John Hoppenthaler, Professor of Creative Writing and Literature at East Carolina University.

**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.](#)

**Exam Week**

**4-Day Ecology Field Experience in Canadian Rockies**: Freshmen and Sophomores are encouraged to apply for this funded field work happening October 2-6, 2024.

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**PROFILE OF THE WEEK:**

**University of Texas – Austin – Master of Energy and Earth Resources**

The Jackson School of Geosciences at the University of Texas at Austin offers a MA in Energy and Earth Resources (MAEER) and a MS in Energy and Earth Resources (MSEER), as well as dual degrees with the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the McCombs School of Business, Cockrell School of Engineering, and Texas Law.

The EER program offers the opportunity for coursework and research in the geosciences, engineering, management and is similarly tied to relevant courses in business, finance, economics, law, policy, and the environment.

“*UT Austin is one of the world’s great research universities, and is also a network for creative thinkers, entrepreneurs, and pioneers. And the City of Austin offers a fantastic setting for education, discovery, and professional development.*”

Enrollment is limited to approximately 50 students.

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