

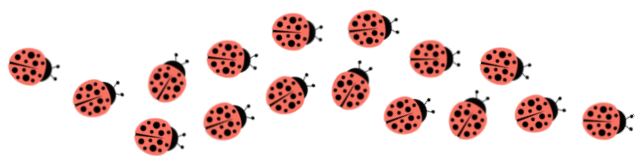
ESS Newsletter

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Alumni Highlight: Jennifer Boyd

After graduating in 1997 with a double major in English and Environmental Science, Jennifer earned her PhD in Earth and Environmental Sciences from Columbia University. She has also been a professor of Biology and Environmental Science at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga for the past 15 years. Just recently, she accepted a new position as the Department Head of Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology with the College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University, and will start in August 2024. Congratulations on the new position and thank you for sharing your story!



Senior Poster Symposium

Each year the ESS department chooses three seniors to present their comp project at the Senior Project Poster Session during the Richard J. Cook - Teresa M. Lahti Scholars Symposium. This year, the three representative seniors were London Dejarnette, Lindsey Kutz, and Kaitlyn Royal. They presented the following titles respectively: "Students Here Care For Other Students: Student-Run Food Pantries as an Approach to Addressing Collegiate Food Insecurity," "Solar Design with Integrated Native Landscaping for Allegheny College," and "An Educational Experience Evaluation Highlighting Pollinating Insects." These seniors have done an amazing job on their projects and their hard work shows. Congratulations on finishing your comps to all seniors and best of luck in your next endeavors!





Trashion Show 2024

Each year, the Students for Environmental Action club presents the Trashion Show, this year it rounded out the end of a successful Earth week! The purpose of the Trashion Show is to raise awareness for the trash that we produce everyday that can be reused in a way that is engaging and fun. This year's show saw twelve walkers with the creativity of over twenty designers and drew a crowd of more than fifty attendants. With judges from all over campus, four designs were awarded to the walkers. Elsa Waidelich ('25) won the best overall outfit, Simon Swanson ('24) won trashiest outfit, Julia Sonen ('24) won most wearable outfit, and Bird Club won the most creative outfit. Honorable mentions were given to Jane Grabowski ('24) and Alex Martin ('24). Next year's show is just around the corner so start working on your outfit today and join in the fun next time!



This year's best overall winner (and ESS Newsletter staff member), Elsa Waidelich!



Poem of Arriving Spring

Rocks of gray
Smoothing clay
Kids in May
Out to play

Leaves of green
Blossoms seen
Skipping stream
Waters' sheen



Winter squeeze
Milder breeze
Buzzing bees
If you please



Petals fair
Clouds in air
Joy in share
Spring to spare



- Ava Loch





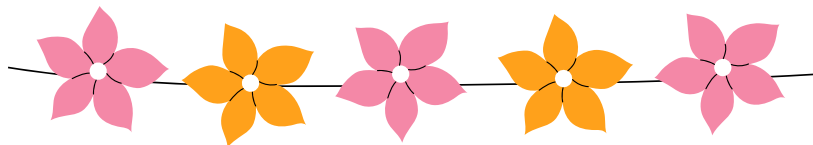
Senior Reflections: The ESS Experience

How would you describe the ESS major experience?

"[T]he consistent across the board is that your experience will be filled with engaging relationships with faculty, fruitful opportunities in Meadville and beyond & connect you to a community of people who have the same commitment to the environment as you."
- London Dejarnette



"You can do every side quest and still complete the main objective"
- Alexandria Hunt



What will you take with you into the rest of your life from your time in ESS?

"Environmental science is one of the most hopeful majors out there, environmental issues aren't just problems, they're opportunities for growth in humanity."
- Lindsey Kutz



"ESS has made me well prepared for whatever sector of the environmental field I find myself in after graduation."
- Kari May



What is your favorite ESS memory?

"[W]hen I took Soil to Plate with Eric Pallant. That class was really fun and we got to visit a dairy farm every week. I enjoyed seeing the farms and all the baby cows."
- Kari May



"Making sandcastles at Lake Erie after having class there in FS 102."
- Lindsey Kutz

"Taking Judaism, Justice and Food!"
- London Dejarnette



"Watching Rich scale a ravine in a forest like it was a flat sidewalk"
- Alexandria Hunt



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