Congratulations to senior Madison Guyton, our 2018 recipient of the John W. Harrington Award!

““To see a world in a grain of sand, and a Heaven in a wildflower, Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand, And Eternity in an hour.””

John W. Harrington, beloved Professor of Geology at Wofford for almost 20 years, loved this passage by William Blake and made it come alive for his students, year after year, as he introduced them to the wondrous dynamic world of the deep past and shimmering present.

The Harrington Award is given by the Environmental Studies Program to the graduating senior who embodies John Harrington’s curiosity, creativity and excitement for field learning, while exhibiting high academic achievement, scholarly promise, and intellectual and moral integrity.

It is an honor to present the 2018 John W. Harrington Award to Madison Guyton. Madison is one of the best students we have ever had in our department. Out of Cowpens, South Carolina, she’s a double major in Environmental Studies and Government, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a Presidential Scholar, a Benjamin Wofford Scholar, and a South Carolina Palmetto Fellow.

It took me a while to find out about Madison. I anonymize my assignments, so I don’t know who’s work I’m reading while I grade. In ENVS 101, these gems kept coming up as I read student papers. The writing was fluid and forceful, the research broad and deep, the arguments compelling, and I would go to class the next day and look at my students, and wonder “WHO IS IT?” And of course, it turned out to be Madison, and she is like that in all her classes.

But her commitment to excellence goes far beyond the classroom. Thoughtful and insightful, Madison has engaged with a variety of local organizations and smallholder farmers on issues surrounding food systems in Tanzania, India, Italy, and here in South Carolina. Her outstanding senior capstone project focused on the social and geographical elements of Hub City Farmers’ Market, and she has collaborated with Farmers’ Market staff to increase access for low-income Farmers’ Market customers, developed social marketing strategies for vendors, and developed a directory of food aid locations.

Madison has a keen interest in justice; this is especially true in relation to her interest in food justice, which has motivated her dedication to Spartanburg’s Food Policy Council as well as the Farmers’ Market.

In the fall, Madison will attend the University of South Carolina School of Law, where she plans to become an expert in the laws and policies that contribute to the sustainable development of South Carolina and help make the world a better place for us all.

~presented by Dr. Brewitt
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**May 15th**
5:00pm
Rosalind S. Richardson Center for the Arts

**Artists’ Talk and Tour for Art Sustainability Project Invasive/Extinct:** Confronted with obstacles, some species thrive and adapt, while others disappear, continuing to exist only in memory or illustrated ephemera. The talk begins in the Richardson Center for the Arts with a walking tour through campus to view all seven installations. A reception will follow. Installations on view May 15 – September 30.

**May 16th**
7:30pm
Rosalind S. Richardson Center for the Arts

**An Evening with Charles Frazier:** The author of the award-winning and bestselling novel, *Cold Mountain*, is on a book tour with his new novel, *Varina*. Hub City Books is hosting a discussion between Frazier and Professor John Lane. 50 free tickets are being offered to the Wofford community (Wofford ID required) at the door, first come first serve. Tickets are $30 (includes a copy of the book). Visit [Eventbrite](http://eventbrite.com) for more information.

**May 17th**
6:00pm-9:00pm
Richardson Family Art Gallery

**Opening Reception for “My People”**: Art and Art History 2018 Senior Capstone Exhibition featuring seven Studio Art minors, including our own ENVS senior, Tyler Cable. The works explore the ordinary and extraordinary experiences of life from varying perspectives and through individual conceptual approaches in a variety of media. This collection references imaginings and observations that derive from the most common human attribute - individuality.

**May 19th**
9:00am-3:30am
Pacolet Town Hall
180 Montgomery Ave

**Paddle the Pacolet:** It’s a family fun event, complete with paddling, live music, and BBQ hosted by Spartanburg County Parks, the Town of Pacolet, and GOLS. There will be guided kayaking/canoeing trip down the Pacolet river with boat and gear rentals available.

**May 26th**
9:00am-10:30am
1925 Sandy Ford Road
Chesnee, SC 29323

**Paddle Fest:** Meet at Lake Blalock Park for an educational paddle tour. Spartanburg Water hosts this free event for 20 participants [registration required](http://registration.com). Participants are encouraged to bring their own kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddle boards and safety equipment (a limited supply are available for loan on a first come, first serve basis).

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**PROFILE OF THE WEEK:**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Earth, Atmospheric, & Planetary Sciences**

MIT’s graduate program in the Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) Department offers four areas of study: Atmospheres, Oceans, and Climate; Geology, Geochemistry, and Geobiology; Geophysics; and Planetary Science. MIT also has a Joint Program in Oceanography with Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), which is considered to be one of the top two marine science programs in the world.

The EAPS website states that “the master’s degree program is designed to be completed in two years and is suitable for motivated students with undergraduate degrees in geoscience, physics, chemistry, mathematics, or engineering. And it prepares students for scientific and management careers in the environmental, natural resources, and technical consulting industries.”

The EAPS program is also ranked second in the nation for the number students who go on to obtain tenure-track faculty positions in the earth sciences.

[MIT – Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences](http://mit.edu/earth-atmospheric-planetary-sciences)