



CEFS Summer Sustainable Agriculture Internship Program Brings Students from Around the World to Goldsboro

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Goldsboro, NC – The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) is hosting students from across the country and around the world at its Goldsboro research farm this summer. Twelve undergraduate students from North Carolina, Virginia, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania – and as far away as Brazil, Croatia, and South Korea – will be spending eight weeks in Goldsboro to learn everything they can about sustainable agriculture and community-based food systems.

“The internship program is in its fifteenth year,” explains CEFS’ Internship Coordinator Lisa Forehand. “It is unique because it combines hands-on farm work with experiences in university research and community-based food systems. Our interns get a very well-rounded picture of what future careers in sustainable agriculture and community-based food systems could look like.”

Interns, who come from a variety of different backgrounds and disciplines, work alongside university staff and faculty at CEFS’ 2000-acre research farm, as well as with youth and community leaders in Goldsboro. Their weekly schedule includes field trips to local farms and farmers markets, classroom lectures and discussions, and social events.

The 2014 interns, along with their hometowns and universities, are:

Emily Bacon, Ashburn VA (Virginia Tech)
Catherine Brennan, Jamestown RI (University of Rhode Island)
Nicholas Eddy, Trenton NC (Craven Community College)
Fernanda Figueiredo Granja Dorileo Leite, Cuiba, Brazil (NC Agricultural and Technical State University/
Universidade federal de Vicosa)
Tyler Hollenbach, Kempton PA (Penn State University)
Iva Hrelja, Zagreb, Croatia (University of Zagreb)
Seung Joon Lee, Seoul, South Korea (NC State University/Korea University)
Anne Link, Charlotte NC (NC State University)
Morgan Malone, Cary NC (NC State University)
Ivana Palcic, Krizevci, Croatia (University of Zagreb)
Sarah Perry, Raleigh NC (Meredith College)
Spencer Thomas, Faith NC (UNC Pembroke)

Past CEFS interns have gone on to volunteer with the Peace Corps, start their own farms and businesses, pursue graduate work in a variety of different disciplines, and work at non-profit organizations, among other things. For more information, please visit www.cefs.ncsu.edu

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) is a partnership of North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. CEFS’ mission is to develop and promote just and equitable food and farming systems that conserve natural resources, strengthen communities, improve health outcomes, and provide economic opportunities in North Carolina and beyond.