



## Supporting Our Youth: Environmental Ethics with UVA Wise

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The Clinch Coalition has long upheld the importance of educating our youth and teaching them the value of the natural world around us. This longstanding desire for youth outreach has since been supported by TCC's collaborative efforts with The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

This fall, members of TCC partnered with Dr. Anthony Cashio, UVA Associate Professor of Philosophy, to enrich in-class curriculum on Environmental Ethics with real world experiences with an environmental non-profit. The twelve students focused on three of TCC's main objectives: best logging practices, water quality monitoring, and trail maintenance.

With the help of many skilled and passionate environmental leaders, The Clinch Coalition was able to show the class lessons to last a lifetime. They learned how to clear trails via our work done on the Red Fox Trail, received firsthand experience with water quality testing, and got to see firsthand the importance of sustainable logging practices.

Working with the students of Dr. Cashio's class was not a one-way transaction, however. By supporting their education, TCC received immeasurable support towards our causes. We led our first trail maintenance excursion in almost four years, and we were able to take our very first step towards water quality testing for our River Watch Initiative thanks to the dedication and motivation of this class.

Thank you so much to Dr. Cashio and the perseverance of these twelve intelligent and inspiring students. Let's change the world for the better, one step at a time!



**UVA Wise Environmental Ethics students work on cleaning the Red Fox Trail prior to the Red Fox Run.**



**At the direction of Matt Hepler, Central Appalachian Environmental Scientist for Appalachian Voices, students learn how to do macroinvertebrate testing on a local stream.**



**Dr. Wally Smith, Associate Professor of Biology at UVA Wise and Vice President of The Clinch Coalition, teaches the students best logging practices to benefit our natural environment.**





# Calling All Nature Lovers!

*Do you want to support TCC's mission to protect and preserve our national forests and surrounding communities? Consider being a member this January!*

2023 marks the 25th anniversary since The Clinch Coalition's founding, and we are shaping it up to be a thrilling one! TCC wants to expand its reach in the local community. We want to do more local educational programs, work in outdoor activities that contribute to the natural beauty of the landscape, and more. As such, we need dedicated and passionate nature lovers who want to work on our local trails, aid in our new River Watch Water Quality Program, and continue upholding TCC's legacy.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please contact us at [info@clinchcoalition.org](mailto:info@clinchcoalition.org). We welcome any and all!

See you out there!

*-The Clinch Coalition Team*

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