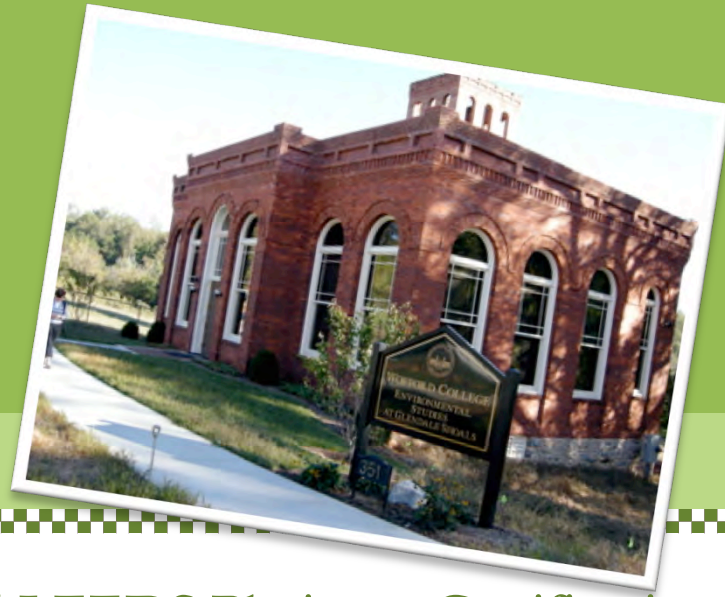


The Fierce Green Fire

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Goodall Center Awarded LEEDS Platinum Certification



Lab students in the Great Room at the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies.

The Goodall Environmental Studies Center has received the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Platinum certification, the highest achievable level of LEED. It is the first academic building and only the third non-residential facility in the state to achieve that level. LEED is a national green certification program, which reviews building performance in five areas: energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, materials selection, sustainable site development and water savings.

"The Goodall Center uses approximately 32% less energy annually than average buildings of the same size and type," said Robert Keasler, senior vp for finance and operations at Wofford. "It also uses 45% less potable, or tap, water than comparable buildings."

It also uses non-potable water – water from Lawson's Fork Creek – for toilet flushing, and it uses stored

rainwater for irrigation. The building has a highly reflective "cool" roof that contributes minimally to the "heat island effect," Keasler added.

"The LEED Platinum designation serves as an indication of Wofford's leading role in the national conversation around sustainability," said John Lane, director of the center and professor of Environmental Studies and English. "It's also a great teaching tool. The LEED process is complex, and in the end, gratifying. In the Goodall Center, our students see the end results of that process in this efficient and beautiful building."



The B.G. Stephens Lab at the Goodall Center for Environmental Studies.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

November 19th	<p>Water: Securing Our Future, sponsored by Upstate Forever 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Greer City Hall EPA, DHEC, and Woolpert, Inc will discuss The Clean Water Act, Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and Impaired Waters. For more information, or to RSVP, call 864-327-0090, or email spartanburg@upstateforever.org.</p>
December 18th	<p>SPACE Jingle Bell Run 9:00 AM, The Cottonwood Trail An annual 5K run fundraising for the Spartanburg Area Conservancy. For more information, visit http://www.spartanburgconservation.org/index.htm</p>
February 15, 2011	<p>“Energy Futures”, sponsored by the Santee Cooper Lecture Series 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM, Leonard Auditorium Plan to attend the next lectures in the Santee Cooper Lectures Series on Energy and Sustainability Issues. An 11:00 AM journalist/lecturer will be joined at 7:00 PM by energy industry executives for a panel discussion.</p>
March 2011	<p>ENVS T-shirt Design Contest Calling all ENVS students: It’s time to start thinking about making a design submission for a t-shirt representing the Environmental Studies. More details to come in the Spring. Submissions will be due in March.</p>

Internship Opportunity: EcoVentures International, an environmental enterprise firm based in Washington, DC is seeking interns. EVI’s program areas and services include green business market assessments, market linkages, business network development and management, sustainable business planning, and capacity building and training in the areas of green microenterprise development. For more information, contact Dr. Savage. Stop by the office, call ext. 4966, or email savageks@wofford.edu.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Check out these websites for additional events and opportunities!

SPACE: SPARTANBURG AREA CONSERVANCY

<http://www.spartanburgconservation.org/index.htm>

Spartanburg’s local land trust has outdoor spaces for you to enjoy hiking, biking, and relaxing. Support them by attending one of their annual fundraisers or by volunteering.

GLENDALE OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

<http://www.setgols.org/index.html>

Located in the Glendale community near the Goodall Environmental Studies Center, GOLS provides active living opportunities through outdoor recreation and education. Check out Thursday Climb Nights at their indoor climbing wall.

UPSTATE FOREVER

<http://www.upstateforever.org/>

“Promoting sensible growth and protecting special places”. This local organization is offering a series of free programs on air and water quality.