

# Andrew College

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Trees planted to increase plant and animal diversity**

CUTHBERT, GA. – The Timber Management Program at Andrew College along with the Sustainable Agriculture program held a tree planting day on October 23. The saplings were planted around the newly established Andrew College community garden.

Dr. Umesh Chaudhari, assistant professor of timber management said that 10 species of trees were planted which included ginkgo, red leaf plum, dogwood, pear and others. “Not only will the trees enhance the beauty of the campus, they will also increase plant and animal diversity in the area,” he said. He further mentioned that the area combining the garden plants with the various tree species is now going to be called The Agriculture and Timber Garden at Andrew College.

Faculty and students representing various majors and departments volunteered to plant the tree saplings. The project was funded by Golden Triangle Resource Conservation and Development Council based in Blakely, Georgia.

If you would like to be involved with The Agriculture and Timber Garden at Andrew College, you can contact Umesh Chaudhari at [umeshchaudhari@andrewcollege.edu](mailto:umeshchaudhari@andrewcollege.edu) or Nataliya Apanovich at [nataliyaapanovich@andrewcollege.edu](mailto:nataliyaapanovich@andrewcollege.edu). There currently are fresh garden greens (spinach, kale, mustard greens and arugula) available which are in need of picking and are available for members of the community to gather.

Photo: Students and faculty members at Andrew College gathered with Dr. Umesh Chaudhari (third from right) to help plant trees at the newly established agriculture and timber garden.

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Established in 1854, Andrew College is related to The United Methodist Church and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Situated in the rural southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, Andrew College offers the Associate of Art, Associate of Music, Associate of Nursing, Associate of Science and Bachelor of Business degrees.