This year’s “Lifetime Achievement” awardee, Diana Knight Bendz ’68 (CHE), is an excellent example of the diverse ways a person can contribute to successes in their own life, the lives of others, the organization for which they work, and for society as a whole. When Diana graduated in 1968 with a BS degree in Chemistry (the first woman at the College to do so) the U.S. was in a tumultuous period, both politically and socially. Against the national backdrop of dissonance and resistance, Diana started her career at IBM. As just as society was in turmoil, American industry was changing too. Things that we accept as routine in the corporate culture now were considered outside the envelope in 1968.

We all know that IBM was a shining star in digital electronic innovation in the last half of the 20th century. However, it was also one of the first companies to adopt a culture of environmental and social responsibility. It changed corporate attitudes about how we do business, and Mrs. Bendz was there to kick-start that new vision. Diana’s career at IBM spanned 40 years; leading the company at various levels and ending in 2007 as a senior executive. During her tenure there, it is safe to say that she was one of the strategic hands responsible for IBM’s new environmental mission and initiatives. However, IBM is merely one of her numerous legacies.

Mrs. Bendz is a dedicated volunteer to numerous organizations and causes, including her alma mater. As chair of the ESF College Foundation, she helped lead the College in a historic record-breaking capital campaign. She also founded and served as CEO of Girls Balance the Equation, a non-profit organization dedicated to stimulating the interest of young women in studying STEM fields. If ESF is about improving our world, Diana Knight Bendz ’68, I. Holly Rosenthal ’82, and Dr. Jeremy Testa ’03

Our “Notable Achievement” recipient, I. Holly Rosenthal ’82 (LA), began her career in Texas, making her mark in landscape architecture planning and design. After distinguishing herself in various roles in the design of spaces and places, including taking over Rosenthal Companies, a family-owned business specializing in environmental quality and energy conservation solutions, Ms. Rosenthal turned her attention to one of our most precious natural resources: water. Water management and delivery is a strategic element of environmental and community life.

Ms. Rosenthal is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Board in Syracuse. She has led significant improvements in capital facilities and planning and sustainability for the future of Central New York as well as making great strides complying with EPA standards and regulations. She has exerted positive impacts through the application of technology. However, her most noteworthy accomplishment is not in the area of design, engineering, or planning, but in organizational culture. In the MWB she has implemented a unique culture of trust, respect, accountability, communication and collaboration.

Ms. Rosenthal’s commitment to her community is clearly evident through her volunteer work with a number of organizations, including the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, the Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce.

The Alumni Association is not the only one to recognize her outstanding achievements. She was also an inaugural member of the CNY Business Journal’s “40 Under Forty” award which recognizes ambitious, hard-working, civic-minded individuals who are under the age of 40 and who are driven, talented, and amazing individuals who go above and beyond at their workplace and in the community. Ms. Rosenthal exemplifies these qualities and beyond.

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2015 Graduates of Distinction

Diana Knight Bendz ’68, I. Holly Rosenthal ’82, and Dr. Jeremy Testa ’03

The ESF Alumni Association honored three of our outstanding alumni during this year’s Commencement ceremony held in Hendricks Chapel on December 11, 2015. Each year we recognize alumni who have dedicated their lives, both professionally and personally, to the environmental and ecological values that represent SUNY-ESF. The award acknowledges those alumni who are pioneers in their field, whose work has positively impacted society and the environment, and who truly embody the spirit of environmental stewardship. These awards are presented at Commencement to inspire our newest graduates...not necessarily to follow in the footsteps of those that came before them, but to forge a new path of their own. This year’s recipients serve as a testament to what can be accomplished when you graduate with a degree from SUNY-ESF and pursue your passions.

2016 Calendar of Upcoming Alumni Events!

For more information on any event, visit www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp. If there is a specific event you are interested in receiving an invitation to, please contact the Alumni Office at 315-470-6632 or alumni@esf.edu.

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Dr. Jeremy Testa ’03 (EFB), our inaugural “Inciardi Quercus” (Beginning Oak) recipient, has a well-deserved reputation for his passionate understanding of complex environmental problems. As an assistant professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, he has continued his work as a trusted environmental policy leader and insightful researcher, but most importantly, he is a valued educator, mentor and instructor who recognizes that his greatest challenge is to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.
We begin the new year with many exciting opportunities and initiatives. Syracuse University Chancellor Snyder and I are exploring areas for new and expanded academic and research collaborations between ESF and SU. Drawing on excellence from each side of Forestry Drive, the possibilities are truly exciting and represent a new era of fruitful collaboration. We have more than $50 million in new construction underway. The two largest projects are the Academic Research Building (ARB) that will be erected in the corner where Illick and Bray halls meet, and the Onondaga Lake Science Center (OLSC). The ARB will add a dozen modern laboratories to the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology and create a collaboration—a common space designed for campus-wide engagement of students, staff, and faculty in creative problem-solving. The OLSC will be the future of Syracuse’s Inner Harbor and will include modern laboratories for long-term studies of the restoration of Onondaga Lake, a mid-sized conference center space where government agencies, universities, and NGOs can interact on environmental issues.

ESF has programs and “Conversations” consortium that will provide a national and international platform for sharing our scientific discoveries and expertise with the popular press and the public. We are also working with the Bruce Mao Design Group to shape our message to potential students and donors in order to elevate the visibility of the College.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association has given the right to establish the school bearing the name of the greatest conservation president. We will be determining the most effective and appropriate use of this privilege. Through the Roosevelt Wild Life Station, ESF is already associated with President Roosevelt, but this is an opportunity to greatly increase the visibility and impact of that association.

ESF is venturing into the digital realm in a new and creative way. We are establishing an ESF Open Academy that will be the online home of digital content from formal for-credit courses to informal information for public science awareness and literacy. The Academy is envisioned as an authoritative source for objective scientific information, a way to access selected ESF courses from a distance, an additional tool for ESF students working to complete degrees on time, and a clearing house for our physical world outreach activities from ESF in the High School to programming in the city youth in Syracuse and New York City.

ESF was a leader in biomass long before that word was coined. Our chemists and process engineers have volunteered to represent ESF at high-profile events many times in the last four decades. My association with ESF alums has been a wonderful and very beneficial experience for me over the years. I never pass up a chance to share stories of chance meetings that I have had that reinforce the value of my alma mater. It is difficult to imagine that the word “biomass” was coined. Our chemists have volunteered to represent ESF at high-profile events many times in the last four decades. My association with ESF alums has been a wonderful and very beneficial experience for me over the years. I never pass up a chance to share stories of chance meetings that I have had that reinforce the value of my alma mater. It is difficult to imagine that the word “biomass” was coined. Our chemists have volunteered to represent ESF at high-profile events many times in the last four decades. My association with ESF alums has been a wonderful and very beneficial experience for me over the years. I never pass up a chance to share stories of chance meetings that I have had that reinforce the value of my alma mater. It is difficult to imagine that the word “biomass” was coined.
Grades of Distinction

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contribution is empowering and inspir- ing others. Dr. Testa is undoubtedly an up-and-coming leader in the field of estuarine ecology. However, what makes Dr. Testa unique is his passion for turning research into sustainable solutions. His current re- search on estuaries should lead to better strategies to improve water quality in the future. The potential for new solutions to enhance water quality in the future will be the result of his passion and commitment to this field.

Dr. Jeremy Testa '03

In recognizing his outstanding achievements and her dedication and commitment to the community, the College of Environmental Science and For- estry Alumni Association proudly named Dr. Jeremy Testa the 2015 Graduate of Distinction — Notable Achievement award recipient.

Grades of Distinction Citations

Diana K. Bendz '68

I. Holly Rosenthal '82

For more photos from the Graduates of Distinction celebration, see page 12.

1. The first woman to graduate from ESF with a bachelors of science degree from ESF and Syracuse University. She spent 39 years at IBM working during which she developed and implemented IBM’s consumer product take-back program to reduce solid waste in the environment; conducted a company-wide taskforce on environmental leadership resulting in the incorporation of environmental attributes in IBM products, developed the company’s plan for the design, manufacture and disposition of environmentally conscious products; facilitated the donation of an IBM-owned forested property to a conservation organization; introduced the concept of eco-industrial parks to the IBM community and founded the Aurora Project which attempted to create business opportunities and reduce solid waste streams by recycling.

2. Upon her retirement, Bendz founded and became CEO of Girls Balance Equation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest in STEM to girls and young women.

3. Throughout her career Bendz served on numerous boards and committees including being a founding member of the advisory board on the National Safe- ty Council Institute for Safety by Design, a fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), member of the IEEE Foundation, founding member of the IEEE Women in Technology Commi- ttee and member of the IBM Academy of Technology. She is active in the commu- nity and has served as a board mem- ber of the Broome County Chamber of Commerce, the Physicians Free Clinic, the Binghamton Philharmonic, and the Center for Technology and Innovation as well as many others. She serves her alma mater as a board member and president of the ESF College Foundation.

4. Bendz received the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Centennial Key to the Future Award, the Indian Hills Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction Award and was named the 2006 Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce Civic Leader of the Year.

5. In recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of chemistry, and beyond, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association proudly named Ms. Diana Knight Bendz the 2015 Graduate of Distinction — Lifetime Achievement award recipient.

1. Holly Rosenthal '82

Notable Achievement Award

For more than 30 years Holly Rosenthal’s environmental studies/landscape architecture practice, has worked to improve environments both indoors and out, driven by the larger envi- ronmental interest in science to girls and young women.

Rosenthal graduated in 1968 with a bache- lor of science degree from ESF and Syracuse University. She spent 39 years at IBM working during which she developed and implemented IBM’s consumer product take-back program to reduce solid waste in the environment; conducted a company-wide taskforce on environmental leadership resulting in the incorporation of environmental attributes in IBM products, developed the company’s plan for the design, manufacture and disposition of environmentally conscious products; facilitated the donation of an IBM-owned forested property to a conservation organization; introduced the concept of eco-industrial parks to the IBM community and founded the Aurora Project which attempted to create business opportunities and reduce solid waste streams by recycling.

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Grades of Distinction

Nominations may be received from alumni or anyone who would like to see an alumnus receive one of these awards.

We are currently seeking nominations for the 2016 award in all categories: “Lifetime Achievement”, which is reserved for alumni who have or will soon end their active careers, “Notable Achievement,” which is for alumni who are in the early to mid-point of their careers, and the “Incipiens Quercu” or “beginning oak” award which recognizes our alumni who have graduated within the last decade or so and are demonstrating their commit- ment to environmental stewardship through their professional and/or volun- teer work experience.

Nominations may be received from alumni or anyone who would like to see an alumnus receive one of these awards. All nominations should be sent to the Graduate of Distinction Award Commit- tee in care of the Alumni Office and must include the following material:

1. The name of the person being nomi- nated with current contact information (name, address, phone/email)

2. The name of the person making the nomination along with their current contact information

3. A vita or resume of the nominee with up to five pages of supporting material

4. Copies of citations or awards from other groups and organizations

5. Any other material such as endorse- ments from colleagues, etc.

Please keep in mind that these awards are presented to those whose accomplish- ments might be considered “pioneering,” whose work has positively affected soce- ty, or who are otherwise inspirational to students and fellow alumni. Alumni may nominate anyone who has inspired and who has the potential to inspire others. The deadline for submis- sions for this year is June 30, 2016.

Dr. Jeremy Testa ‘03

Since graduating from ESF in 2003 with a bachelor of science in environmental and forest biology, Dr. Jeremy Testa went on to pursue his master and doctoral degrees from the University of Maryland Center for Envir- onmental Science where he is an assis- tant professor at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory.

Testa has focused his career on under- standing fundamental processes that reg- ulate coastal ecosystems and applying that knowledge toward solutions of estuarine and coastal ecosystem environmental is- sues. He uses computer modeling of bio-geochemical, physical, and meteorological processes to understand the positive and negative impacts of nutrient management and climatic variations on watersheds and estuarine processes. These efforts result in recommendations to balance water quality enhancements with the need to develop sustainable coastal food sources, such as in the cite of aquaculture sites and the targets for “Total Maximum Daily Load” strategies for nutrient and sediment management in estuaries.

Testa’s publication record includes al- most 20 peer-reviewed papers as well as a number of seminars and presentations at U.S. and international institutions and conferences. His involvement in the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Ches- apeake Bay Program and leadership role in the Atlantic Estuaries Research Society as well as chairing sessions at meetings for several international research societ- ies is indicative of his recognized exper- tise among his colleagues. He continues to show his dedication to outreach and science education by serving as an under- graduate, undergraduate and high school student, donating his time to teaching short-courses for high school teachers and judging science fairs.

Dr. Testa exemplifies ESF’s commit- ment to environmental stewardship in all aspects of his work. His dedication to his contributions in the field of environmen- tal and forest biology, the College of Envi- ronmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association proudly named Dr. Jeremy Testa the 2015 Graduate of Distinction — Incipiens Quercu award recipient.
New York State’s First County Forest Turns 100
Brought to you by ESF Alumni!

Dr. Doug Allen, who is the Director of Alumni Relations Emeritus, recalls his time at the College and how it shaped his life.

**Keep in Touch**
Dr. Allen welcomes email at dallen@esf.edu

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**The forest we admire today is the result of the cooperative efforts, dedication and support of many...**

‘I believe faculty and staff should take more time to know their colleagues. They are an important part of your life, and I think many of us do not realize this.”

Paul Osborn ’95, Brandi Giambra ‘15, and Shannon Morley ’98 pose with the Black Bear inside the Genesee County Park and Forest Interpretive Nature Center.
The ESF Annual Fund provides flexible resources to help educate the next generation of environmental leaders.

Times change.

Challenges change.

Our look is changing, too.

LITTLE ACORNS BECOME MIGHTY OAKS

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But some things never change. We still need your support.

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We are grateful to all of our loyal Golf Tournament sponsors! Longtime sponsor Turner Construction was represented at the 2015 Tournament by alumni Aaron Jackson ’10 (left) and Chris Gray ’99.

August 4, 2016

23rd Annual ESF Golf Tournament

Benefits the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

Mark your calendars!

The 23rd Annual ESF Golf Tournament to sponsor student scholarships will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2016. We are excited to announce our return to Timber Banks Golf Club in Baldwinsville, NY for the second year in a row. Timber Banks is one of the premiere golf clubs in Central New York, and is the only Jack Nicklaus-designed course in the region.

2015 Tournament Big Success

The 2015 Tournament was held on a perfect August day. Participants enjoyed a pre-tournament lunch, golf on a challenging and picturesque course, a record number of prizes and raffles, and a post-tournament buffet dinner. Based on feedback from this year’s event, we will be making some adjustments. We have decided to return to our “seated lunch” format, which will take place in the tent rather than “at the turn” and we’ll be re-vamping the dinner menu as well.

We were thrilled with the level of commitment shown by our sponsors in 2015. Not only did these generous folks support the Tournament’s lunch, dinner, cocktail hour, souvenir glasses, course snack bags, and prizes, but local businesses also contributed many attractive donations in order to raise money in our Prize Raffle Drawing. From weekend stays at hotels to meals at local restaurants, spa certificates, and even a membership at Timber Banks, our donors went above and beyond to assist our fundraising efforts. We cannot thank our sponsors enough! Our endeavors would not be possible without them.

The most important aspect of our annual Golf Tournament is, of course, the funds raised for ESF student scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and participants, we raised over $13,000 at the 2015 tournament! Because of this, the ESF Alumni Association is able to grant financial assistance to a number of deserving ESF students.

Join us on August 4, 2016

We look forward to welcoming new golfers and sponsors in 2016, as well as seeing our loyal supporters out on the links. If you’re interested in participating, either as a golfer or sponsor, give us a call at 315-470-6632 or visit www.esf.edu/alumni/golf.

2016 Tournament Details

Visit www.esf.edu/alumni/golf or contact the Alumni Office at 315-470-6632 for more information.

The ESF Alumni Association Mission Statement

Adopted by the ESF Alumni Association Board of Directors on June 10, 2014.

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association is a group of individuals concerned with the promotion, achievements and heritage of the College.

The Association, working as a partner with the College, assists and promotes the College in the attainment of its objectives.

The Association serves to cultivate friendship and cooperation among the alumni and to assist them however appropriate within the capabilities of the Association.

The Association represents the alumni in the affairs of the College by acting as a facilitator between and among alumni, students, faculty, staff and administration.

The Association provides programs and services to benefit alumni, ESF students and the College.
New Urban Forestry Scholarship Established at SUNY-ESF
Helen Sternberg Cutler Memorial Scholarship

by Lewis M. Culter  ’75
MS Forestry Botany and Ecology

Helen Sternberg Cutler
Here’s now an urban forestry scholarship for students at SUNY-ESF. I’ve created the Helen Sternberg Cutler Memorial Scholarship in urban forestry in my mother’s memory.

The urban landscape needs a lot of help to make cities more livable. With the demise of the American elm, climate change, and the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer, I saw a need to encourage more ESF students to become professionals in urban forestry. What better way to further our family interests in urban forestry than to fund a scholarship?

My mother always had an interest in planting trees. She grew up in a Brooklyn brownstone and then moved out to suburban Long Island after World War II. When she and my father moved to New Jersey, they planted trees along their two-acre property line for wind breaks and for aesthetics. In their later years, I moved my parents closer to my family in rural Cato, NY. Unfortunately, they were too elderly to continue this tree planting tradition around their new home in a treeless field; I tried to continue this tree planting tradition around Syracuse, NY. Unfortunately, they were too elderly to continue this tree planting tradition around Syracuse, NY.

New York State Urban Forestry Council President David Moore says, “I’m very excited to hear about this scholarship. Hearing the story behind it and how it comes from a family that wants to do good, it’s all very heartwarming. This will certainly contribute to SUNY-ESF’s legacy of training innovative science practitioners.”

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Exemplary Service
40 of 45 graduates from RS ’53 were military veterans, 18 went on to graduate from ESF.

by Arnold Lanchton ’53 (RS) / 61 Forest Resources Management

The Class of 1953 arrived at the New York State Ranger School in March 1952 with 60 students whose average age was 19.5 years, a relatively young class. Eleven months later, graduation was held in ESF’s Marshall Hall’s auditorium and only 45 would graduate. Graduates and ESF Alumni Henry Blessing and Ed Novotarski had already served prior to graduation. The remaining 18 single men, whose average age was now 20.2 years, were about to enlist or to be drafted.

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After completing their military service, in most cases, with the help of the Korean GI Bill. Thirty (30) of the 45 graduates (or 67%) earned a college degree. Of the 30:

• 19 or 63% earned a College of Forestry degree.
• 10 or 30% earned a master’s degree.
• 2 or 6% earned a doctorate degree.
• 20 or 67% used the Korean GI Bill.
• 6 or 20% taught college level courses.

Dick Miller taught at the Ranger School for 29 years and became its Director in 1986 and remained in that position for nine years.

Dr. Ken Waterston taught at Steven F. Austin State University for 18 years and was assistant dean when he died. In recognition of his service, the University established the Ken Waterston Teaching Excellence Award.

From 1967 to 1978 two members of the Class taught the basic survey course at SUNY-ESF, Arnie Lanchton for the first three years and Dr. Lee Bender for the next eight years.

Dick Miller and Bob Kase taught business courses for several years at the college level.

Korean GI Bill
The above and other educational accomplishments of the Class were because the Korean GI Bill was available to veterans. Twenty (20) of the 45 veterans (or 44% of the Class) took advantage of the Bill and received an education that they may not have had otherwise. The Bill was a tremendous help for our nation.

This article used the information in the files kept by Professor Haddock. He had a file for each of the original 60 students. Notes were added to each file from the annual RSAA request and other sources. Equally impressive is that 44 of the 45 graduates replied for the first 44 years. Then 41 responded almost every year for the next 23 years when the notes stopped in 1976. Professor Haddock died in 1978.

Additional details are in a publication: “The Ranger School Class of 1953” in the Ranger School Archives.
Looking for Large American Chestnut Trees in NY
Do you or anyone you know have knowledge of such trees?

The New York Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) has launched an effort to find large American chestnut trees in New York through a reward program. The accompanying announcement details the contest, but this effort is more than just a search for large trees.

Here’s a chance to receive a reward for your knowledge and help re-establish this magnificent tree species.

With the successful efforts at SUNY-ESF to develop a blight resistant chestnut, an effort will be made to cross-pollinate the ESF transgenic trees with natural trees throughout the geographic range of the chestnut which, of course, includes New York State. The genetically modified trees are awaiting federal approval for planting and this may take three to five years. Therefore, the drive is on to find existing trees that produce flowers (typically in July) and also to plant chestnuts in “orchards” to produce young trees that will produce pollen.

Every year, stories about the discovery of large chestnut trees surface from hunters, loggers, hikers and others who roam the forests. Recently, an extremely large tree was discovered in Maine when passengers in an airplane observed chestnut flowers from above. Do you or anyone you know have knowledge of such trees? Here’s a chance to receive a reward for your knowledge and help re-establish this magnificent tree species.

Allen Nichols, who is noted on the announcement, is president of the New York Chapter of TACF and he has personally observed several chestnuts over 12 inches DBH (diameter breast height) within 30 miles of his home in the Catskills. He and others in TACF are anxious to find other trees and welcome the help of ESF alumni and their friends in this pursuit.

Reward
$200 For largest American Chestnut Tree
Found in New York State, in 2016
$50 for all trees over 14” DBH

The largest healthy tree over 18”DBH not previously recorded by TACFNY, “The American Chestnut Foundation of New York”, will be rewarded.

The tree must be found in New York State and the property owner must allow TACFNY access for pollination and/or seed collection. Tree must also be identified by TACFNY as pure American Chestnut.

What to look for: Open burs lying on the ground near the tree. The burs will be light brown with long sharp spines and measure about 3 inches across. The leaves are slender; 6 to 9 inches long with pinpointed teeth that have a fishhook profile. They are similar to a beach leaf, except longer and more pointed on each end.

For further information or identification of a tree contact President and District 4 director, Allen Nichols at 607-263-5105 or by e-mail, fajknichols.75@gmail.com

Above: This American chestnut is over 14 inches DBH but has succumbed to the blight. New shoots continue to sprout from seemingly “dead” chestnut trees and some of those shoots have withstood the blight long enough to produce flowers and pollen.

Left: Members of the American Chestnut Foundation are passionate about restoring this valuable species.

Friends of Moon Library Turns 30!

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Friends of Moon Library (FOML). Founded in 1986 to help promote F. Franklin Moon Library, its mission, services and programs, the Friends have been supporting the Library in a variety of ways over the years. FOML has purchased resources for the Library’s collection, provided snacks for students during exam periods, hosted a celebration event for “moon workers,” provided small grants for graduate students to secure resources, and purchased promotional items for the Library.

This rich collection of resources about ESF and its heritage is of interest to many in the ESF Community, including alumni.

Members of FOML are given a mug that says: “I’m a friend of the Moon Library, are you?” In our anniversary year the Friends plan to focus on promoting the College Archives which are housed in Moon Library. This rich collection of resources about ESF and its heritage is of interest to many in the ESF Community, including alumni. And these resources are in danger of being lost forever if they are not properly preserved, organized and shared. You will hear more about our plans for the 30th year of FOML as the year progresses. Meanwhile, consider becoming a friend; you will receive a mug in return!

Please join the Friends online at http://www.esf.edu/moonlib/foml

For additional information contact Betsy Elkins at eaelkins@esf.edu
Greetings to the Natural World
ESF Alumni Gather for Bio-Cultural Tour of Onondaga Lake with Native Peoples Program

by Maura Stell
SUNY-ESF Office of Outreach

On Tuesday, September 1, 2015 teachers in the “ESF in the High School” program participated in a summer professional development program at Onondaga Lake.

A biocultural tour was presented by Neil Patterson, Jr. '96 (Tuscarora Nation), and Assistant Director of the Center for Native Peoples at ESF. He was joined by Curtis Waterman (Onondaga Nation), a representative of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force. The emphasis was on introducing how the culture of the Haudenosaunee shapes the way they think about the world.

The program began with the Thanksgiving Address spoken in Tuscarora by Maura Stefl, Project Staff Assistant for SUNY-ESF Outreach. Minoa High School and East Syracuse-Minoa High School; not pictured are John Herrington '94, East Syracuse-Minoa High School and Jake O’Connell ’15, Project Staff Assistant for SUNY-ESF Outreach.

The group of 19 teachers who participated in the “ESF in the High School” program included eight SUNY-ESF alumni: Travis Hall ’97, Solvay High School; Pam Harrington ’97, East Syracuse-Minoa High School; Carl Schaeffer ’75, Southern Cayuga Jr./Sr. High School; Tim Murphy ’81, Faith Heritage Christian Academy; Heidi Bose ’90, Marcellus High School; Amber Scholtz ’03, Camden High School; Neil Patterson, Jr. ’96, Assistant Director of the Center for Native Peoples at SUNY-ESF; and pictured is John Herrington ‘94, East Syracuse-Minoa High School and Jake O’Connell ’15, Project Staff Assistant for SUNY-ESF Outreach.

Participants were asked to brainstorm and discuss what the lake meant to them, and develop their own biocultural descriptions. Curtis Waterman spoke on the historical role of the Haudenosaunee Confederation. He explained the significance of the lake, and how Onondaga Lake was the birthplace of western democracy.

The group received a copy of “The Words That Come Before All Else,” a book published by the Task Force in 1996. Neil explained the meaning of the plant’s Tuscarora name and other general Haudenosaunee plant knowledge, and how this might apply to the restoration of places like Onondaga Lake. The group followed by a traditional closing.

The participants plan to bring this knowledge back to their classrooms and instill some indigenous wisdom into their science classes. The ESF in the High School program is part of the Office of Outreach at SUNY-ESF. Dr. Rick Beal is the Director of the program. 

Making Connections
Career Services Office Recognizes Strong Desire of Alumni to Stay Connected to the College

by Casey Duffy
SUNY-ESF Career Advisor

W ould like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Casey Duffy, and I am the new Career Advisor at ESF. While I have been in Career Services since June, I was previously working part-time at ESF in Academic Support Services while I completed my master’s degree at Syracuse University.

The Career Services Office recognizes the strong desire of our alumni to stay connected to the College and the current student population. I would like to share several new involvement opportunities our office is collaborating on with the Alumni Office.

OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Externship Program: Similar to a job shadow, host an ESF student and introduce them to your profession, industry, and/or organization, provide a tour of your workplace, answer questions, and allow a student(s) to observe your daily routine.

- Informational Interviews: Speak to an ESF student (either in-person or via phone or the web) about your experiences and skills, provide career advice and industry insight, and answer student questions.

- Resume Reviews: Review student resumes either in-person for planned on-campus events or electronically.

Mock Interviews: Provide mock interviews for students either in-person for planned on-campus events, or through phone conversations or web-based technology.

Guest Speaker/Professional Panelist: Serve as a guest speaker or panelist either in-person for planned on-campus events or via web-based technology.

Posting Internship Experiences/Job Opportunities: We can provide you with information and step-by-step instructions on how to create a company profile and utilize OrangeLink, our career management system, to post opportunities for ESF students/recent graduates.

If you are interested in taking part in any of these opportunities, please complete the “ESF Connections Form” on-line at www.esf.edu/alumni/connections. If you would like more information on one or more of these opportunities, please contact me directly at cduffy01@esf.edu.

We are eager to get you involved! Your connection as an alum to current students has been shown to make students more competitive in the job market, more confident and able to articulate their skills and experiences, and will increase their professional network.

Don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions and thank you for your consideration in assisting current students.

The Career Services Office Announces:

The 15th Annual Environmental Career Fair!
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
SUNY-ESF’s Gateway Center ■ 10:30am-2pm

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Highlights from ESF’s Division of Student Affairs
A message from the Dean for Student Affairs

by Anne E. Lombard, Ph.D.
Dean for Student Affairs

Happy New Year from the Division of Student Affairs! Our staff members have been working on many initiatives designed to enhance the experience of ESF students.

Fall semester was a busy one for us beginning with welcoming new students and their families in August to sponsoring a wide range of programs and activities for the campus community to celebrating with our December graduates at December Commencement and December Soiree. We are looking forward to an equally busy and rewarding spring semester. We will kick things off in January with transfer student orientation and busy planning for the annual Career Fair in February. Highlights of many of our activities and initiatives can be found below.

Regards,
Anne E. Lombard, Ph.D.
Dean for Student Affairs

Career Services

We are excited to announce the transition to OrangeLink, the career management system supported by Syracuse University. ESF and SU work closely and share many student system resources. We are excited for this collaboration and the enhancements it will provide.

If you are an alumnus from the Classes of 2013–2015, your profile has already been set up in OrangeLink by visiting https://syr-csm.simplicity.com/students/. Username: your “@syr.edu” email. Password: the last six digits of your SU ID (you can change your password once you log into the system).

If you graduated prior to 2013, contact the Career Services Office at careers@esf.edu to request an OrangeLink account. We are using this transition as an opportunity to “clean-up” our system and its data. Thus, we are not automatically transitioning alumni accounts into the new system. If you would like to take advantage of all that OrangeLink has to offer, you must request an account.

CSTEP (College Science and Technology Entry Program)

This program is funded by the New York State legislature and designed to increase the number of historically underrepresented and financially disadvantaged students in STEM careers. CSTEP’s grant was recently renewed for another five years. Major aspects to the program at ESF are faculty mentoring, support for professional development, skill building workshops and events, community service, and financial and logistical support for research and internships.

Sexual Assault Prevention

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry continues to make significant progress in our efforts to prevent sexual harassment and sexual violence. On Friday, October 16, the College’s Board of Trustees approved changes to the ESF Code of Student Conduct which align us with the state legislation passed this summer (Enough is Enough) and SUNY policies. The ESF Student Handbook has been updated to reflect these changes, and a new document, the Student Conduct Participant Guidebook, has been created (both can be found on our website at: http://www.esf.edu/students/handbook/). This guide is a resource for ESF students involved in the student conduct process specifically related to allegations of sexual and interpersonal violence. Additionally, we have increased our educational programming related to sexual violence prevention for faculty, staff, and students. We are proud of the strides we are making, but there continues to be work to do. We will remain vigilant in our efforts to eliminate this problem from our campus.

Student Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

Fall 2015 marked the first semester of Student Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives (formerly Multicultural Affairs) work in ESF’s Division of Student Affairs. The Director of Student Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives, Scott Blair, has been hard at work creating supports, programs, and a fresh new image to capture and represent the work being done for ESF students. One of the first areas of change is a brand new website (http://www.esf.edu/students/) showcasing the efforts of this unit. Here students can find information about a newly created student diversity training series in the areas of race/ethnicity and LGBT Ally development, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly “Breaking Through” lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar. Along with a continued partnership with the student group, the Baobab Society, the monthly ‘Breaking Through’ lecture series, and other programs on the newly added Diversity and Inclusion calendar.

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Student Leadership and Involvement

Currently ESF has 13 recognized student organizations on campus. Many of the traditional student organizations are still very active like the Bob Marshall Club, The Wildlife Society, and Alpha Xi Sigma but newer clubs include the Society for Ecological Restoration, the Sustainable Energy Club, and Ducks Unlimited. From August 25–30th, ESF welcomed approximately 399 new first-year students and 190 transfer students to ESF. During their new student orientation, students participated in a variety of educational, social, and community-building activities both on campus and in the community including a day of service. An Inaugural Field Days event took place on Friday, October 2nd featuring 9 different faculty-led tours, demonstrations, and hands-on activities to provide ways in which students could meet with faculty members in an informal way outside the classroom. Over 300 students participated in this opportunity.

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SUNY-ESF Job Search—Transition to OrangeLink

Prior to this year, the Career Services Office at SUNY-ESF utilized GreenLink for our job search system. Last spring, ConnectEdu, the owners of the Experience job platform, which powered the Greenlink system, filed for bankruptcy. As such, GreenLink is no longer active or accessible.

Our office would like to share that OrangeLink is the career management system we are now using. The system is supported by Syracuse University. SUNY-ESF and Syracuse University work closely and share many student system resources. We are excited for this collaboration and the enhancements it will provide.

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We are grateful for your continued interest in SUNY-ESF, and look forward to assisting you now and in the future.
The Alumni Association has started hosting several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, please see front page for exact dates. Thank you!

Hundreds of students lined up for free pizza and soda at the 2nd Annual “Pizza Study Break” hosted by the Alumni Association in the Gateway Center during December finals week.

Congratulations to SUNY-ESF’s newest group of alumni! The December Class of 2015 toasts to their graduation.

ESF students Carly Benson (left) and Terrance Cavinness enjoy some pizza (and a break from their studies!).

Scott Shannon ’82, Associate Provost & Dean of the Graduate School, pours a celebratory glass of champagne for graduate Peter Han.

ESF freshmen sign the Class of 2019 banner at the Ice Cream Social in August. Each year, the Alumni Association sponsors the Ice Cream Social to welcome new students to campus.

For the 2nd year in a row, the Alumni Association welcomed incoming students on “Move-In Day” at Centennial Hall. Board Members chatted with freshmen and their families, and handed out water and granola bars. From left, Alumni Director Debbie Caviness, Terry Bluhm ’70, and Annalena Davis ’10 with her son, Karl.

ESF’s newest group of students celebrated the beginning of their college careers at the Ice Cream Social in August.
2015 ALUMNI & FAMILY FALL BBQ WEEKEND

Thanks for Coming!

We welcomed over 700 people to campus for the annual Alumni & Family Fall BBQ Weekend. Alumni, parents, students, and guests enjoyed a weekend of incredibly beautiful weather, an exciting football game, and some new events highlights mixed in with time-honored favorites.

Friday Festivities

The weekend’s events kicked off on Friday evening with a special “Alumni Reception” in the Gateway Center. In the past, alumni were not offered an exclusive opportunity to visit with one another and see old classmates separate from the students and their families. This year, the first hour of the Reception was solely for alumni and their guests. Class photos were taken, and alumni from all class years reconnected over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. The Reception was held in the Alumni Lounge in Marshall Hall, and an update on the Forestry Department was given by the President for Outreach. Everyone was invited to sit in on a forestry class, explore the College and each other! It is always such a joy to spend time with our Senior Alumni as they reconnect with the College and each other!

The annual BBQ was held in the Gateway Center, followed by a highly-anticipated SU versus LSU football game in the Carrier Dome. The SU football team was undefeated entering the game, taking on a nationally-ranked LSU squad. In the end SU came up short, but the game was exciting nonetheless.

Saturday Activities

Saturday got off to a spectacular start with sunny and mild weather — perfect for the wide variety of outdoor events held throughout the day! Early risers joined College President Dr. Quentin Wheeler for a continental breakfast in Marshall Hall. From there, attendees could choose from an assortment of activities: tours of campus, the popular “Dendro-Walk” led by EFB Chair Dr. Don Leopold through Oakwood Cemetery, tours of the newly-renovated greenhouses, a lecture focusing on the Rooftop Greenhouses, a lecture focusing on the Rooftop Greenhouses.

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Alumni Feedback Welcome

We are here to host memorable events for our alumni and we are always open to new ideas!

For the past ten years, the Alumni Office has worked in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs to combine the traditional “Homecoming/Reunion” activities with “Parents Weekend” to maximize attendance, offer a wider array of programs, and allow current students to mingle with alumni. We’d like your opinion on this! For those of you who have attended Fall BBQ: did you enjoy combining events with the students and their families? What sort of activities would you like to see offered at future alumni homecomings? We want to hear from you — please send your candid feedback to alumni@esf.edu, or call us at 315-470-6632. We are here to host memorable events for our alumni and we are always open to new ideas! »

Senior Reunion

Alumni from the Classes of 1955, 1960, and 1965 Return to Campus for Senior Reunion!

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Members of the Class of 1965 returned to campus to celebrate their 50th Reunion! From left, Ronald Thompson, Les Monostory, James Hanson, Robert Koppe, Dean Phelps, Dave Ganter, and Norman Bell.

Greenhouse Manager Terri Ettinger (right) leads Senior Reunion alumni on a special behind-the-scenes tour of Illick Hall’s rooftop greenhouses.

Each fall, the Alumni Office hosts one of our favorite annual events: the “Senior Reunion” for alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more. This year, we welcomed members from the Classes of ’55, ’60, and ’65 back to campus for a weekend full of fun events, visiting with old classmates, and reminiscing. On September 24th, a Senior Reunion dinner was held in the Alumni Lounge in Marshall Hall. This opening event is a great atmosphere for attendees to reconnect with old friends while enjoying cocktails and dinner. After class photos were taken, Dr. Robert French (Vice President for Enrollment Management and Institutional Research) spoke about how the College has changed since the 1950s and 1960s. The following morning, Senior Reunion attendees heard about ESF’s Outreach initiatives from Dr. Chuck Spuches (Assistant to the President for Outreach) followed by a private tour of the newly-renovated greenhouses in Illick Hall, and an update on the forestry department from Dr. David Newman (FNRM Department Chair). During a buffet lunch, Dr. Art Stipanovic ’74 (Chemistry Department), gave an overview of the regenerative research being conducted by ESF faculty. After lunch, Senior Reunion guests were invited to sit in on a forestry class, explore the archives in Moon Library, or take a tour of the Gateway Center. That evening, they joined other alumni at the “Alumni Reception” and took part in the rest of the Fall BBQ activities. It is always such a joy to spend time with our Senior Alumni as they reconnect with the College and each other! »
Freshman Environmental Education major Mikaela Neary and her mom Anne Marie carry on a longstanding ESF tradition and tie-dye Fall BBQ t-shirts together.

ESF students, parents and alumni enjoy barbecue chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salt potatoes, salads and dessert.

Freshman Landscape Architecture major Hanna Quigley practices her sawing techniques to make wood cutting a smoother process and easier work on her body.

SUNY-ESF’s very own a cappella vocal group, the Ecotones, perform at Fall BBQ.

Alchemist Society members Jordan Pitt, John Swartztager and Rudi Hanz work together to make apple-pie flavored ice cream from heavy whipping cream and liquid Nitrogen.

EFB Department Chair Dr. Don Leopold leads students, parents and alumni on a “Dendro-Tour” of campus and Oakwood Cemetery.

Alumni Association Vice President Thayer Miller ‘71 poured samples of Finger Lakes wines at the Taste of Central New York. Over 200 people attended this event, which capped off the weekend’s activities.

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Current ESF students Kristine Earley and Alexander Fusi play on the Segways on a beautiful day on the Quad!

Sophomore Wildlife Sciences major Courtney Thomas with her younger brother and sister, three-year-olds Emily and Zander.

Notable Achievement recipient I. Holly Rosenthal ‘82 (third from left) was joined by her daughter, Anna Tepper (left), Jean Loewenstein ’80, Mike Flanigan ’82, Jan Weinstein, and Mark Lichtenstein ’82 (ESF’s Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Sustainability).

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Catching up at the 2015 Fall BBQ were: (left to right) Roger Wilcox ’05, Sierra Ferguson (2yrs), Craig Ferguson ’05, Aria Ferguson (5yrs), Lindsey Wilcox ’05, and Laura Crandall ’05 (ESF’s Director of Student Involvement and Leadership).

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Stephan Dahl ’05, Katie (Cubera) Dahl ’04, Dennis Anderson ’03, Nicholas Fagan ’03 and Frances Tirado ’05 catch up during the weekend’s Opening Reception.

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Director of Alumni Relations Debbie Caviness presents Mark Appleby ’97 (a Forest Property Manager at SUNY-ESF) prizes for his team at the 2015 Golf Tournament.

This group of alumni and ESF staff members are “regulars” at the annual Golf Tournament. From left, Bruce Bongarten ’73, Terry Bluhm ’70, Art Stipanovic ’74, and David Newman.

These former co-workers from the NYS DOT reconnect each year at the ESF Golf Tournament. From left, Geoff Christoff ’73, Doug Bartow ’63, Rich Steele ’88, Mary Clements ’82, and Mary’s husband, Dave Clements.

The alumni gathering held in conjunction with SAF’s 2015 National Convention took place at the Hilton Baton Rouge and featured a delicious buffet of local foods.

Current ESF students chat with alumnus John Munsell ’07 at the SAF annual convention in November. The 2016 Convention will be held in Madison, WI November 2–6.

ESF alum Tom Balsley ’68 was awarded an ASLA Design Medal at the 2015 ALSA Annual Meeting and Expo in Chicago.

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ESF students and faculty members attended the National Society of American Foresters convention in Baton Rouge. From left, ESF students Maneesha Jayasuriya, Jamie Trombley, Daniel Colahen, and Dr. René Germain ’97 (Professor in the ESF Forest and Natural Resources Management Department).

In August, staff members and volunteers promoted Heiberg Forest’s maple syrup at the “Taste NY Tent” at the New York State Fair. Proudly displaying our homemade maple cotton candy are Gil Palladino, Jennifer Cullivan (Assistant Director of Alumni Relations), Gail Romano ’86, and Gary Lipp ’86.

The 2015 ASLA Annual Meeting and Expo was held in November at McCormick Place in Chicago. The 2016 Meeting will be held in New Orleans on October 21–24.

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1. Men's Flannel Shirt
This heavyweight 100% cotton flannel shirt is perfect weekend wear – it’s heavy enough to use as a lightweight jacket. Two front button pockets, topstitched seams and vibrant colors are just a few of this shirt’s features. Available in Tan/Black, Green/Black and Red/Black. Sizes: S–XXL. $53.00

2. Speckled Mug
Our 16 oz. bistro mug is flecked with white and black to give the allusion of ‘speckles’. Available in burgundy, purple and dark green. $13.00

3. Glennaker Raincoat
This lightweight, waterproof, front-zip Columbia rain jacket features contrast yoke and internal draw chord hem, zipper closure, adjustable cuffs, hideaway hood and zippered side pockets. Made of 100% machine washable nylon. Available in green with gray accents. Sizes: S–XXL. $60.00

4. Aztec Beanie
100% acrylic dark brown beanie with a white, gold and gray Aztec design. A brown suede patch shows the ESF logo and a small brown tassel finishes the top. One size fits most. $20.00

5. Shadow Leaf Hat
This olive green colored hat has a maple leaf embroidered within the ESF letters. An adjustable buckle strap secures the back. $20.00

6. Marcy Long-Sleeved T-Shirt
Our women's Marcy Long-Sleeved T-Shirt is a football-style jersey made of 100% comfy cotton. Available in coral with a white ESF logo on the left front chest and puffy white letters across the back shoulders. This t-shirt is a campus favorite! Sizes: XS–XL. $48.00

7. Water Bottle Pen
Pens made from recycled water bottles. Choose from clear or lime green – both pens have blue ink. $2.50 each

8. Alumni Decal
This decal will show everyone you are a proud graduate of ESF. Measures 2½ x 7” and applies to the outside of the window. $4.25

9. 2015 Loon Ornament
Our custom-made wood ornament features a loon, the year "2015" and the full college name. $8.50. $7.00 – Reduced Price

10. Noonmark Sweatshirt
A classic screen-printed pullover hooded sweatshirt made of 65% cotton/35% polyester. Available in dark green only. Sizes: XS–XL. $43.00

11. Bolivia Scarf
This beautifully crafted lightweight multi-colored striped scarf from Bolivia Fair Trade supports the handmade industry in Bolivia. Approximately 8" wide by 5' long and made of 100% Alpaca fibers. Note, actual colors may vary. $16.00

12. Fleece Blanket
This 100% polyester, ultra-soft fleece throw has the ESF logo with acorn and oak leaf embroidered in the corner. Measures approximately 50" wide by 64" long. Packaged in plastic zip bag. $34.00

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Your Input Is Needed!

Programming

New Fall BBQ Programming

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Changes are on the horizon! We are looking to re-vamp our Fall BBQ programming. For the past several years, the Alumni Office has joined with the Office of Student Affairs to coordinate “Alumni & Family Fall BBQ Weekend.” This event has typically been held in October in conjunction with an SU football game and, sometimes, Syracuse University’s Homecoming, now termed “Orange Central.” Over the last two years we have noticed a declining interest on the part of our alumni to attend a football game as part of their reunion celebration. As such, we want your feedback to make sure that we are making every attempt to provide a fall “Homecoming/Reunion Weekend” event that everyone would be interested in attending. Listed below we have provided a few questions. Please take a moment and look them over, then let us know what you think. If you have any additional suggestions as to what sort of activities you would like to see offered, or ideas about how to encourage attendance, please let us know! We are here to host memorable events for our alumni, and we’re always open to new ideas. E-mail us at alumni@esf.edu or give us a call: 315-470-6632

Our Questions to You

Do you like the idea of combining our traditional alumni “Homecoming” events (Reunion Weekend) combined with the Office of Student Affairs’ traditional “Family Weekend” events?

Are you more or less likely to attend reunion if there is a football game during the schedule of events?

Would any of the following activities peak your interest in attending a Homecoming Weekend?

a. Montezuma Wildlife Refuge

b. An educational walk through Clark Reservation

c. Wine tour of Cayuga Lake

d. Reclaiming Onondaga Lake: A Fishing Trip

We’d like to hear from you! Contact the Alumni Office at 315-470-6632 or alumni@esf.edu

Correction

In the Summer issue of the Alumni News, incorrect figures were printed in John “Jack” Hauptman’s ’60 Class Note. While Jack was Chair of the Land Conservation Board, nearly 19,000 acres were preserved at a total cost of $84 million of which tax payers in the county only paid $32 million. The rest of the amount was leveraged to get the support of other environmentally concerned organizations. We apologize for the error.

ALUMNI EVENTS IN YOUR AREA!

Interested in hosting an informal event in your town?

The Alumni Association is looking to broaden the geographical scope of our events. Over the past several months we have hosted gatherings in Alaska, Portland, Seattle, Phoenix, Pasadena, and Washington, DC. These informal events are held at local bars/restaurants and offer a chance for regional alumni to get together, see who else lives in the area, and catch up. Beer, wine, and soda are provided courtesy of the Alumni Association.

Contact us at alumni@esf.edu and we’ll help you plan the details, book an establishment, and advertise the event to alumni in your region!

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ESF Alumni on SOCIAL MEDIA

The Alumni Office has entered the arena of Social Media in full force. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and join us on LinkedIn.

The current SUNY-ESF Facebook page posts a wealth of information about the College and our faculty to keep you in the know. We are planning to expand on that information to include more postings of interest to and/or about our alumni. So if you aren’t already a member, be sure to “like” the SUNY-ESF Facebook page.

Twitter is a great place to keep in touch with the pulse of the College. For hard-news and feeds about our faculty, follow @sunyesf, the College’s primary Twitter account. For a look at the lighter side, follow @sunyesfalumni where we will be keeping you up-to-date with event announcements and snippets of on-campus life.

LinkedIn is a fantastic tool for alumni to connect with each other. With over 11,000 members, our LinkedIn group “ESF World,” which not only includes alumni, students and faculty of the College, but also academic and professional colleagues, leaders in business, government, hiring professionals, and others around the world. If you are looking to network, this is the place to be!

Are you an Instagram user? Be sure to follow “sunyesfalumni” for photos and updates from the ESF Alumni Association www.instagram.com/sunyesfalumni

Alumni Gatherings Across the US

In August, Alumni Association President Preston Gilbert ’73 hosted two alumni gatherings on the west coast. The Portland (top) group met at the Migration Brewing Co. and the Seattle group (bottom) caught up at Rock Creek Seafood & Spirits.

In September, Alumni Association Past-President Thayer Miller ’71 (far left) hosted an alumni gathering at the Bodega Passadena Wine Bar in November. Joining Thayer from left to right are Gay and Dan Place ’55, Larry McGrail ’70, Richard McElrath ’15, and John Shields ’80.

In August, Alumni Association Past-President David Tessier ’68 (far left) visited Alaska and co-hosted an alumni gathering at the Deadgo Pasadaena Wine Bar in November. Joining David and Don were (left to right): Steve Brown ’99, Elizabeth Bella ’96, Ron Sloan ’74, and Meghan Holten ‘12.
In Memoriam

The Alumni Office reserves the right to edit Obituaries for spacing purposes. If you would like more information on a deceased alum, please contact the Office and we will do our best to accommodate your request. Thank you.

Please send obituaries to: Jennifer Cullinan
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1942

Howard J. Dean (FRM) died on November 11, 2015 at home, surrounded by his loving family, with the support of Hospice. Howard was a native of Canajoharie, NY, and graduated from high school there. He received his BS in forest management from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry in 1942. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Howard enlisted in the US Army Air Corps. On October 1, 1942, he married the love of his life, Lillian M. Dean.

1950

Edward H. Rickels (FRM) died on June 23, 2015. He was born on April 25, 1927, in Albany, NY to the late Mrs. Margaret Schaefer and the late Mr. Edward H. Rickels, Sr. He served in the US Navy in 1945-1946, World War II. Edward became a Vice President of one of the largest tree and landscape companies in New England. He was involved in some of the biggest land development projects of the time, including the building of Strategic Air Command Bases in Maine and New Hampshire. In 1964, he went to work for the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. Several years later, he transferred to the National Capital Planning Commission, eventually attaining the title of Secretary of NCPC. He developed and managed a garden center for a local Farmers Cooperative in Warrenton, Virginia. Edward also volunteered at Roper Hospital. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Shirley C. Rickels, two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren.

1951

C. Duane "Whitey" Coates (PSE) writes, “One of the few members left of the class of 1951 who is still living in the town he hitchhiked to after borrowing $20 from his mother! Been a volunteer since 1999 and still able to do over 200 hours each year. Keeps one fit!”

1952

Edward Kimball (FRM) writes, “Pushing 90 years and beating back two cancers—every day! Still dry fly fishing the beautiful McKenzie River on west side of the Cascades, tall timber country—welcome change from central Oregon desert. Hello to any ’52 Foresters still kicking!”

1953

Burton Ford (PSE) writes, “Enjoying 26 years of retirement from Eastman Kodak as a QC Engineer. Have my lovely wife of 57 years, handsome son and daughter-in-law and 2 strapping grand boys.”

1954

James Herrn (PSE) writes “Having been an octogenarian for over 3 years, I am still surprisingly healthy, other than knee surgery 1 1/2 years ago and allergies to pollen, weeds and fungi. Am still an active golfer and gardener. My wife Dotty is a recent diabetic, but we still love to travel. This year we took a wonderful cruise down the Mississippi on a river boat called the “American Queen.” It was the nicest, most luxurious cruise we had ever taken and we would highly recommend traveling down from Memphis to New Orleans.”

1955

Edward Stone (LA) writes, “I’m too old to fly a Cessna anymore, so I’ve taken up flying radio-controlled model airplanes. Great local club, airstrip, etc. You can teach an old dog new tricks!”

1956

Robert Adams (FRM) writes, “Summer at Cranberry Lake has ended; Pat and I retreat to Texas in a couple weeks. We still enjoy hiking, fishing and boating. Recently discovered a beautiful little lake, Lost Pond, just 3 miles from camp and will fish it before we leave. Sadly our camp has become too much for us oldsters and is for sale. See Lill and Frank Bassett (FRM) frequently; we play bridge together and occasionally go for lunch in Canada.”

1957

David Noyes (WPE) writes, “Enjoying semi retirement; good health that allows me to remain active and stay in touch with several alumni including Chuck Rohn (WPE) and Dick Schultz (FRM). The Evergreen area is not unlike the terrain of the Adirondacks, providing for my participation in enjoying nature’s offerings as I did there. I count my many blessings!”

1958

Charles Huppuch (FRM) writes, “I continue to help manage a forest demonstration for oak and hybrid American Chestnut at the Cyrus McCormick Farm. Field days are held for woodlot owners and consulting foresters.”

Joseph Haug ’58 proudly wears his ESF T-shirt that he won in a recent Dues Raffle Drawing.
1959

Lee Bender (FRM) writes, “We’re down-sized and have moved to Lynchburg, VA. We’re closer to all things that are important to seniors and feel fortunate to have been able to sell our lake home and make the move.”

Dick Rounseville (FRM) writes, “Jackie and I are still canoing the waters of the Great Northern Wilderness  on the Minnesota/Canadian border. We still do two 10-day trips with a short break between, but we don’t go for as far or do as many portages. As you can see from the picture, we don’t travel light. Creature comforts are ever more important these days. We do like to get deep in the wilderness, so had an outfitter take us 35 miles on the first trip and 25 miles on the second. We then have a few days before we have to make our own way out. The wilderness is always a challenge and we add to our list of incredible experiences each passing year. As many of you may not know, at our 55th, those of us in attendance voted to end our scholarship fund drive, but leave the door open to any of our classmates who still wish to continue giving in an attempt to come closer to our original $50,000 goal. As you may remember, we presented our 35-page issue of contemporary literature in the fall of 1959 with the theme of Class of ’59 fund on your contribution. While most of us are dealing with various health challenges, I am happy to report, that as of writing this we have not lost a single classmate in 2015. My best to you all for a happy New Year.”

Dick Rounseville ’59 and wife, Jackie, canoe the waters of the Great Northern Wilderness on the Minnesota/Canadian border.

1962

Gordon Cook (FRM) writes, “Again, I noticed academic recognition this summer in the $4000 issue of Forum Magazine citing SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry as a 31st ranking out of 200 ‘Best Value Colleges’ in the USA, wow! Congratulations to the administrative staff and professors for their dedication in providing a Class-A education today, as well as back in the 1960s. Much deserved and appreciated by a 50+ year alumni!”

David Gray (LA) and wife spend their time between Inland, CA and Ashland, OR (the Oregon Shakespeare Festival). They are snowbirds and are enjoying their retirement.

Edwin White (FRM) writes, “Still get to campus weekly to help with biomass research and other opportunities.”

1963

Stephanie (Hewitt) Labumbard (FRM) writes, “After 40 years I moved from my S-bedroom home to a 2-bedroom condo. I already love the condo life. The only downside is no more flower gardening. I guess I will have to be satisfied with container gardens. Hi to all of my friends from ESF. It has been a long time.”

Peter Murphy writes, “Retired from Michigan State University as a professor in 2008. Now publishing history and archaeology articles in several journals and working for the conservation of dunes land on Lake Michigan. My wife and I enjoy road-tripping all over the USA when not visiting with our seven grandchildren. I have nothing but warm memories of ESF. And much gratitude.”

1964

H. Jesse Dubin (EFB) writes, “We are still in MD and continue to teach some wheat pathology and breeding in Mexico with my old institute. We summer in ME and love the woods. I am sad to report that two old Kappa Phi Delta brothers and dear friends, Dan Greene and Gary Billion, passed away in August 2015. Best regards to the classes of 1963, 1964 & Kappa Phi brothers.”

1965

Ronald Thompson (FRM) writes, “Gary Billion, former undergraduate member of the Class of ‘65, died peacefully August 31, 2015 in GA. Gary was a very active student at ESF until an accident at the SU-Boston College football game in 1963 that left Gary quadrupleplegic. Ever the optimist, Gary earned his bachelor’s degree and then a masters in Education and enjoyed a career as a substitute teacher in the West Genesee School System until he moved to Suwanee, GA in 1997. Gary died three weeks after the passing of Dan Greene (‘64, FRM), his big brother at Kappa Phi Delta, the Social Professional Fraternity at Syracuse.”

1966

William Winter (CHE) writes, “I am abandoning the world of the gainfully employed starting August 27, 2015. Time to let somebody else do it! For the present I am still in Syracuse if anyone wants to say hello or throw stones. Call at 315-470-6876, leave a message or e-mail: wwwinter@esf.edu.”

John Yager (FRM) writes, “Mary has been fortunate to be able to participate in the creation of a World Heritage Site that will protect a critical ecosystem blanketing Mt. Hamiguitan, on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. The longhouse we worked to build with the local people serves as the lodge on the mountain and is open for eco-tourists. Stateside we have worked with local, state, and federal authorities to improve salmon habitats on two miles of Fiddler Creek traversing our land. The combined efforts have made Fiddler Creek the number one spawning coho stream in Oregon.”

1967

Thomas Catterton (EFB) writes, “Semi-retired but still doing occasional consulting gigs, mostly to Africa. Two oldest sons living and working in Natural Resources in Alaska. My yearly visit is always great, when the silvers are running in the southeast.”

David Daubert (FRM) competed in the 24 hour race, race-walked 74.5 miles, competed in the National Senior Games – 7th in the 1500 Meter and 5th in the 5000 Meter.

1968

Richard Benas (LA) writes, “Hi to my forester friends of the Class of ’68 and to my landscape architect friends of the Class of ’73. I am very lucky to have both and often tell my three grandsons that two is better than one. I authored the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Policy Assessing & Mitigating Visual Impact and a SCI-FI novel titled The RES 143 Files.”

Richard Benas ‘68 enjoys sharing stories of ESF with his grandchildren.
1971

Peter Rzasa (CHE) writes, “My wife Barbara and I once again monitored Connecticut towns for the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect that has been decimating ash trees across the Midwest and eastern sections of our country. We found the borer in six new communities including a new county. White ash trees continue to die in our state.”

1972

Peter Buist (FRM) writes, “During this season’s fire bust, I got to have lunch at the Alaska Fire Service Men’s Hall with Roger Cowan (FRM), my ‘72 classmate. Roger was with 2 Northern Rockies IMT that came North to help out.”

1973

Robert Hores (PSE) writes, “With my wife joining me in retirement, we are now six months into what I have come to describe as ‘full-immersion marriage.’ After almost four decades of dual careers, we now find ourselves having to make lunch decisions. After forty-three years of marriage, ‘Yes, Dear’ remains the safest answer.”

William Kropolín (FRM) writes, “I have recently retired after 35 years as Chief Forester with Burlington Electric. In addition to some part-time consulting, I am working in my woodlot, attending to farm chores and spending more time with family and friends. Fellow alumni, please contact me at kropolin@myfairpoint.net.”

Barbara Stieves Raffaldi (EBF) writes, “Tomm (EBF) and I are happy to report that our youngest daughter, Jane, is currently in a Masters program at ESF!”

1974

Charles Frazier (ES) was the recipient of the 2015 “Keeping The Blues Alive” Award for commercial radio by the Memphis-based Blues Foundation. This award honors behind-the-scenes non-characters. Charles writes, “I have hosted the show Sunday mornings, 9-11am EST, for 24 1/2 years on 106.7FM WIZN for our area listeners.”

Stanley Koenig (FRM) writes, “My wife and I ran into an ESF alumn at The Wild Center on 7/30/15. We took a 5-day cruise on the Queen Mary 2 from Cunard. In 2017 we will be spending 15 days in Bora, Bora and Rangiroa in French Polynesia. 2018 will find us in Mongolia, 2019 in Nepal to go trekking, and in 2020, we will visit China and Tibet.”

1975

Arthur Stipanovic (CHE) writes, “I’m still enjoying the professional life in the chemistry department at ESF. Please drop in to see me on campus. I’ll talk your ear off about our work on the wood-based ‘Biorefinery.’”

Steven Anlian (LA) is now an advisor to the US Agency for International Development (USA ID) on various projects relating to the Agency’s urban policy: ‘Sustainable Service Delivery in an increasingly urbanized world.’ He remains based in Washington, DC and hopes to convene a 40th reunion of the 1976 BIA class in May 2016. He welcomes news and contact information at stevenian@ymail.com.”
1976

Joseph Callaway (FEB) writes, “I attended ESF from 1974-76. I believe it was back during the winter of 1975-76 that a Snowy Owl landed on the roof of Hendricks Chapel. One could see the owl from the upper floors of Illik Hall looking across and over old Archbold Stadium. Was there anyone who was in attendance that has the date of the owl’s appearance? I’m trying to add one to my life list. Thank you!”

Brian Huntoon (FRM) continues to work as a Recreation Fee Project Coordinator for the Pacific West Regional Office of the National Park Service.

George Steel (FEB) writes, “Met up with Dan Meyer (79, FEB) a past colleague with The NYSDEC Environmental Education Camp Program in San Francisco. Dan was kind enough to give me and my son a floor to sleep on and a tour around the city.”

1977

Douglas Porter (ERE) writes, “Recently retired from federal service after all 37 years of commitment (5 years, USFS, 12 years National Park Service, 10 years, GSA-Public Building Service. Enjoyed it all, from planning, design, and constructing loggin roads on the Rio Grande NF to replacing the visitor center at Everglades NP after Hurricane Andrew. Installed the largest fed- eral, non-defense, solar PV array at the Denver Federal Center. My hope for the future is that Congress and the next administration will recognize the benefit of a competent, motivated, and dedicated federal workforce. Cheers.”

1978

Andy Molodetz (FRM) writes, “It has been nearly 40 years since graduation and I think this is my first update. I hope it isn’t too long! After being encouraged to join the sales force of Goulds Pumps by fellow graduate Rob Stiffer (78, WPE), I spent 16 years in Seattle, Portland, San Diego, Chicago and Seneca Falls. Along the way I married Margaret and together we have four beautiful daughters. After leaving Goulds, I picked up some executive management experience and we lived in Rochester, Florida and Atlanta before settling back in the Rochester area for good in 2005. In 2001 I acquired a small plastics molding company (CY Plastics) in Honeoye, NY. I know, plastics seem at odds with my environmental training, but I haven’t convinced Xerces to make printers out of wood! Our oldest daughter, Julie, works for us as our controller and we have managed to grow the business to encompass over 50 employees making parts for the likes of Xeros, Konica Minolta, LG, GM, Welch Allyn, Rausch and Lombi, Xylem, etc. We’ve lived in some great places and have hiked and backpacked the Sierras, Cascades, the Appalachian Trail, White Mountains, Adirondacks and many others. I own more tents than suits. I’ve been fortunate to have traveled to China and most places between here and there. Margaret has her own massage therapy practice and does her best to keep me connected to the things in life that aren’t business related. This year our youngest daughter, Rachel, graduated from SUNY Albany and flew the nest. Margaret and I bought a small cottage on Honeoye Lake where we have ample opportunity to enjoy mother nature. This morning was spectacular. Despite my best efforts, we haven’t gotten my golf handicap under 20. No retirement plans any time soon, having too much fun the way it is.”

1979

Chris Luley (FEB) is this year’s recipient of the International Society of Arboriculture’s R.W. Harris Author’s Citation Award. This Award of Distinction is given to authors who consistently publish works providing information on research in the field of arboriculture. Luley, vice president and pathologist for Urban Forestry LLC, has published more than 50 technical articles and given presentations on a wide range of urban forestry and pathology topics. “Dr. Luley recognized a need within the industry,” says Mark Roberts, ISA board president. “His Visual Identification Series of books provide arborists with easy-to-use arboricultural guides.” He is also the author of popular industry guide books sold by the ISA. ABCs of Pruning, Wood Decay Fungi, and Landscape Pest Management make up the Visual Identification Series. In addition to writing these books, Dr. Luley is also a contributing author and technical editor/ reviewer for many other ISA publications.

1980

Raymond Burger (FRM) writes, “After 32 wonderful years in Alaska it’s nice to recognize the hard work it took to complete a career once again. A farmhouse in the beautiful town of Dryden is now home and visitors are welcome.”

Jonathan Kanter (LA) and Ann have moved to Fishkill, NY in the lower Hudson Valley after having lived in the Ithaca, NY area for 20 years. Jonathan retired as Planning Director for the Town of Ithaca, NY in 2011 and is doing part-time consulting work for municipalities in the Ithaca area. He is an Alternate Member of the Town of Fishkill Planning Board and is on the Board of Directors of the New York Planning Federation.

Marina Lane (FEB) writes, “Working as Sr. Planner for the Town of Union (out- side of Binghamton, NY), I was delighted to join my dear friend Susan (Allen) Anagnost (82, ERE), now NSF director and professor, for lunch during a recent Fall Planners Day in the fabulous new Gateway Center at ESF. This position has also led to working with other NSF alumni, such as Ted Laue (76, FRM), Ted Kolankowski (87, LA), and Ellen Hahn (96, FRM), among others. It is always a pleasure!”

Michael Long (LA) writes, “Retired as City Manager of Oneonta, NY, returned back to Auburn, NY and established Finger Lakes Planning and Development as a consulting practice. Planning and grants administrator firm for the recently-established Harriet Tubman National Historic Park in Auburn, NY.”

1981

John Wood (FRM) retired in Oct. 2014, after 30+ years NYS service with both the Office of Parks and Recreation and the DEC as a senior forester.

Members of Classes from the 1980s at the Alumni Opening Reception during Fall BBQ. From left, Doug Johnston (80, Chair of ESF’s Department of Landscape Architecture), Mary Clements ’82, Sandy Bonanno ’89/92, Gary Lipp ’86, and Tom Powers ’82.

Paul Bensadoun (FEG) writes, “Our 2015 Isa Memorandum was not a gimmick, but only a true statement. We feel, that the Elm trees around New York State should have been left without harvesting them. This is our wish.”

Robert Green (WPE) writes, “Hello from York, PA and Glafelter Paper Company. It’s been 31 years since graduation and I still have fond memories of ESF and Kappa Phi Delta. It was the best education that money could buy, and worth the price of admission. I hope all my brothers and little sisters have had all the good fortune and successes I’ve enjoyed all these years. Stanley from the P&H Lounge wishes you well. rggreen@ glafelter.com.”

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) has announced that Eric J. Jokela (FRM), a Professor of Silviculture and Forest Nutrition in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida, will be the 2015 recipient of the Harrington Moore Memorial Award in Biological Science. Dr. Jokela is an internationally recog- nized leader in the field of forestry and his research focuses on understanding how silvicultural treatments, genetics, nutrition, and their interactions impact forest productivity. His research takes place in the context of long-term experi- ments and consortia involving research- ers from forest industry, government agencies, and universities. By fostering collaboration and technology transfer through the research cooperatives he has led, Dr. Jokela’s research has impacted forest management on millions of acres of forestland in the southern United States. He has edited 3 book volumes, published more than 85 refereed journal articles and book chapters, and scores of technical publications in conference proceedings, trade journals and exten- sion publications. He has also received numerous local, regional, national and international awards for his research, teaching, outreach, and professional service, including being named an SAF Fellow in 2011. To read more please visit http://www.aa.ufl.edu/08195

1982

Michael Haas (LA) celebrated his firm’s 25th anniversary with an open house. He and his wife, Cathie, also celebrated their daughter’s wedding. Mike is the current President of the NYSNLA Region 8, and has honored by the NY Upstate Chapter ASLA in 2004 with “Practitioner of the Year” award.

1983

Samantas Tamos and husband Jon expecting our first grandchild in January 2006!”

Mark A. Somerville (FRM) writes, “What a wild ride it has been from the days of playing Ultimate Frisbee at Cranberry Lake. I’m still working with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as the Area Management Biologist for the Upper Copper and Upper Susitna Management Area. Just got back from 8 days of moose hunting and ready for some more. My wife and I have all three of our kids in college now and I find my- self reliving those years’ good times and challenges through them. Sure never dawned on me at ESF what it would be like to send my own brood off to school. Take care all.”

Mark Thomson (LA) writes, “Would like to hear from any fellow classmates (LSA 1980, 1981, 1982) to reconnect and catch up with current events. Please email me at nthomison@shucts.com.”
science aspects of ecosystem services into an easy-to-use tool is critical to making informed forest management decisions.

1986

Gary Lipp '86 (for right) was an advisor/counselor at a week-long BOCES program held at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station during the summer of 2015.

1992

Sean Janczki (LA) writes, "23 years after graduating from ESF I am still practicing Landscape Architecture. It's still a pleasure and an honor to design and create environments that can affect people's lives and their happiness. I miss a lot of my classmates! Hope to see more of you in 2016. Go ESF!"

1994

Dave Cunningham '94 and his wife, Christie, take a hike in the Adirondack Mountains during a recent trip to the Newcomb Campus Interpretive Center.

2019

now and I'm a process engineer at tissue mill in the North Carolina Blue Ridge Mountains.

Les Johnson (EFB) is living in Wisconsin with his wife, Leith, and two children. ESF has been on their minds lately: Liam (age 13) is studying botany in school, while DJ (age 10) is pining over Dad's Koolhede comics.

1995

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever announce Jim Inglis (EFB) as the organization's director of governmental affairs. A 14-year veteran of The Habitat Organization, Inglis will strengthen Pheasants Forever's state and national-level advocacy efforts to improve policies that benefit pheasants, quail and other wildlife. "Jim understands the grassroots nature of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever," said Dave Nomsen, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's vice president of governmental affairs. "Having served Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in multiple capacities - chapter volunteer, regional representative, Farm Bill biologist coordinator, governmental affairs representative - Jim is ready to represent Pheasants Forever in this new leadership role." As the director of governmental affairs, Inglis will serve an important role representing Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's collective voice on wildlife habitat conservation and hunting heritage, both at the state level and in Washington, D.C.

1998

Rafael Guzman (ES) will serve as the Director of Economic and Community Development for the city of Riverside, California starting September 2015. Previously he served as the Planning Director for the city of Bellflower, leading the city to its first climate action plan and bicycle master plan.

Frank Sidari III (FEG) is the recipient of Consulting-Specifying Engineer's 40 under 40 Award for combining engineer expertise with a specialization in water quality and Legionella, the water-borne bacteria that causesLegionnaires' disease. His novel approach promotes building water safety and prevents disease caused by waterborne pathogens. Early in his career, Sidari conducted the first held evaluation of chlorine dioxide disinfection of a hospital campus water system to control Legionella. At that time, chlorine dioxide was a new technology and a potential alternative...
April 2015. Lamont is 2 years old and has adjusted to our wacky home so quickly, it’s as if he was always here. His 4-year-old sister Maia is especially pleased to have a little brother she can already play with!

2000
Christopher Cox (FRM/EFB) writes, “After careful thought, I accepted a new position with the state of Michigan as a Forest Fire Officer. I am stationed at the Newberry office. My new job duties include fire protection, heavy equipment operations and fire prevention work in addition to timber work. My family is excited for the change and new adventure.”

2002
Joanne (Ward) Kos (ES) writes, “I will be joining the USA National Women’s Sevens Rugby team as their Team Manager as they go for Gold at the 2006 Summer Olympics in Rio. Follow the team on Twitter @USAWOMENSevts or Facebook USA Women’s Eagle Sevens.”

2004
Jennifer Conrad (EFB) writes, “I have recently accepted a job at the Downtown Management District in Denver. I am a bird and mammal trainer, working with Sumatran Tigers, River Otters, a serval, sloth, porcupine, h Uintung, and many other critters.”

Steven Noble (FRM) was recently elected Mayor of the City of Kingston, NY. Steve will leave his job as the city’s Environmental Program Operations Specialist on December 31st to undertake this new role. Steve hopes to bring a new level of professional leadership, sustainable economic development and an emphasis on bringing everyone to the table to get the job done in Kingston.

2005
Jill Rasmus (EFB) is working as a Natural Resource Management Teacher at an agricultural high school. She teaches students about wildlife, forestry and outdoor skills such as canoeing.

2007
Since moving to New Jersey upon graduation from ESF, Aaron Pastore (LA) has gained valuable experience working in several sectors of the Landscape Architecture field, including town planning, residential design-build, and commercial estimating and project management. He is pleased to announce that he received his NJ Landscape Architect license in July 2015.

2008
Alvin Chan (ERE) writes, “It has been quite a ride since graduating in 2008. Following graduation, I earned money to snowboard with fellow recent graduates from ESF in Utah for the winter of 2009. Following this, a classmate of mine from the University of Vermont and I road-tripped all over the west. We returned home that spring and in 2010 decided there would be no place I would rather be than Syracuse, so I moved back and started working. I met my soon-to-be wife in 2012, proposed in 2013 atop the world’s tallest, 2nd fastest rollercoaster, and became President of Q5 Rare Elements in 2015.”

Dan Crane (FRM/EFB) authored an Adirondack Almanack article on finding roads less traveled in the Adirondack back country. Dan is a field biologist and veteran Adirondack Explorer. To read the article please visit http://www.adirondackalmanack.com/2015/10/roads-less-traveled-five-ponds-wilderness.html

2010
Seth Jones (EFB) authored an ADK Mountain Club article on his trek along a recently-opened new section of the Northville-Placid Trail. Seth is Education Programs Coordinator for the Adirondack Mountain Club. To learn more please visit http://adkmountainclub.blogspot.com/2015/09/walking-new northville-placid-trail.html

2013
Brendan Galloway (EST) will complete his Masters in Climate Science and International Policy from the Australian National University in December, 2015. The University is located in Canberra, Australia.

Penn State Transportation Services has announced the hiring of Cecily Zhu (PSE) as its first alternative transportation coordinator. Zhu developed and promoted alternative transportation programs and initiatives for Highmark, the creation of new bicycle parking facilities at offices in Pittsburgh and Charleston, West Virginia. She has also worked for the city of Syracuse’s Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. “The hiring of our first alternative transportation coordinator is a major addition to the Transportation Services team that will better position us to meet both the University’s sustainabil-

ity goals and transportation needs”, said Rob DeMayo, Director of Transportation Services. “Cecily’s passion for alternative transportation, combined with her background in transportation planning and sustainability, make her the ideal candidate to continue our efforts to provide a variety of commuting and on-
campus transportation programs to the Penn State community.”

2014
Liane DeFosa (EST) writes, “I served in NYC Civic Corps at Sustainable South Bronx, an organization that works to fight the environmental, social and economic disparities that exist in NYC amongst individuals based on racial, ethnic, social & classist status. I developed programs and initiatives for the Yale University Greening & Environmental Stewardship Job Training departments to increase residents positive exhibition of environmental feedback (500).”

Cody Quinn (LA) and Bridget Bromm (LA) are thrilled to announce their engagement. Cody popped the question at a meaningful spot on the Appalachian Trail near Bear Mountain State Park. Bridget completed a renovation plan for this section of the trail during her intern-
ship with NYS Parks via AmeriCorps in 2013. The construction of her plan had just been completed!”

2015 • Welcome!

The ESF Alumni Association welcomes the December 2015 Graduates as alumni! We’d like to hear from you. Please send your photos and news! Class Notes can be submitted on line at www.esf.edu/forms/alumni_clasnote.asp, via email to alumni@esf.edu, or mailed to: ESF Alumni Office, 1 Forestry Drive, 219 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210
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DR. ROBIN W. KIMMERER
Brading Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants
Called the work of “a mesmerizing storyteller with deep compassion and memorable prose” (Publishers Weekly) and the book that “anyone interested in native history, botany, protecting nature, or Native American culture will love,” by Library Journal, Brading Sweetgrass is poised to be a classic of nature writing. As a botanist, Robin Wall Kimmerer asks questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces indigenous teachings that consider plants and animals to be our oldest teachers. Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together to take “us on a journey that is every bit as mythic as it is scientific, as sacred as it is historical, as clever as it is wise” (Elizabeth Gilbert). Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, a mother, and a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings offer us gifts and lessons, even if we’ve forgotten how to hear their voices.

DR. ROBIN W. KIMMERER
Gathering Moss
Living at the limits of our ordinary perception, mosses are a common but largely unnoticed element of the natural world. Gathering Moss is a beautifully written mix of science and personal reflection that invites readers to explore and learn from the elegantly simple lives of mosses. Robin Wall Kimmerer’s book is not an identification guide, nor is it a scientific treatise. Rather, it is a series of love letters, personal essays that will lead general readers and scientists alike to an understanding of how mosses live and how their lives are intertwined with the lives of countless other beings, from salmon and hummingbirds to redwoods and rednecks. Kimmerer clearly and artfully explains the biology of mosses, while at the same time reflecting on what these fascinating organisms have to teach us. Drawing on her diverse experiences as a scientist, mother, teacher, and writer of Native American heritage, Kimmerer explains the stories of mosses in scientific terms as well as in the framework of indigenous ways of knowing. In her book, the natural history and cultural relationships of mosses become a powerful metaphor for ways of living in the world. Gathering Moss will appeal to a wide range of readers, from horticulturists to those interested in natural history and the environment, native Americans, and contemporary nature and science writing.

CLAUD L. BROWN, L. KATHERINE KIRKMAN, AND DR. DONALD LEOPOLD
Native Trees of the Southeast: An Identification Guide
The diversity of woody plants in the Southeast is unparalleled in North America. Native Trees of the Southeast is a practical, compact field guide for the identification of the more than 225 trees native to the region, from the Carolinas and eastern Tennessee south through Georgia into northern Florida and west through Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas into eastern Texas. For confident identification, nearly 600 photographs, close to 500 of them in color. Illustrate leaves, flowers and fruits or cones, bark, and twigs with buds. Full descriptions are accompanied by keys for plants in both summer and winter condition, as well as over 200 range maps. Crucial differences between plants that may be mistaken for each other are discussed and notes on the uses of the trees in horticulture, forestry, and for wildlife are included.

DR. DONALD LEOPOLD
Native Plants of the Northeast: A Guide for Gardening and Conservation
Dr. Donald Leopold lists nearly 700 species of native trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, grasses, and wildflowers. Illustrated with 590 color photographs, his guide provides detailed information on each plant’s cultivation and propagation, height, color, seasonal range, and hardiness. An appendix recommends particular plants that tolerate wet and dry soil and attract butterflies, hummingbirds, and mammals such as deer, opossums, and raccoons.

DR. DONALD LEOPOLD
Trees of New York State Native and Naturalized
ISBN-10: 0-8156-3002-6
Donald J. Leopold’s botanical descriptions for each species include a summary of its key identification characteristics and extensive information on its leaves, flowers, fruit, winter characteristics, and bark. Additional material is provided on each tree’s habit, habitat and range, and uses, including wood properties and value, landscaping, and restoration projects. Also provided are summer keys to each genus and numerous other aids to identifying these species. Line drawings depict numerous, fine diagnostic characteristics of each species. Of the 450 color photographs, those of bark should readily facilitate field identification of mature specimens of most tree species. Color photos show the beautiful ornamental attributes that make so many native species excellent landscape choices. This book will offer much to both the tree novice and the expert, casual and accomplished outdoor enthusiasts alike.

DR. DONALD LEOPOLD
Textbook of Dendrology
After nearly 60 years, with descriptions of more than 270 species and almost 200 illustrations, Textbook of Dendrology continues to remain a top resource for taxonomic and silvicultural information on North American trees. In this new edition, material throughout the text has been updated and expanded to provide current information on tree sizes, damaging diseases and insect pest, economic uses, and silvics. Because of growing concern for the environment, it is even more necessary for students to know and understand the importance of conservation. Many of these issues are incorporated throughout the book.

DR. DONALD LEOPOLD
Trees of the Central Hardwood Forests of North America — An Identification and Cultivation Guide
Encompassing part or all of 28 eastern U.S. states and two Canadian provinces, the central hardwood forests cover a variety of habitats and include trees adapted to a broad range of conditions. This book describes 188 native or naturalized tree species found in these forests, plus 84 trees that are commonly planted in the region.

DUDLEY RAYNAL AND DR. DONALD LEOPOLD
Landowner’s Guide to State Protected Plants of New York State
About one-quarter of the vascular plant species protected by law in New York State are found in forests. The Landowner’s Guide to State-protected Plants of New York State, by Dudley J. Raynal and Donald J. Leopold (SUNY-ESF, published in 1999, 92 pages), is a glossy, colorful guide to many of these species as well as an explanation of the various legal status categories. The purpose of this book is to present the key diagnostic characteristics of these species. Forty-eight species of ferns and allies, 65 “wildflowers” (including 34 orchids), and 13涵盖 species are presented featuring crisp, bright photographs, brief botanical descriptions, habitat information, and NYNHP global and state ranks (in 1999).

EARLE LAYER ’69
Darkness Follows Light
Darkness Follows Light is a love story, the story of Pattie and Earle: their courtship, romance, and extraordinary love. They married on a Teton mountain summit and honeymooned in romantic French Polynesia. Their lives were richly filled with outdoor adventures in the natural splendor of the Yellowstone-Teton region. Their shared passion for conservation and wilderness led them to remote corners of the globe tracking endangered species in Alaska, Ecuador, Madagascar, Tanzania, Uganda, and the Yellowstone backcountry. Pattie and Earle shared everything, even ill-fated illness. Their once enviable lifestyle disintegrated into the oppressive world of life-threatening cancer. After Pattie's courageous struggle and untimely death, Earle's life collapsed into dark despair. This memoir does not end with Pattie's tragic passing; rather, it goes on to trace Earle's personal journey into the dark, est depths of grief to shine a light on bereavement and the miracle of love.

WHAT WE'RE READING
Moon Library has a new display on “What We're Reading” for the spring semester. This semester's theme is “Food.” You can see a list of the books here: http://libguides.esf.edu/foodbooks, or stop in the library to check one out!
Cranberry Lake Centennial Celebration

Join us August 5–7 to celebrate 101 years at Barber’s Point!

To commemorate this special occasion, we would like to invite all of you to join us as we look back over the last century.

We will have enhanced programming throughout the weekend and will include a number of new activities such as the “Cranberry Lake Games” featuring a scavenger hunt, and a “What is That?” photo contest. Remaining on the schedule are the old favorites like the Flora Lake with Don Leopold and the Mushroom and Fungi walk with Alex Weir. And of course, what Cranberry Lake Reunion would be complete without music around the campfire after enjoying a hearty BBQ dinner?

Family-Friendly Reunion Planned

In honor of the Centennial, and in order to include as many of our alumni as possible, we will be making the reunion more “family-friendly.” For the first time, alumni may bring tents and “camp out” in and around the CLBS quad. In addition, children will be permitted to attend, so why not make this a fun family weekend get-away that the whole family can enjoy?

Day One at the Biltmore will include a Horticulture Design Program tour, lunch, an opportunity to tour the grounds, the on-site winery, and more! Day Two will be spent at the “Cradle of Forestry” Center. Although the Center does not technically open to the public until April, our group is being offered a special opportunity to tour the grounds and learn all about the “Birthplace of Forestry in America.” Precise details, including possible hotel room blocks and pricing information, will be finalized shortly. If you are interested in registering for this very special opportunity, please e-mail the Alumni Office at alumni@esf.edu or call 315-470-6632.

Central New York Alumni Dinner

Join us on April 7th at the historic Springside Inn for the annual Central New York Alumni Dinner!

Online Reservations
Make your reservation at www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 24 & 25

Very Unique Alumni Event in North Carolina!

March 24th & 25th
The Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC
The “Cradle of Forestry” Center, Pisgah Forest, NC

Join us for two days of exclusive programming at the renowned Biltmore Estate and the “Cradle of Forestry.” Interpretive Center at Pisgah Forest, a true landmark of forest conservation history. Day One at the Biltmore will include a full slate of activities, including a Horticulture Design Program tour, lunch, an audio-tour of the Estate, plus free time to explore the grounds, the on-site winery, and more! Day Two will be spent at the “Cradle of Forestry” Center. Although the Center does not technically open to the public until April, our group is being offered a special opportunity to tour the grounds and learn all about the “Birthplace of Forestry in America.” Precise details, including possible hotel room blocks and pricing information, will be finalized shortly. If you are interested in registering for this very special opportunity, please e-mail the Alumni Office at alumni@esf.edu or call 315-470-6632.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 30

The Dale L. Travis Lecture Series Presents: Renewal of a Jewel
Onondaga Lake: Effective Collaboration Among Students, Scientists, Agencies and Private Enterprise

A lecture by Dr. Neil Ringler, Distinguished Teaching Professor and Vice Provost for Research, SU-ESF. Since 1986, Dr. Ringler and more than thirty of his graduate students have studied the lake’s aquatic habitats and organisms. Topics have ranged from aquatic plants to zebra mussels, sturgeon to sunfish, as well as large-mouth and smallmouth bass, and walleye. You are invited to hear Dr. Ringler discuss this important work on the recovery of what was once considered America’s most polluted lake, and the collaborations that have made his research program on the Lake so successful.

Event Details
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2016 Gateway Center, SUNY-ESF
This event is open to the public. A reception will follow the lecture. Admission to the lecture and reception is free. Parking will be available on campus.

For More Information
Visit www.esf.edu/efb/travislecture/ E-mail cllandis@syry.edu

This event made possible by the generous support of Dale L. Travis ’59
The overall goal of the landscaping and building features is to minimize the precipitation and snowmelt runoff into the sewer system. Additional goals include having a sustainable landscape that reflects the unique programs and values of ESF.

The most unusual element for the new Quad is the establishment of an inland (i.e., non-tidal) salt marsh that will resemble the few remaining salt marshes in central New York. These salt marshes once covered large areas around and near Onondaga Lake including the entire current site of Alliance Bank Stadium. Less than a few acres of these very rare natural communities exist in the Northeast, and they are all in central New York. The plants that thrive in these natural communities can tolerate extremely saline and droughty conditions. To support this unique planting on campus, snow, laden with salt, will be piled up near the edge of the Quad. Snowmelt will run into the basin planted with the native inland salt marsh species (many of the same plant species of eastern US tidal salt marshes). Additional basins will be included in the landscape for freshwater marshes that will receive water from buildings.

If the attention that ESF's Gateway Center green roof received is any indication, we expect the new Quad landscape to garner significant national and international attention. For all plantings, a program for students and faculty to monitor the vegetation and environmental factors is planned. We also hope to establish a unique internship program on campus in which interested ESF students will be selected to manage these plantings, as well as all other plantings on campus.

The biggest concern now is that because of years of delay in building the ARB, the budget allocated is now likely insufficient to cover the cost of installing most of this landscape. As all other plantings on campus.