Academic Affairs Leadership Team (AALT) Reports

Artis College of Science and Technology

STUDENTS ENJOY COVID-SAFE BIOBLITZ AT RU’S SELU CONSERVANCY

After a full year of COVID-19 cancellations, the Department of Biology and the student chapter of The Wildlife Society at Radford University successfully held its spring Bioblitz at the Selu Conservancy on April 9th and 10th. Students participated in nocturnal surveys for salamanders and frogs, an early-morning bird walk, a small mammal trapping experience, and a terrestrial insect survey. Over 20 students participated in the all-outdoors, Covid-safe event.

Animals and insects observed in the event:

- 3 salamander species
- 1 eastern box turtle
- 4 frog/toad species
- 33 bird species
- 1 Virginia opossum
- 2 meadow voles
- 28 field mice in the genus Peromyscus
- Countless terrestrial insect groups

Utilizing the Selu Conservancy as an outdoor classroom, this event provides students a unique experience with regional wildlife. The Department of Biology and the Student chapter of The Wildlife Society at Radford University hope to offer a fall bioblitz next September.

Academic Programs

1. Harvey Knowledge Center

The Harvey Knowledge Center (main campus) is accepting applications for Faculty Mentors

The HKC is seeking faculty applicants to serve as mentors for small groups of undergraduate academic coaches for the 2021-2022 academic year. Faculty Mentors serve for one academic year and contribute approximately 25 hours each semester to the Harvey Knowledge Center. Mentors receive an annual stipend of $1,000 for their participation as mentors in the Academic Coach Training and Professional Development Program.

Criteria

- At least 2 years of full-time teaching experience or equivalent experience
- Demonstrated commitment to student success and student learning
- Ability to connect with and support students in groups and one-on-one settings
- Willingness to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment
- Demonstrated knowledge or expertise within a stated discipline or subject area
• Ability to generalize or adapt specialized knowledge to the needs of undergraduate students taking a variety of courses within the department or discipline

More information and the application process can be found on our website at https://www.radford.edu/content/harvey-knowledge-center/home/Involved/apply-to-become-a-faculty-mentor.html.

2. Citizen Leader

Citizen Leader Course Applications for 2021-2022 are now being accepted.
We invite faculty to join us. We recognize that many of you currently teach courses that have a strong civic engagement or a leadership focus. We encourage you to consider having your course Citizen Leader designated. You will have access to funds that can help you purchase materials for your course. Contact Dr. Jean Mistele, jmistele@radford.edu at any time to ask questions or to set up a zoom meeting – I am more than happy to help!

   Please click on one of the following links to the application forms.
   New course application link: course designation form.
   Renewal course application link: https://radford.campuslabs.com/engage/forms

Coming in May – Citizen Leader and OUR TURN
Sessons address: Citizen Leader course designation and a separate session on Citizen Leader funding requests for Citizen Leader designated courses.

Citizen Leader Summer Courses:
We have a few courses designed as Citizen Leader for the summer. If you have students who are interested in the Citizen Leader Program, please have them contact Dr. Jean Mistele, jmistele@radford.edu. I am happy to meet with them during the summer.

Citizen Leader and REAL Designation:
Citizen Leader recently earned REAL designation for their PPD program that will launch this fall. For your students who are interested in designing their own personal and professional development that aligns with civic engagement, please have them contact Dr. Jean Mistele, jmistele@radford.edu. I am happy to help them.

Citizen Leader and New Courses for Fall 2021:
Citizen Leader has new courses beginning this fall. They include:
- UNIV 100 course that will be taught by Ms. Jessica Twiest this fall on Tuesday at 10 am
- CLP 200 Leaders for a Better World (3 cr) T/R 2 pm, introduction to the Social Change Model of Leadership
- CLP 400 Citizen Leader Capstone (1 cr) R 4 pm, dissemination/showcase preparation

Citizen Leader and Fall 2021 Events:
We are planning for the fall. If you have an idea for a speaker or activity that is aligned with civic engagement for a class that we can extend to students across campus, please contact us so we can determine if we can help. Contact Dr. Jean Mistele, jmistele@radford.edu

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