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Asheville student begins summer internship with The American Chestnut Foundation

Asheville, NC – Asheville resident Jessica Maggart has been hired for a summer internship at The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF). Maggart, a junior at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill is majoring in journalism and pursuing a minor in environmental studies. As part of her internship, she will work to raise awareness of TACF and the importance of restoring the American chestnut to its native forests.

"I am so happy to have a chance to work with TACF! It's such a great organization! I'm learning a lot and gaining valuable knowledge and experience," said Maggart.

Bryan Burhans, TACF's president and CEO said, "We are very lucky to have such a talented student working in our office this summer, and we appreciate the fresh perspective Jess will bring to TACF and to our program."

About TACF

The American Chestnut Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Asheville, NC. It has nearly 6,000 members and chapters in 17 states. The demise of the American chestnut tree due to chestnut blight has been called the greatest ecological disasters of the 20th century. TACF was established in 1983 with the sole purpose of restoring this majestic tree to its native forests in the eastern United States. Today, TACF's four research farms encompass nearly 160 acres and more than 60,000 American and Chinese chestnut trees which are part of its national breeding program. For more information about TACF or volunteering to help restore the American chestnut, visit our website at www.acf.org.

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