Make A Difference!

Get Involved with Environmental Efforts and Sustainability at Catawba College

CATAWBA COLLEGE

Sustainable CATAWBA
Be a Part of a College that is Committed to Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability

Catawba College was selected as one of only 21 colleges in the nation to earn the highest possible score in the Princeton Review’s 2013 Green Rating Honor Roll.
Through the Center, students get opportunities rarely found at a small college. They have multiple occasions to get involved in the Center’s grassroots initiatives and community outreach. That real-world experience gives them a huge head start when they graduate and enter the work world.
Students learn valuable leadership skills as they help plan and orchestrate projects. They learn that well-honed collaboration and communication skills are hallmarks of a good leader.
Students can hone their leadership and collaborative skills through the Environmental Stewards Scholarship program, Center activities and student-led environmental clubs and programs, like Sustainable Catawba, GEO (Green Education Outreach), ECO (Environmental Catawba Outreach), COB (Catawba Outreach for Biology) and more!

Seize Opportunities
Engage with Leaders Through the Center for the Environment

The Center for the Environment at Catawba College serves as an environmental hub for the campus and community. It leads by example, creating opportunities for students to interface with national and international thought leaders.
You can major or minor in a variety of environmentally focused areas such as:

- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Education
- Sustainable Business & Community Development
- Biological, Chemistry, Political Science, Religion and Philosophy and many more.

But all students can get involved in the environmental efforts on campus.

Get Involved, Whatever your Major
The Environmental Stewards Scholarship Program is a service scholarship that allows you to follow your passion to care for the environment.

Academic scholarships are available to qualified students who express an interest in majoring in the environmental field at Catawba College.
Students assist the Center’s staff with environmental initiatives like the local foods movement, air quality education, nature study for children on the ecological preserve and tours of the “green” building that houses the Center.

Teach Others about the Environment
Students participate in the Center’s programs to educate the public and foster environmental stewardship and sustainable solutions.
Studying the aquatic life in Baranski Lake and Grant Creek, both on the Stanback Ecological Preserve, brings textbook learning to life.
Student volunteers and those employed by Catawba’s Work-Study Program help maintain and manage the Stanback Ecological Preserve.
One of the first “green” buildings constructed in the state, the Center building has emerged as a living example of the Environmental Program’s sustainable curriculum - an exciting teaching tool as well as an environmentally sound project.

Take Classes in the Center for the Environment Building
The Stanback Garden surrounds the Center for the Environment facility. Designed as a naturalistic wildlife garden, it reflects the area’s native ecology. This garden, which serves as a learning laboratory for Catawba students, is not only home to more than 160 native plant species; it also provides a natural habitat for butterflies, insects, birds and other wildlife.
Located on the edge of Catawba’s Stanback Ecological Preserve, the Center building merges seamlessly with the natural environment. Students can walk outside the building and immediately enter the preserve.
The 189-acre Fred Stanback Jr. Ecological Preserve serves as an outdoor laboratory right on campus. It offers students opportunities to analyze ecosystems and learn about conservation management as well as providing a habitat for wildlife and a source of water purification.
The Catawba campus is surrounded by trails and natural areas. The Salisbury Greenway, a 4.2-mile alternative transportation route, runs through the Stanback Preserve and connects neighborhoods throughout the city.
One of the Center’s first efforts was to help develop the Salisbury Greenway, which has expanded to connect Rowan County, where Catawba is located, to contiguous counties.
Catawba students have the opportunity to do field studies right on campus in the Fred Stanback, Jr. Ecological Preserve.
Take Part in Field Experiences Around the Region

Students have opportunities for experiences around the region, including forest management in the Uwharrie Mountains and the study of marine ecosystems on the North Carolina coast.
Participate in Field Experiences Abroad

Catawba students have the opportunity to go on field expeditions to countries like Belize, Costa Rica and the Caribbean island of Bonaire. They learn about environmental problems associated with some of the world’s endangered ecosystems.
Accept the Challenge!

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