ADMITTED STUDENTS VISITATION WEEKEND
Friday, March 31st - Saturday, April 1st, 2017

We are planning informative sessions and social activities to give you a well-rounded view of the Master of Environmental Management (MEM) and Master of Forestry (MF) professional degree programs and life at the Nicholas School and Duke University communities. We hope that you find the weekend’s activities and sessions useful and worthwhile. We encourage you to make the most of your visit with us and learn about what our faculty, current students and community are up to!

Friday, March 31st, 2017

Searle Center,
10 Searle Center Drive

This morning’s sessions will all be held in the Searle Center, West Campus. We will be meeting in the Lecture Hall (lower level). The Searle Center is located inside the Seeley G. Mudd building (located at 10 Searle Center Drive).

8:30am  Check-in and Morning Refreshments
Students are encouraged to stop by the registration table to pick up an information packet with agenda and name tag. Morning refreshments will be available from 8:30am until 10:15am.

9:00am  Welcome, Admitted Students!
Dr. Jeff Vincent
Dean, Nicholas School of the Environment

9:15am  Faculty Discussion:
Climate Change Adaptation: Ecosystem and Business Perspectives
Dr. Deb Gallagher, Associate Professor of the Practice of Resource and Environmental Policy; Director of Professional Studies; Program Chair Business & Environment, (B&E)
Dr. Jennifer Swenson, Associate Professor of the Practice of Geospatial Analysis; Program Chair, Ecosystem Science & Conservation (ESC)

9:45am  Break for 15 minutes

10:00am  Career & Professional Development Center (CPDC)
Opportunities Beyond the Classroom: the Nicholas School Edge
Dr. Deb Wojcik, Director, Career & Professional Programming and Counseling;
Karen Kirchof, Assistant Dean, Career & Professional Development Center;

10:40am  Funding your graduate school education: Financial Aid Opportunities
Cynthia Peters, Assistant Dean, Student Services
Learn about assistantships, work study positions, and outside scholarships
11:10am  **Diversity and Inclusion Student Panel Discussion**
The Nicholas School offers many opportunities, both formal and informal, to get involved in diversity and inclusion activities throughout campus, as well as around Duke and the Durham community.

11:40am  **What is a Master’s Project?**
An overview of the MP, and the wide variety of topics and subject areas that are covered in master's projects across the school (individual vs group projects, client-based projects).
**Dr. Tim Johnson**, Associate Professor of the Practice in Energy & the Environment; Energy & the Environment Program Chair

12:10pm  **Break/Lunch/ Searle Center**
(Meet some of our faculty who will join us for lunch)

1:15pm  **We will leave the Searle Center and walk to activities in the Levine Science Research Center** (affectionately known as the “LSRC”) and **Environment Hall (“EH”).**

1:30pm  **Several Optional Activities are available to choose from:**
(Watch for signage to help you locate each activity):

a)  **Ocean Policy Working Group (OPWG) day-long symposium:**
**Beyond the Basics: Ocean Acidification in a Changing Climate**
Panels of current students/alums/visiting lecturers, etc. A great opportunity for admitted students to at least briefly observe a student-run organization in action and listen to presentations for a while. (Field Auditorium, Environment Hall.)

b)  **Duke Forest tour** (first come, first serve—up to 14; meet in 1st floor commons area, Environment Hall.)

c)  **Energy Initiative**: Admitted students of all concentrations are encouraged to hear three Duke Faculty members discuss the many energy-related resources and opportunities available to Duke students. After the faculty present, admitted students will have the chance to speak with current NIC School students in the energy concentration. (Location: LSRC, D106 J)

d)  **Duke SNAP (Stories for Nature and People) and WISE (Women in Science & Engineering) Symposium**: Communicating Science and Politics: (topics throughout the day in several locations)

   (location):  EH, 1101,  LSRC, A247  EH 2nd floor
   1-2:00pm  Introduction to Portrait Photography  3-4:00pm  Using Science communication to inform the political landscape
   2-3:00pm  Communicating Climate Change to NC government  

2:30pm  Individual Academic Program Area Information Sessions:
Join faculty and current students for conversations about individual program concentrations.

Business & Environment (B&E):
Dr. Deb Gallagher, Program Chair; LSRC, A158

Coastal Environmental Management (CEM):
Dr. Pat Halpin, Dr. Grant Murray; EH, 1111

Energy & the Environment (EE):
Dr. Tim Johnson; LSRC, A156

Ecotoxicology & Environmental Health (EEH):
Dr. Joel Meyer; EH, 4100

Environmental Economics & Policy (EEP):
Dr. Lori Bennear; EH, 1101

Ecosystem Science & Conservation (ESC):
Dr. Jennifer Swenson; EH, Board Room 5th floor

Global Environmental Change (GEC):
Dr. Brad Murray; LSRC, A312

Water Resources Management (WRM):
Dr. Martin Doyle; EH, 1100

Master of Forestry (MF):
Dean Jeff Vincent, Dr. Ram Oren, Dr. Dean Urban; EH, Board Room 5th floor

3:05pm  Alumni Perspectives: The Duke Experience and Beyond
Field Auditorium, Environment Hall
(NOTE: please find alumni bios in your packets)

4:15pm  Concurrent Activities:
Light Reception (Environment Hall, 2nd floor)
Mingle and network with faculty, staff, current students, alumni and your fellow admitted students. Student Clubs/organizations will be tabling: learn about the many interests our students represent.

Join GROW (Green Roof and Orchard Workforce) Rooftop tours

SNAP and WISE symposium members will also join us for the reception

5:00pm  Join Forestry students and faculty to learn more about opportunities in the SAF (Society of American Foresters) accredited MF degree (meet: EH, first floor commons area)

5:15pm  End of today’s Nicholas School sponsored activities on campus.
8:30pm  FOREM-hosted Campfire in the Duke Forest (Gate F)
Relax and mingle for a fun time with some of our current students in the Duke Forest!

Saturday, April 1st, 2017

10:00am  Light Morning Refreshments
(Envirionment Hall, (1st floor commons area)

10:30am  Campus Tours
(Meet: 1st floor, EH)

10:30am  Coffee Chat
DICE, (Diverse & Inclusive Community for the Environment),
BLC, (Black & Latino Club)
oSTEM (out in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
Come join us and chat about life at the NIC School!
Location: (Reading Room, 2nd floor, EH)

11:15am  Break

11:30am  Life in Durham Student Panel Discussion
Take this opportunity to quiz our current students about what it’s like being at
Duke/NSOE, and living in Durham.
Location: Field Auditorium, EH

12:30pm  “Pick-Nic!”
We hope you’ll join your admitted student peers, faculty, staff, and current
students for a picnic to cap off this weekend’s activities.

2:00pm  End of Admitted Students Visitation Weekend

4-6:00pm  African Environment Initiative/DICE/BLC/GPSC are sponsoring
an evening social event:
The 3rd Annual African Goat Roast!
If you are still around at the end of the day, please feel free to join them for a
reception, panel discussion, and dancing! (EH Orchard meeting area)
Proceeds go to Nabwabini Environmental Health Care Intervention Program in
Kenya.

Thanks for joining us! We hope to see you here this fall!