### This month

Jan 15 - Night classes start

Jan 16 - Day classes start

Jan 16 - MLK Jr. Day convocation @ 11am in chapel

Jan 23 - RIBS @ 6pm in Chem conference room

Jan 29 - BioClub @ 7pm in Gym Classroom - guest speaker: Bill Lubich

Jan 31 - Bio Study Tables @ 6:30pm in Stewart 405

**Feb 1** - Forensic Science Club a 11am in CRED 205

### Coming up

Biology Club - Every other Monday @ 7pm in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor lounge starting Jan 29

**EcoStewards** - Every other Thursday at 11am

FSC - First Thursday at 11am

Research Symposium - April 24 (abstracts due by March 29)

Service days, activities, trips, etc. Keep an eye out for club emails!

# **Biology Dept**

### January 2024 Newsletter

## Athletic Training Graduates Abroad

**'14**, a true trailblazer who is the first Certified Athletic Trainer to obtain the British Association of Sports Rehabilitation certification in the UK and helping to forge a path forward toward international reciprocity of the BOC credential with unwavering determination and innovation. We are proud of you!

Read her story in the most recent BOC CertUpdate publication: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/2c5vvc98">http://tinyurl.com/2c5vvc98</a>

# Exercise Science and Athletic Training service project



The Health & Exercise Science Program faculty and students, alongside the Master of Science, Athletic Training, students, and staff, felt the 'season of giving' would be an excellent opportunity to gather and give back to Greene County. The Center for Service Leadership provided the materials to support Project Linus, a non-profit organization offering homemade 'no sew' blankets to needy children. This annual event was well received by all and provided an opportunity to praise God, thank Him for His blessings, and serve the less fortunate.

#### Join a club

Get involved this semester!
Spring semester is a great
time to add in a club or
service project to your
schedule. Clubs help you
meet people, do and learn
fun things, and leadership in
clubs looks great on resumes.

#### Tutors needed

If anyone has taken Physics 201 or 202 ask about being a tutor!

### Summer plans

This is a great time to find your summer plans. Look for internships, research experiences, shadowing opportunities, etc. Contact places you are interested in or apply early. Ask your advisor to look at your application material and let any reference writers know as soon as possible so they have time to prepare a great recommendation.

### January Service trip - Florida Marine Conservation



A group of eight students from natural sciences led by **Drs. Hayes** and **Dohn**, worked with international conservation organization A Rocha, an international Christian conservation organization (<a href="https://arocha.org/en/">https://arocha.org/en/</a>), to conduct plastic pollution surveys and biodiversity assessments in Titusville, Florida January 6-13, 2024.



Students like **Lilly Ryer '26** loved seeing the ocean and waterways from a new perspective – like kayaking!

"It really made me realize what I wanted to do in the future." - Grace

Tanksley '26

Many students received credit for 30 hours of service learning, but commented that even though there was a lot of service it didn't seem like work. Instead, students say they will remember the people we worked with and their stories, how they integrated their daily work with their faith, story, and all of creation.

"They were a great example of living out the love of Jesus through science." - Maddie McMonagle '24

"If I had to rate the trip on a scale from 1-10, it was an 11 or 12." - Nico Miszczanczuk '24

If you are interested in this service trip for next January (2025) contact **Dr. Hayes** for more information!

Happy Spring Semester!