



A walk in the park



Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden and Dr. Jennifer Bradham led students in a quantitative and qualitative analysis of greenspaces in Spartanburg County.

By Robert W. Dalton

During a walk around Duncan Park in the spring of 2020, Dr. Laura Barbas Rhoden and Dr. Jennifer Bradham talked about greenspace equity in Spartanburg County. Their conversation eventually turned into a joint research project.

Barbas Rhoden, Bradham and a group of students examined the number of greenspaces, their locations and their amenities. They also looked at demographic data associated with park locations and the frequency of use. Bradham's group researched the parks through a quantitative lens, while Barbas Rhoden's students took a qualitative view.

Bradham, assistant professor of environmental studies, and her students identified and assessed 76 greenspaces within the county. Drew Wilson '23, an environmental studies major from Sandersville, Georgia, mapped the parks and their locations using Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

“That sounds like a big number, but there is a high concentration in the city,” says Wilson. “There aren’t as many out in the county. It’s interesting how they are dispersed.”

The parks were mapped by ZIP code and by census tract. The differences were glaring.

“We identified a lot of park deserts,” says Wade Wood '22, an environmental studies major from Garner, North Carolina. “When looking at them at the ZIP code level it’s not as apparent, but when it’s broken down by census tract, you see a lot of areas outside of the city of Spartanburg where there are large swaths of land that don’t have any parks.”

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Richardson Scholar



Hope Moreno '25 is the 2021 recipient of the Richardson Family Scholarship.

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Hope Moreno '25 didn't think she'd have the opportunity to study abroad. She wasn't certain she would even end up at Wofford.

Then she got the news that changed her trajectory. Moreno was the recipient of the 2021 Richardson Family Scholarship.

“I am so blessed, because without this scholarship I wouldn’t be able to be at such an amazing college,” says Moreno. “This has given financial peace to my family.”

Moreno joins Andrew White '22, a physics major from Clover, South Carolina; Jackson Barton '23, a Chinese and environmental studies double major from Lexington, North Carolina; and Alec Schrader '24, a biology and finance double major from Fredonia, New York, as current Richardson Scholars.

The Richardson Family Scholarship was first awarded in 1988. In addition to full tuition, fees, room and board for four years, the scholarship includes a monthly stipend for books and other expenses, a January travel experience and summer internships, with one presenting the opportunity for travel abroad.

Moreno is a graduate of Spartanburg Day School. She played soccer for the Griffins until a knee injury ended her career. She says the Day School was a close-knit community, much like she has found at Wofford.

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Candlelight Carols and Winter Lighting



Candlelight Carols and the lighting of the menorah is a festive Wofford tradition to kick off the holiday season.

The college's annual Candlelight Carols and Winter Lighting service will be live streamed from Leonard Auditorium through the Wofford College Facebook account at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8. All student choirs will perform.

Celebrating med school acceptance



The women's basketball team celebrated a Tuesday night win and Alexis Tomlin '22 being accepted by her No. 1 choice for medical school.

Wofford's women's basketball team didn't just celebrate a 74-52 win against High Point University on Tuesday night. The team also celebrated Alexis Tomlin '22, a biology and mathematics major from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, being accepted by her No. 1 choice for medical school, the Medical University of South Carolina. **Watch a clip of the celebration.** Tomlin was also named the Southern Conference's Student-Athlete of the Week for Nov. 24-30. **She's the women's basketball team's first-ever student-athlete of the week.**

Six Terriers earn All-Southern Conference football honors



No. 93 Brandon Maina '25 was one of three Terriers named to the Southern Conference's All-Freshman team after the 2021 season.

The Southern Conference recently announced its 2021 football postseason awards, including the coaches' All-Conference teams, specialty award winners and All-Freshman team. The Southern Conference Sports Media Association also selected its football All-Conference team and specialty award winners.

Three Terriers were named to the All-Freshman team, the second-most in college history.

The players honored include:

- Offensive lineman Zak Kurz '22, a government major from West Chester, Ohio, was named to the coaches' second team.
- Running back Irvin Mulligan '23, an environmental studies major from Yemassee, South Carolina, was named to the coaches' and media's second team.
- Defensive lineman Michael Mason '23, a physics major from Effingham, South Carolina, was named to the media's second team.
- Defensive back Amir Annoor '25, an undeclared major from Nashville, Tennessee, was named to the All-Freshman team.
- Defensive lineman Brandon Maina '25, an undeclared major from Hiram, Georgia, was named to the All-Freshman team.

- Defensive lineman Chuck Smith '24, an undeclared major from Suwanee, Georgia, was named to the All-Freshman team.

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