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CAIRNS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Happy Monday!

We hope you all had a wonderful weekend! Check out The Faces of NSOE to learn more about an NSOE faculty member or mentor every week. The goal of the features is to also help connect you all with professionals in the environmental field. If the research or current work of the featured individual interests you, don't hesitate to reach out to them!

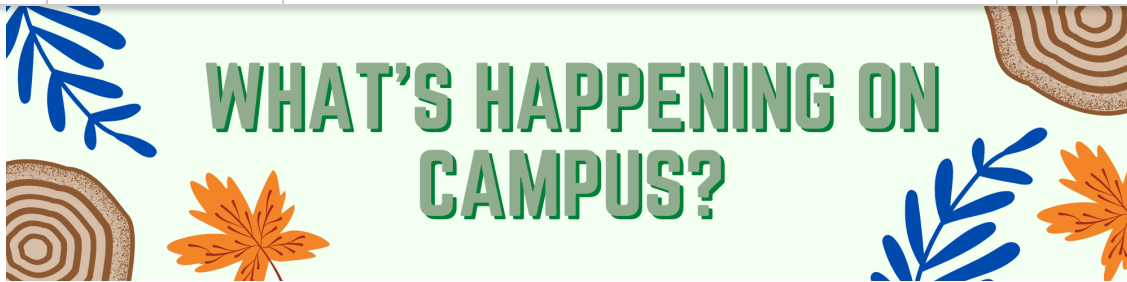
Reminder:

Our first meeting will be at **7pm this Thursday, September 23!** Before our first meeting, [please fill out this survey](#) to help Nicki and I gain an understanding of everyone's interest in environmental sciences as well as skills and experiences you hope to gain from this program. The survey shouldn't take more than a few minutes.

We will be meeting in the Grainger Hall Reading Room. To get to the Reading Room, enter Grainger Hall through the Circuit Drive entrance (via the bridge onto the 2nd floor of the building). Nicki and I will be in the building to open the doors for you if they are locked. Once you enter the building, immediately take a left and you will see the reading room on your right.

SAVE THE DATE: Mentor-Mentee Speed Networking!

We will have a virtual speed networking event for you all and the graduate student mentors to get to know each other at **7pm on Thursday, October 7**. This event is an opportunity for you all to gauge which graduate student mentors you believe would be a best fit for you, as well as practice your networking skills. We will hold this event over Zoom - look out for an Outlook Calendar invite coming soon!



The Nicholas Institute has a [calendar full of events](#) for the upcoming semester! Check out this one happening on Wednesday, September 22:

Power Up Series (Session 1)

Duke students, are you interested in energy but don't know where to start? Duke University's Power Up series will introduce you to current issues and trends in this rapidly evolving sector.

Session 1: Wed. Sept. 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Intro to Policy's Role in the Clean Energy Transition: Big fan of clean energy? Learn more about policy's role in advancing renewables. Led by Kate Konschnik and Jennifer Weiss of the Climate and Energy Program at the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions.

[Register for the event here!](#)



MENTOR FEATURE



Who: Cakey Worthington

Association with Duke: Master of Forestry and Master of Environmental Management Alumni (Graduated 2016)

What Duke or NSOE resources have you found useful in your academic and professional career?

The Career and Professional Services Office, the Professional Communications Studio, and the online alumni networking website (One Duke)

What on-campus organizations or groups are you involved with?

SAF (Society of American Foresters)

What is/was your favorite part of NSOE? Of Duke? Of Durham? (ie: study spots, places to hang out with friends, places to eat?)

At NSOE, I loved hanging in the courtyard outside or studying by the big glass windows. I also loved going to work, study, and play in the Duke Forest! There are tons of trails, picnic spots, and adventures to be had there. My favorite spots to eat in Durham are Burger Bach, Dashi, Pizzeria Toro, and Cocoa Cinnamon.

Any advice for the CAIRNS cohort (current undergraduates at Duke)?

Take advantage of the professional development resources at NSOE, make connections with alumni in the Duke network, and don't forget to have fun too.



Need a break from your schoolwork? Check out these sustainability and environment related movies/tv shows/book/podcasts!

- **Stuff You Should Know** (Podcast - find on any platform you listen to podcasts)
- **Down to Earth with Zac Efron** (Series - on Netflix)
- ***The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food*** by Dan Barber (physical book - through Duke Library)
- ***Winning the Green New Deal: How We Can and Why We Must*** edited by Varshini Prakash and Guido Girgenti (eBook - through Duke Library)



What is the cohort up to?

Use this space to share your weekly triumphs, promote your student organization events, or anything that you would like to share with the cohort! Just send Meilin an email (meilin.chan@duke.edu) with what you'd like to share.



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