WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

Are you a College of Charleston student interested in learning or practicing sustainable agriculture, growing your own vegetables, getting out to nature, conducting your own research in a pristine ecological environment...

Our Mission

The Student Farm exists to educate, inspire, and nourish the College of Charleston community. The Farm is a place where students can learn firsthand about agriculture, gardening, food systems, and holistic land management by engaging directly with a functioning market garden. Dixie aims to provide education in fields as diverse as soil sciences and business development by fostering a sense of ownership and encouraging students to become active participants at the farm. Workshops and the Farm and Garden Club are two outlets for students to literally get their hands dirty at Dixie Plantation, and both venues provide students with the opportunity to learn about everything from marketing strategies to the latest in sustainable agricultural techniques. By providing a stake in the life and health of the farm, rather than mere access, the farm will allow students to grow both mentally and physically, all while working to get good food to their fellow classmates.

WELCOME ABBIE CAIN, STUDENT GARDEN DIRECTOR

Abbie Cain....

Q: What do you want to see at the Student Garden?
A: Ideally, we would have a steady stream of volunteers that are not only putting effort into the Student Garden, but benefiting from the experience. Whether that benefit is experienced through fresh produce on their table, newfound knowledge of farming, or a day spent with friends while the sun shines on their face as they toil in the dirt – it’s all worthwhile.

Q: Did you grow up farming?
A: I grew up on a 450-acre farm in southern Ohio. We raised everything from livestock to tobacco, corn, and soybeans. Directing the Student Garden provides me with an outlet to get back to my roots and spend time in the great outdoors. The opportunity to educate the next generation on sustainable farming techniques and what it means to produce food is one that I plan to take full advantage of.

“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” – John Muir
Garden Manager

Sean Dove – Sean is a concurrent MES/MPA degree graduate student at the College of Charleston. His passion for sustainable agriculture, conservation education, and a hands-on learning approach guided him to this position at Dixie Plantation. At Dixie, Sean manages day-to-day maintenance, planting, harvesting, and schedules workshops and Garden Club involvement.

Farm and Garden Club
College of Charleston Farm and Garden President: Karina Schuk

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THE GARDEN

Plots

What’s Growing Now
- Herb
- Medicinal plants used by the Cherokee
- Native wildflower
- Berry
- Vegetables- corn, bean, tomato, pepper, okra, eggplant

Future Crops Plans
- Historic plantation cash crops
- Pollinator garden
- Vegetables- Carrots, beets, radishes, squash, eggplant, cauliflower, peas, potatoes, broccoli

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What to plant now and coming up:
- Okra – June 15-30
- Eggplant – July 20-25
- Pepper – July 20-25
- Potato – July 15-30
- Cauliflower – Aug. 1-20
- Broccoli – Aug10-Sept.15
- Carrots, beets, radishes – Aug. 1-20