

The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

ENVS senior Reeves Goettee spent last semester abroad in New Zealand.



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ENVS334 Sustainable Agriculture class has been working at the on-campus garden planting fall vegetables to be harvested at the end of the semester.



New Zealand Study Abroad Experience by Reeves Goettee

I studied abroad in Christchurch, New Zealand. Typing that doesn't make it seem any more real. In some ways, I put off writing this because it felt too much like I was officially shutting the door on that chapter in my life. But I've been back from New Zealand since July 2nd and I'm still carrying pieces of that time with me wherever I go. Some of those pieces are physical (like the tattoo I got of Aoraki/Mt. Cook or my pounamu necklace), but most are just memories. I wasn't expecting to be stretched in so many ways while I was abroad. I was navigating the ins and outs of life in a new country and spending a lot of time feeling small and insignificant against the backdrop of such a magnificent landscape. I got to go tramping for three days, hear the thunderous cracking of glaciers that were melting and shifting, smell the sulfur of Rotorua's geothermal features, examine the relationship between algae

and snail abundance, learn parts of the Māori language, weave plates and make coconut leaf jewelry with Rarotongan school children, and have my life turned completely upside down in the best possible ways. It's so hard to encompass just how impactful my semester in Christchurch was in such a short piece but know that I don't think I'll go a single day in my life where my experiences abroad don't play a role in how I interact with this world. So please, if you want to hear more about New Zealand just ask me! I'd love to talk your ear off about it. 😊



Reeves displays her Wofford pride in NZ.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**These count toward your two required extracurricular events for the semester.*

October 3rd

*Late afternoon-evening
Glendale Shoals*

Spartanburg Area Conservancy (SPACE) to host annual Shucking Good Time*: Volunteers are needed before, during, and after this event that is a big fundraiser for SPACE.

October 19th

8:00am-11:00am

Various locations in Spartanburg

Clean Up Spartanburg: Visit www.keepspartanburgbeautiful.org to learn how you can participate in this clean up event.

October 31st

Application Deadline

South Carolina Wildlife Federation's Nicole Chadwick Memorial Scholarship: \$500 scholarships are awarded to women in environmental fields at SC colleges and universities. [Link here](#) for more information on this and other scholarships.

December 1st

Winter Application Deadline

May 15th

Summer Application Deadline

Dante 2019-20 Field Courses in Tropical Biology: Course work includes winter or summer sessions in Primate Behavior and Conservation, Wildlife Conservation and Sustainability, and Sustainable Tourism, among others. Visit <http://www.danta.info/> for more information about the program and how to apply.

Ongoing

Job Opportunities in Conservation and Restoration: [The Great Basin Institute](#) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in conservation and restoration all throughout the West. They are currently hiring for over 60 paid positions ranging from ecological monitoring, wildlife monitoring, trail maintenance, range land management, and fuels reduction.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

College of Charleston – Master of Environmental & Sustainability Studies

The [Master of Environmental and Sustainability Studies program](#) at College of Charleston is an interdisciplinary graduate level study focused on policy and science.

Several of our Wofford ENVS alumni are attending and/or have graduated from this MES program, which includes six academic departments: biology, geology and environmental geosciences, mathematics, physics and astronomy, political science, and economics. It is also supported by other faculty and outside institutions and agencies.

MES offers a dual degree program with a Master of Public Administration focusing on sustainability issues. The Peace Corp Master's International allows the opportunity to combine working overseas with a master's degree.

In the two-year program, students select their program of study and have the opportunity to create their own areas of specialization. See Dr. Savage if you would like to speak with any of our ENVS alumni about their experience.