

# Randolph College Scatter Garden Use Policy

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### Policy Text

At the request of Randolph College alumni and friends, the College has established a Scatter Garden for the scattering of cremated remains as a memorial to loved ones. The College has designated the butterfly sanctuary near The Dell for the purpose of a Scatter Garden.

The butterfly sanctuary, established by Mia Wright '23 as a RISE grant-funded project, is part of Randolph's commitment to sustainability. The sanctuary provides additional habitat, breeding space, and food to support native butterfly populations.

This space is to accommodate those individuals affiliated with the College who wish to maintain an eternal connection to the College and its historic and beautiful campus.

The Scatter Garden will be available to deposit cremated ashes of alumni and friends of the College desiring to be placed there, in accordance with the following conditions:

1. The following will be eligible:

- Alumni of the College
- Current, former and emeriti members of the Board of Trustees
- Full-time and retired faculty
- Staff and friends, and all students of the College
- Individuals related to the above groups (as determined by the Office of Alumnae & Alumni)

2. Scheduling a time at the Scatter Garden will be handled by the Office of Alumnae & Alumni in conjunction with the Sustainability Coordinator and the Randolph College Scheduling Office. There is no fee for this service.

3. Ashes may be scattered only in the butterfly sanctuary in the cultivated space within and around the existing plantings.
4. Only cremated human remains may be committed to the Scatter Garden. The cremated remains shall be scattered directly on the earth without a container.
5. Scattering will be performed solely by the family and/or friends of the deceased. After scattering, the remains will not be recoverable, nor will they be preserved in any manner.
6. College staff or clergy will not assist or participate in the scattering of ashes or any associated ceremonies; it is the responsibility of the family to work with their own clergy for any planned ceremony.
7. Families are asked to refrain from leaving flowers, cards, and mementos in the area of the Garden.
8. A record of those committed to the Scatter Garden will be preserved in records of the Office of Alumnae & Alumni.

For more information or for scheduling, please contact the Office of Alumnae & Alumni at 434.947.8102 or at [alumoffice@randolphcollege.edu](mailto:alumoffice@randolphcollege.edu)

## **Part II: Auxiliary Information**

### **Definition of specialized terms and unique usages**

Scatter Garden: at Randolph College this is defined as a designated campus space where those associated with the College (as defined in the policy) may scatter the cremated ashes of their loved one.

### **Composition of new committees**

N/A

### **Exceptions to the policy and details of the process for granting exceptions**

N/A

### **External reporting requirements and timetable for reporting**

N/A

### **Process for five-year policy review**

Internal review by VPIA staff with email summary kept on file.