

The Fierce Green Fire

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New Chandler Center for Environmental Studies Announced

By Dr. Peter Brewitt

On a day when nature could not have been more kind and pleasant, the Wofford community assembled at the site of the former Black Science Annex to break ground on the Chandler Center for Environmental Studies. Harold and Delores Chandler, staunch supporters of Wofford since he arrived to quarterback the football team in the late 1960s, have made a generous and far-sighted investment in our college's future by supporting a new building for the study of the environment.

As all environmental students know, a building is not just a place to hold classes. Old Black Science, for all the good times we had there and affection we retain for the place, was a profoundly unsustainable building, both environmentally (the tap water smelled ghastly) and personally. It was often too hot, too cold, too dark...even too loud, whether from the train or from the window unit air conditioners.

The Chandler Center will not be that way. The new building will be a celebration of sustainability in operation, form, and function. Solar power! Garden space! Natural light! The architect renderings by McMillan Pazdan Smith look amazing, and future generations of environmental students will surely bask in this thrilling space. We've learned a lot since 1947.

We are so, so grateful to the Chandlers, and to all the other people who, in their many ways, have made this idea into a reality. Like all environmental progress, the Chandler Center began long ago with a vision of a better tomorrow. The work demanded many skills and talents and ways of seeing the world, and now, today, we all took a real step closer to making it into reality. But like all environmental progress, it is never quite over. The work that will go on there, the learning and the innovation and the inspiration, will be the greatest contribution to come from this project, and it will surely echo many years into the future.



Scenes from our groundbreaking ceremony.



[Link to the news release in the Wofford Newsroom.](#)



Where
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leads.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

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

October 19th
8:00am-11:00am

Various locations in Spartanburg

October 21st
5:00-6:00pm

Leonard Auditorium

October 26th

Application Deadline

October 30th
3:30pm

*Milliken's Customer Center
920 Milliken Road, 29303*

October 31st

Application Deadline

November 7th
5:30-7:30pm

*Macedonia Missionary Baptist
Church, 502 S. Daniel Morgan
Ave., 29306*

Ongoing

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

From Silent Spring to Silent Night: A Tale of Toads and Men*: Dr. Tyrone Hayes from UC Berkeley will give a talk. Dr. Hayes is best known for showing how the herbicide atrazine acts as an endocrine disruptor on the development of amphibians, leading to feminization of male frog traits. There is also a lunchtime discussion planned for that day. If students are interested in lunch, please RSVP to Dr. Cruze or Dr. Moeller.

Graduate Student Job Opening at USGS National Minerals Information Center: See job details and requirements at www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/544909100.

Milliken & Company – Conversation on Sustainability*: Join Milliken for the public launch of their sustainability goals with keynote speaker Brian Skerry, a National Geographic photographer and fellow. Reception to follow in the Milliken Arboretum. [Register here](#) for this free event.

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.

Toward a More Walkable Spartanburg*: How can we improve walkability and build it beyond downtown? Come learn from urban designer and walkability expert Jeff Speck. Sponsored by *Upstate Forever, Piedmont Natural Gas, Mary Black Foundation, OneSpartanburg, Spartanburg Area Transportation Study, City of Spartanburg, and Partners for Active Living*. [Register for this free event](#).

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:

Appalachian State University – MBA in Sustainable Business

[The Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University](#) has an enrollment of 100 graduate students and is consistently included in the *US New and World Report's* and *Princeton Review's Best Business Schools*.

An MBA, with a concentration in Sustainable Business, is offered in a compressed time frame allowing the student to complete the program in one year from their start date by going full time year-round and taking summer classes and/or participating in an internship. A rolling admissions plan is also offered so students can start the program

in the fall, spring or summer. Off-Campus students go halftime year-round with classes two nights a week and generally finish in two years.

One of the factors that differentiate the Walker College MBA Program from programs at many other universities is the small class size. With a target class size of 20-25, students receive more individual attention in class and individual assistance with career related issues than are available with larger classes. Quality is more important than quantity.