SUNY Board of Trustees Appoints Interim President of ESF
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Dr. David C. Amberg has been appointed interim president of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. His appointment is effective July 1, 2018.

“Dr. Amberg’s expertise in research and the sciences will greatly benefit the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, as will his dedication to excellence in teaching and fostering creativity inside and outside of the classroom,” said SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson. “The importance Dr. Amberg places on research will allow for SUNY-ESF to continue to set itself apart as an institution and embrace new opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship. Congratulations to Dr. Amberg on his appointment.”

“I am humbled and honored to be asked by the Chancellor and SUNY Trustees to act in this interim role to support the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry,” said Dr. Amberg. “I consider SUNY-ESF to be a gem in the SUNY system whose relevance both in research, education, and community outreach could not be more critical at a time of environmental degrada- tion and environmental change.”

“Our mission is critically important to me and SUNY-ESF’s mission could not be more aligned with my values. I look forward to working very closely with the outstanding faculty, moving forward in a positive direction, and preparing SUNY-ESF for its next permanent president,” he added.

Amberg has served as vice president for research at Upstate Medical University since December 2014, overseeing clinical, translational and basic research portfolios of the campus. During his ten- ure, Upstate Medical has seen three consecutive years of near double-digit growth in research expenditures and a five-fold increase in clinical trial expenditures.

He has also held academic appoint- ments in Upstate Medical’s Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology since 1996 and was named full profes- sor in 2008. He was awarded the Presi- dent’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2004, was named a SUNY UMO-Ja- cobson Scholar in 2009, received the President’s Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research in 2011, and was awarded the Chancellor’s Award for Ex- cellence in Scholarship and Creative Ac- tivities in 2012.

Dr. Amberg earned his doctorate in biochemistry from Dartmouth Medical School in 1992. He completed a postdoc- toral fellowship at Stanford University School of Medicine in the Department of Genetics, and earned a bachelor of arts in biology/chemistry from Whitman College in 1983.

The Alumni Association will contin- ue to keep you apprised of developments in regards to the search and selection of our next College President.

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Senior Reunion and Alumni & Family Fall Weekend

Honoring Senior Alumni
Our Senior Reunion activities kick off on Friday morning with a behind-the-scenes visit to the ESF Archives with Jane Verostek ’92, Associate Librarian. Following the Archives, we will be hosting a Se- nior Reunion brunch where we will be joined by members of the administration as well as several Department Chairs who can answer all of your questions about the College today. After brunch, we’re very ex- cited to announce that Environmental & Forest Biology Professor Dr. Donald Leo- pond will be taking all senior alumni on an exclusive “Dendro-Walk” around cam- pus and through Oakwood Cemetery for a quick dendrology lesson (or review!).

Events that will include our younger alumni (those celebrating 45 years or less) will begin with the Alumni Asso- ciation Annual Meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Join us as we review the activities from the previous year and talk about some of the new initiatives for the current year.

Fall Weekend Full of Events
Our “Welcome Reception” for alumni will start at 5:30 p.m. in the scenic Gate- way Center...the first hour of the recep- tion will be just for our returning alumni and their guests. It is a great time to meet up with your fellow classmates, get your class photos taken and reminisce a bit. At 6:30 p.m., our current students and their families will join in the celebra- tion. The Reception will feature heavy hors d’oeuvres (really a meal) and a cash bar. As an added bonus, members of the ecotones, ESF’s very-own a cappella vo- cal group, will be on hand to entertain us with their musical stylings. Along those lines, be sure to check out the “Coffee Haus” talent showcase in the Alumni Lounge following the Reception. You will be amazed at the talents of our students and faculty. Please note that alumni are strongly encouraged to participate in the “Coffee Haus.” If you have a talent that you would like to perform, please plan on doing so!

Saturday brings another full day of activities starting with a 5K Fun Run/Walk through Oakwood Cemetery at 8:30. We’ll be selling special Fun Run t-shirts to benefit the ESF Athletics Pro- gram. The Fun Run will be followed by a continental breakfast in Marshall Hall and then a variety of opportunities to meet and mingle with students and facul- ty throughout the day. Activities will include tours of the ESF greenhouses, the Hydro-Lab, and the Roosevelt Wild- life Collection, whose new exhibition space in the Gateway Center’s lower lev- el will be on display. We’ll also be offer- ing the extremely popular dendro-walk with Dr. Don Leopold, a special presen- tation on a historical aspect of ESF by Kevin Reynolds, ESF Hoverter College Archives volunteer, ESF Athletics games and demos, a chance to learn about the groundbreaking American chestnut project at our Lafayette Road Experimental Station, an Activities Fair, the BBQ, and Fun Run/Walk.

The annual “Taste of CNY” will be held in the Gateway Center on Sat- urday afternoon. The “taste” will feature snacks, beer, wine and hard cider (non- alcoholic beverages will also be provided) produced right here in New York State. This is a great way to cap-off your day, or to make plans to get together with fellow alumni on Saturday evening. Later that night, we’ll be hosting a dinner honoring our “senior alumni” (those that graduat- ed 50 years or more). While the Class of 1968 will be the honored class, we will also welcome back members from the classes of 1963, 1958, 1953, and 1948.

Group photos of all of the classes will be taken and later mailed to everyone as a memento of the event. Finish off the weekend in ESF fash- ion with a “bon voyage” Pancake Break- fast in the Gateway Center on Sunday morning.

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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.

Important Message About Event Invitations

From Snail Mail to E-Mail!

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Mailing Address Still Needed

Since many of our events are regional, it is also important that we have your correct mailing address in our database so that you receive electronic invitations to gatherings in your area! Visit http://www.esf.edu/forms/alumni/addresschange.asp to fill out your current address and we’ll check it against our records.

Events Calendar Online

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Central New York Alumni Dinner

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Stay Connected via E-mail

If we do not have your e-mail address on file, or if you have unsubscribed from our mailing lists, you will, unfortunately, miss out on receiving event invitations from us. Not only that, but if you have unsubscribed from our mailings lists, you are missing out on all electronic communications from ESF, including our E-Newsletters, important messages from the College, and more.

In mid-June SUNY Chancellor Dr. Kristina Johnson announced the appointment of Dr. David Amberg as the Interim President of the College. I hope that as we move through the next year or so, you will have an opportunity to meet him and take the time to share your vision of ESF with him.

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Interim President Welcome Message | Dr. David C. Amberg

It is both an honor and a privilege to be asked to serve the ESF community in the capacity of Interim President at what, I think we can all agree, is a critical juncture. I have been deeply touched by the number of faculty, staff and alumni who have reached out to me personally to congratulate, welcome and offer me assistance. I am keenly aware of the intense pride that ESF alumni have for their alma mater, your strong connection and commitment to the College are palpable. This is precisely the energy we need—your energy—to help catalyze positive and forward progress.

ESF’s mission could not be more aligned with my background and personal values. I grew up immersed in the world of environmental science. My father, Herman Amberg, was Director of the Environmental Services Division of Crown Zellerbach co-located with what was, at the time, the third largest paper mill in the world in Camas, Washington. He led a team responsible for inventing the technology that would keep Crown’s mills compliant with regulations of the nascent Environmental Protection Agency. His particular expertise was in bacterial processing of wastewater and I have many fond memories of traveling with him to watch the construction of “Amberg Pond,” a large wastewater treatment facility, one of the first of its kind and still in operation today.

I grew up roaming the woods and find my center and purpose in the natural world. Throughout my lifetime I have hiked, hiked, backpacked and skied in the mountains of Washington, Oregon, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. It is for these very personal reasons that I am so pleased to be asked to lead your institution.

The ESF alumni are critical to our future. Over the next few months, we will be actively engaging faculty, students and alumni as we work toward building positive working relationships within the College community, developing the best solutions for problems and identifying future directions. I will update and engage you regularly throughout this process. The path forward must be well-grounded in the strengths of the College with a forward vision to create future opportunities for students and faculty, as well as a sustainable future for the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. I need you to get the word out. We’ll be moving together as a community.

From your newest Stumpie, thanks for all of the support.

Alumni Eco-tour to Savannah
If you weren’t able to join us — y’all missed a great trip!

Over the past decade or so, the ESF Alumni Association has been organizing trips for our alumni and their families. We have ranged tours of the Galapagos Islands, an Alaskan cruise, the battlefield at Gettysburg, a whale watching excursion on Cape Cod and the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. This year, alumni from across the country gathered in Savannah, GA for the trip of a lifetime.

Thanks to ESF alumnus Fran LaPolla ‘68 and his wife Kathy, who run Savannah Coastal EcoTours, this was a truly unforgettable trip! Our adventure began with a day-long excursion at the Ossabaw Island Heritage Preserve, an exquisite barrier island about 20 miles below Savannah’s historic district. Once owned by indigo and cotton planters, the island is now a state-designated Heritage Preserve that limits visitation to ensure its environmental and cultural preservation. Even the boat ride to the island is a journey in itself, a series of opportunities with a dolphin sighting and a pair of Osprey with their young. As a part-time naturalist and host for the Ossabaw Island Foundation, Fran’s knowledge of the island brought to life the rich history of its working farms. Native American settlements and the Genesis Project, a self-sustaining community that was housed on the island from 1970-1983.

The following morning was spent enjoying a relaxing kayak trip up Ebenezer Creek, a black water creek tributary of the Savannah River. What better way to spend the morning than paddling along the glass-like surface of the Creek while navigating through the ancient dwarf bald cypress that dominate the area? The peaceful surroundings allowed us to listen for the distinctive sounds of the pileated woodpecker while catching a glimpse of the many herons, egrets and osprey that inhabit the area.

The afternoon was spent in the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge with American alligators, herons, purple gallinules and swallow-tailed kites to keep us company as we drove through the tidal freshwater marsh.

Our final day was dedicated to learning about the founding of the city of Savannah through a visit to the Wormsloe State Historic Site. This colonial estate was the home of Noble Jones and his family, one of the original settlers in Georgia. The entrance to the estate is 1.5 miles long and is lined with over 400 live oak trees—the longest live oak entrance in the world. Once on the estate, we were treated to a guided tour of the grounds highlighting the fortified home, the remains of which are the oldest tabby structure in Savannah, as well as interactive demonstrations of colonial life.

And of course, what trip to Savannah would be complete without trying all the southern delicacies like a good-old-fashioned southern boil, shrimp and grits and the world-famous Leopold’s ice cream?

For all of the wonderful places we visited and memories we made, I think I can speak for everyone when I say that the highlight of the trip was getting to know so many incredible ESF alumni! The majority of the group started out the trip as strangers, but ended as friends making plans to keep in touch and thinking about where our next alumni trip should be!

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We are glad to welcome a new faculty member in the Chemistry Department. Dr. Gyeom Lee joined the college this summer. Dr. Lee is a professor of physical chemistry at Seoul National University. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and joined our faculty in the fall. Dr. Lee teaches several courses in general chemistry and organic chemistry. He also plays a part in many cancers. The initial results were published at a botanical conference in Vancouver, Vienna and Beijing. Dr. Hassett gave invited presentations at conferences in Vancouver, Vienna, Rome, and Palermo. Graduate student, Yunjun Bi '17 successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation and is now working for Pixar (Animation for Imaging). Samantha Steele '14, Lisa Paulsen and Andrew Palm '18 are continuing their research with Sarah Golightley, a former lab member of the Driscoll group. They are continuing their research, with Sara Golightley (M.S.-Chemistry, 1995) to investigate biological effects of 1,1-diphenylethanes, contaminants in Onondaga Lake that are highly toxic when ingested. Their studies have been characterized before. Dr. Lewis' lab found that they are very toxic to zebrafish embryos and mice. A really fun project that has been featured in our lab, undergraduate researchers Am- ber Unleh (B.S. Environmental Science, 2014) and Crystal Welch (B.S.-Chemistry, 2018) find that these compounds bio- accumulate strongly in zebrafish eggs and zebrafish larvae and mice. We wish to thank all of our alumnus for their donations to our Centennial campaign and others for their consistent support in the future. Through their generosity, we were able to increase the endowment of several fellowships and awards to benefit our undergradu- tate and graduate students.

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Dr. Mark Driscoll '92 continues to teach Analytical Chemistry (FCH 384) and Nuclear and Radiation Chemistry (FCH 496 and 796). His research focuses on the effects of mercury on the human body, specifically in non-organizing environmental and poly- mer chemistry. This past year, he gave a keynote address at the groundbreaking ceremony for new expansions at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Dr. Driscoll gave invited talks at conferences in Vancouver, Vienna and Rome. Graduate student, Yunjun Bi '17 successfully defended her Ph.D. disserta- tion and is now working for Pixar (Animation for Imaging). Samantha Steele '14, Lisa Paulsen and Andrew Palm '18 are continuing their research with Sarah Golightley, a former lab member of the Driscoll group. They are continuing their research, with Sara Golightley (M.S.-Chemistry, 1995) to investigate biological effects of 1,1-diphenylethanes, contaminants in Onondaga Lake that are highly toxic when ingested. Their studies have been characterized before. Dr. Lewis' lab found that they are very toxic to zebrafish embryos and mice. A really fun project that has been featured in our lab, undergraduate researchers Am- ber Unleh (B.S. Environmental Science, 2014) and Crystal Welch (B.S.-Chemistry, 2018) find that these compounds bio- accumulate strongly in zebrafish eggs and zebrafish larvae and mice. We wish to thank all of our alumnus for their donations to our Centennial campaign and others for their consistent support in the future. Through their generosity, we were able to increase the endowment of several fellowships and awards to benefit our undergradu- tate and graduate students.

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Dr. Chris Nomura has developed a new focus on Environmental Sampling Methods, which includes a lab component. In this course, her students learn to collect oceanographic and atmospheric samples and perform subsequent physical, chemical, and biological analyses. The course also covers topics such as water sampling, air pollutants, noise, radiation, microbes, and allergens, and addresses the health hazards of environmental ozone in patients with coronary heart disease, the identification of potential components in the patients at ozone levels below the EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards. She has also served as a panel member for two webinars focused on conducting research at smaller institutions and how to prepare for the academic job search through the Societies for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) and other scientific societies. She continues to be an active member within the Society of Toxicology, where this year she served on the Awards Committee and the Paper of the Year Award for the Women in Toxicology, and she will be giving a new graduate student into her lab, Shelby Coleman, who will begin working on a project assessing air quality impacts at small rural communities in the Southeast.

Dr. Christopher Nomura: The article “Targeting the alternative sigma factor Rho of the more virulent pseudomonas aeruginosa” (https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-017-12667-y) published by Dr. Christopher Nomura and researchers from Upstate Medical University and Otisville University was listed as one of the top 100 articles in Microbiology in the journal Scientific Reports. In this study, Dr. Nomura and co-workers engineered a peptide and defined a mechanism to shut down gene expression of a group of genes associated with virulence in the bacterial pathogen Pseudomonas aeruginosa. This has led to a recently issued US patent (Synthetic peptide or gene expression from a binding site of interest, US Patent 9,879,651). Dr. Nomura’s group has also received an allowance for another related method to develop Escherichia coli for production of poly-R-3-hydroxyalkanoate polymers with degradable materials with a wide range of physical properties. Dr. Nomura has also worked with ECS alumni, Professor Qin Wang ’12 of Hubei University to engineer Bacillus licheniformis to produce shikimate, an essential precursor to anti-influenza drugs (Ratios design and method of producing shikimate from Bacillus licheniformis strain, published in PLoS Bio). Dr. Art Stipanovic (’74, ’79) and his research group continue to focus on technologies that support the vision of a future food and based on a high-throughput analytical methods to rapidly characterize the composition of wooden feedstocks, the isolation and characterization of a novel, hard-wood-based cyanobacteria that can significantly increase the rate at which Saccharomyces yeasts convert sugars to ethanol. This work has been supported by the USDA McIntire-Stennis Cooperator Forestry Research program and the DOE through a grant focused on the use of lignocellulosic feedstocks to produce low-biomass (Salix sp.) for energy and chemical production. In addition to teaching and research, Dr. Stipanovic and his collaborators have received a Biofuels Pilot Plant at the Syracuse Center of Excellence. After a career in industrial R&D and almost 20 years at ESF, Art plans to retire at the end of August 2018. The clouds, cold and snow of Syracuse have been too much for Art. The Stipanovic’s and they plan to relocate to the island of Kauai in Hawaii for some much needed sun, surf and rum-based exotic cocktails. Cheers! Dr. Mark Tece’s M.S. student, Sierra Jech, was awarded a Sussman Fellowship and a Pathfinder Grant to support her work on microbials and travelled to the Great Salt Lake in Utah to collect samples. Sierra graduated in Spring 2018 and is pursuing a Ph.D. at UC Boulder. This summer Mark Tece will begin a new project to develop a chemical indicator to measure the risk of leaking mercury from mercury wet deposition tanks in the Northeast and hopes to quantify the health and environmental impacts of harmful algae blooms in lakes. Dr. Tece was nominated to the science advisory board for the Old Ezra bottle program, which focuses on a series of projects focused on water quality and public use of this historical resource. Dr. Roxanne Razavi joined us in August 2017 as Assistant Professor and is currently advising four graduate students and directing Adaptive Peptide Seminar. Dr. Razavi is an expert in molecular and structural biology of photosynthetic bacteria and designed a new project to develop a chemical inhibitor of the biota of Orondaga Lake, including the success of newly-discovered Atlantic salmon and a remarkable sturgeon population. As Professor Razavi continues to establish the Orondaga Lake Science Center on the lakeshore, and continues to teach Aquatic Entomology and Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy.

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Adjunct Professor Jin Yoshimura, of Shizuoka University, Japan, and her students continued to work in China on invasion dynamics: climate and physiological capacity as regulators of geographical spread. The $300,000 funding to Dylan was awarded by Chancellor Kristiefer's patent application to the Reimagine the Canals Competition run by the New York State Barge Canal Corporation. The project assesses the possibility of increasing irrigation to agricultural land in Western New York via the Barge Canal. Also on the team was ERE alumnum Mike Fratesi, a senior hydrologist with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Dr. Karin Limburg was recognized with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities 2017-18. She continues her fast fisheries patchwork program with students to an otoloth symposium in Tanzania, leading a new watershed ecology course for nine international students and co-authoring a major article in Science about ocean deoxygenation.

Dr. Alexander Wei was recognized for his significant contribution to the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. His Mycological Society of America is the largest in the country, and he added a new “Microbial Consortia” course that treats lichens, slime molds and myxobacteria. Wei is working on a major paper with former graduate student, Lauren Goldmann, on the Phylogeny of the Laboulbeniomycetes, discovered 15 years of work in this understudied group, and the first higher-level phylogeny of the group based on molecular data sets. His article on fungal diversity in the Cranberry Lake Biological Station, teaching her courses in entomology, and Disease Prevention, and expanding our understanding of the quality of life in Central New York.
convert ammonia in anaerobic digestate and wastewater into ammonium sulfite crystals. Dr. Tao is establishing a pilot process to recover dilute forms of digested chicken manure and reutilize dier gester, as well as refining the techniques for separating the salts from source-separated human urine.

Dr. Chuck Kroll published a paper with Mr. Stimson T.agnatta in the journal Science, in which they recommended ways to improve the estimation of low stream flows. The study highlights the importance of using satellite measurements to estimate stream flows.

Institutional Support Specialist Paul Szemkow will be retiring on August 22, 2018. Over the decades he has utilized his skills and knowledge of marketing and business processes to help shape the ever-changing technologies and disciplines that ERE has to offer students. In structure and in spirit, Dr. Szemkow continues as instructor for the course ERE 300, Introduction to Geopatal Information Technologies. Chris Somoroff, P.E., taught Energy Systems Engineering, and Matthew Werner, P.Eng., taught Mechanics of Materials, Pilar Lyons (2008 B.S., E.I.T.) taught Humanitarian Engineering, Greg Moore, P.Eng., taught Energy Systems Engineering, and Matt Marko, P.E., Director of Region 7 for NYS DEC and Chair of the ESF Board of Trustees, co-taught with me on the BASE program.

This summer I completed my 2nd and final term as ERE Department Chair. A timeline of these years includes: the student composites hanging along the 4th floor of Baker Lab, the ERE blogs (https://erengineering.wordpress.com/), and ERE social media posts via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. This per iod involved changing our ABET EAC accreditation from Forest Engineering to Environmental Systems Engineering, and developing ERE's humanitarian engi neering courses, growing participation in ERE. The past two years I have served in the National Academy of Engineer ing Grand Challenge Scholars Program, updating our curriculum to meet SUNY Seamless Transfer paths and ABET EAC (with changes to surveying and statics and experience).

In support of Lindi's success as chair for the ERE Department, representing excellent students, faculty, staff, and ties to Teds. To close out this academic year, it is my duty to fortunate you to continue your success with The Nature Conservation project on a tasking assignment of the ERE program.

Fred Bellard -- rdbriggs@esf.edu. As you can see from the feedback, this program was a high note with a reception preceding the Environmental Science program.

Environmental Science

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Dr. Andrea Feldpausch-Parker has been working with collaborators to develop a new tool, "The Voice", for engaging Energy Democracy social movement. She was one of four scholars, including Dr. Danielle Endres (University of Utah), Dr. Leah Yuan (University of Colorado Boulder), and Dr. Tarla Peterson (University of Texas, El Paso), who received funding from the National Science Foundation to study public participation in local polluters and relevant comparison areas. Ms. DeBaise, who has a National Park Service grant pending for work in the Adirondacks, and she is also presenting a paper she currently has in preparation. She also presented the aforementioned work on environmental migration at the University of Sydney, where her work has been published in the journal, *The Voice*. Her essay, "Revitalizing Urban Waterway Inventory University Challenge program. Dr. Andrea Feldpausch-Parker, co-authored with Professor Robert Malmsh @esf.edu

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Battlesfield cultural landscape study. Through the College's Open Academy, he has worked with a group of faculty and students to develop the College's first on-line degree program, focusing on sustainability management. He was also appointed by President Wheeler to a committee to improve the College's recruiting and marketing plan. He contributed two essays to a book, Lifeline Anthropology: The Work of Terrence Harkness (edited by M. Elen Dering). Most recently, he was invited to give lectures at several universities in southern Germany.

This spring also marked added changes in Department faculty. Associate Professor Martin Hogue, who has returned to practice with Michael Van Valkenburg and Associates in Cambridge, MA, and Visiting Associate Professor Martin Hogue, was appointed as a Visiting Teaching Professor at Cornell University. We will miss them both.

Paper and Bioprocess Engineering
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Intern Chair and Professor and Director, Empire State Paper, Paper and Bioprocess Engineering
An update from the Department of Paper & Bioprocess Engineering was not available at the time of publication. We will aim to print a PBE Update in the Winter 2019 issue of the Alumni News.

ESF Open Academy
Formerly ESF Outreach
Chuck Sanches - csanches@esf.edu
www.esf.edu/openacademy
Dean

As you may know by now, the ESF Outreach Department has been renamed. We are now the ESF Open Academy. This new name represents an academic unit that encompasses the College’s Summer Semester, Academic Year Visiting Students, Professional Development Programs, as well as ESF’s Online Education programs, along with a re-established Teaching & Learning Collaboratory. This new name additionally represents our commitment to ongoing innovation and to bring a leader in the evolving higher education environment.

The Open Academy staff have been busy and productive this year! Katherine Searing, Assistant Dean; Brandon Murphy, Coordinator of the Teaching Learning Collaboratory; Barbara Newman, Coordinator of Summer Semester and Visiting Students; Mary Rathbun, Office Manager; Dan Collins, Graduate Assistant; and our team of staff assistants, teaching assistants, faculty, staff, and other collaborators to make the needle with respect to online education.

To be successful, that is, for ESF’s online education to be effective educationally, fully-institutionalized, and financially-sustainable, we must develop a core portfolio of educational programs that are online-compatible and market-able, primarily for students we are not currently able to reach. This will include, for example:

- A Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Professional Development
- One or more Master’s Degrees (non-thesis), each with Advanced Certificates as ‘laddered’ components of each program; and

- Mission- and academic-program aligned non-credit Professional Development Programs. We also intend to increase and ag-gregate individual faculty-driven online courses in our Summer Semester (along with distinct on-campus and field-experience courses) and explore an online Winter Term as ways to:

- Retain our own students during these periods and serve visiting students; and

- Drive enrollment and support progress and completions in our online and on-campus degree programs.

To these, over the last many months, all pertinent online education regulatory and compliance requirements have been fulfilled, and numerous activities and milestones have been achieved. This includes:

- ESF Open Academy, Teaching & Learning Collaboratory (housed in the Brown Training Room), and Teaching Support Services.
- SUNY Expanded Investment and Performance Fund (EIPF) grant to strengthen our online support pilot education online programs ($190,000 / 7.1.16 – 6.30.18)
- Open SUNY Online Education Institution - Online Degree Self-study Process (Spring 2017)
- Open SUNY Online Education Enrollment Management - Online degree self-study and planning process, along with related formal and informal environmental scanning, benchmarking, consultations, and on-campus seminars (1.17 – 12.3.17)
- ESF earned “Fully Approved” status for Distance Education by Middle States (7.7.16) and Quality Clear-ance Council for State Authorizations (10.1.17)
- SUNY Performance Improvement Fund (PIF) $136,000 grant to support ESF’s strategic online education initiative.

Throughout all of this, we remain proud and grateful to have had the opportunity to work with us in various ways. For example, Dan Collins will continue as the ESF Open Academy Graduate Assistant for the 2018-19 academic year (his third!). Dan is a Ph.D. student in Environmental and Forest Biology (Dr. Les Newman, Major Professor).

These follow the graduate students who were selected to serve as Teaching Fellows for the 26th Annual College-wide Graduate Assistance Colloquium on Teaching and Learning. With thanks to our entire grad-uate student community and our faculty mentors for their longstanding support and generosity with this initiative.

- Dominique Derminio, Ph.D. student, Chemistry (Dr. Greg Bayer, Major Professor)
- Xue Ding, Ph.D. student, Environmental & Forest Biology (Drs. Melissa Farke and Elizabeth Follas, Major Professor)
- Katie Fee, M.S. student, Graduate Program in Environmental Science (Dr. Sharon Moran, Major Professor)
- Kyungun Lee, Ph.D. student, Graduate Program in Environmental Science (Dr. David Sonnenfeld, Major Professor)
- Justine Weber, Ph.D. student, Environmental & Forest Biology (Dr. Don Leopold, Major Professor)

As we work to expand ESF’s education at reach and impact, I invite your active support and involvement. Your thoughts and questions are always welcome and will be appreciated—thank you!

Ranger School
Michael Bridgenes - bridgetes@esf.edu
Ranger School Director and Professor

This year was another great year for the Ranger School. Our enrollment is growing...we started this fall with 56 students, which was an increase of 15 students this fall than last year. The School attracts individuals hoping to secure an employment with the New York State Forest Rangers. The School continues to find excellent employ-ment opportunities. This year, for example, 70% of graduating Ranger School students had jobs-in-hand on graduation day.

I’d also like to point out how well the Ranger School endowment has support-ed our students. This past year, almost $56,000 was distributed to students ei-ther as scholarships or through various awards. Four endowment positions to the endow-ment and to Ranger School scholarships have a real impact on our students’ lives. Thank you!

There are changes happening on campus...real physical changes to the buildings and grounds. The State University Construction and Development Program, which began last summer, has already replaced the aging sanitary and drainage sewers. Three entrances on the river-side of the building were remodeled, giving a new face to the School. This summer, the Physical Plant will be upgraded, several unused entrances to the main building will be closed, and a new entrance at the back of the building will be redirect-ed toward the Oswegatchie River. These changes to the Ranger School buildings reflect the College’s confidence in our programs and the future of the School.

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Not All Who Wander Are Lost

by Maura Harling Steff

Office of Experiential Learning and Outreach

A chance meeting with Dr. Marianne Patinelli-Dubay, head of the Environmental Philosophy Program at the Northern Forest Institute at ESF’s Newcomb Campus in June of 2017 culminated in poet Michael Czarnecki serving as our most recent poet-in-residence. Last fall, Michael spent ten days at Huntington Lodge writing poetry, reflecting on his experiences there, and meeting with students, staff and visitors. Following his residency, Michael published a book of poems entitled, Ten Days in Huntington Forest, and headlined an Earth Week poetry coffee house on the main campus this past April. The Earth Week event was co-sponsored by the ESF Newcomb Campus, the Office of Experiential Learning and Outreach, Moon Library and the ESF Writing Program.

Dr. Patinelli-Dubay reflected on that chance meeting, “ESF’s Adirondack Interpretive Center is a crossroads where I’ve encountered some of the most interesting people, and one afternoon last June, Michael came by. In the course of our conversation, Michael mentioned that he is a working poet who has spent decades in the service of his craft. I learned that he is a wayfarer committed to following poetry as a way of life, and I was struck by the depth of his commitment, as if it were not a choice but a vocation. I found Michael’s poetry to have the quality of atmosphere, in that it acts like a veil that the reader passes through into a larger more metaphysical awareness. Michael’s poetry appealed to me as a philosopher inasmuch as he seems to be looking not so much at as into things.”

Michael Czarnecki’s life has been full of chance meetings, and his poetry reflects this. His wandering began in his 20s, backpacking and hitch-hiking to the Adirondack Mountains, and his travels have served as a source ever since, both for his life philosophies and for his poems. Listening to Michael at his recent poetry reading at ESF is like looking into a window on someone else’s life, a life that many of us sometimes wish we could have. A poetry reading with Michael is so much more than words on a page. He weaves together his life experiences, his knowledge of the natural world and his study of the great poets such as Thoreau and the Asian masters. As an audience member, you are at first drawn into the anticipaton of the physical poem itself, but receive much more as he works in his inspirations and back stories. A poem becomes visual. If you have been in the place before, memories flood back. If you are being introduced to it for the first time, you develop a yearning to visit and explore it in person.

The book that was inspired by Michael’s time at the ESF Newcomb Campus, Ten Days in Huntington Wildlife Forest, begins with a poem about the first night there and then moves through interactions with ESF students around the campfire, the wildlife he saw, the natural beauty he experienced on the Adirondacks and finally culminates in contemplative writing about leaving this place. For those of us who have spent time at Huntington Forest, we may recognize a kindred spirit in these works. The book can bring us back to Newcomb and the Adirondacks, or it can ground us while we are there.

When the discussion revolves around water, you will always find a dedicated group of ESF alumni.

That was certainly the case on January 20, 2018 in the Gateway Center where several ESF alumni gathered to participate in the “Improving Citizen Science: Water Quality Monitoring in Central New York” symposium pre-sented by ESF’s Office of Experiential Learning and the Project Watershed CNY Program of the Izaak Walton League’s CNY Chapter.

Representatives from citizen water monitoring groups and area lake and watershed associations along with college researchers and government agency representatives met to share information on how they might collaborate to improve the monitoring of local waterways. With the continued (and in some cases, increasing) incidents of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) on our local lakes and the recent announcement by NY State Gov-ernor Andrew Cuomo to invest $65M to combat these blooms, this mini-conference was quite timely. The group hopes to hold future discussions on best practices and continue to collaborate to keep our lakes clean.
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Alumni Memorial Scholarships

Remembering our alumni who lost their lives serving our country

The Alumni Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually in memory of those alumni who lost their lives while serving their country. Plaques with the names of these honored alumni can be seen in the Rotunda of Bray Hall. These awards are based not only on scholarship, but also on extracurricular activities and leadership. The Alumni Memorial Scholarships are handed out each year at the Central New York Alumni Dinner. Funds for these awards are made possible via the ESF Golf Tournament. Congratulations to the 2018 recipients!

The Alumni Memorial Scholars at the CNY Dinner (l. to r.): Nicholas Bentley, Jordan Jessamy, Alexander Hess, Randel Eblacker, Yuting Zhu, Madison Morley, Samantha Mello, Rae Manderino and Shruti Mokashi.

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

Shruti Mokashi
Environments Science

Shruti is originally from India, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Environ-
mental Science. She serves as the Departmental representative for GPES international and Community Land Planning.

Her doctoral research is focused on sacred groves and forests in Western India that are traditional community-preserved areas that hold high cultural and spiritual significance for locals. Her goal is to understand the management, relationship, and local perceptions towards these groves. She has submitted her research for inclusion in various papers and publications, and has presented at conferences.

Shruti is a very involved graduate student on campus. She serves as a Departmental representative for GPES students in the Graduate Student Association. In this role, she attends and conducts meetings and executes activities. She is also a member of the Graduate Student Associate's Grants and Awards Committee, was an International Student Orientation Leader, and previously served as the graduate student representative on the recent search committee for the Director of College Libraries.

Prior to her time in Syracuse, Shruti and her master’s degree classmates designed an environmental awareness program in India where she traveled to schools and colleges to deliver informational lectures. She also completed a summer internship at the National Institute of Technology in India where she evaluated toxic trace metal content.

Yuting Zhu
Environmental Chemistry

Yuting Zhu is originally from China and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry and is expected to graduate in December. Her thesis research deals with low-molecular weight carbonyl compounds in surface soils. The aim of her research is to provide a better understanding of how photochemical processes regulate the cycling of carbonyls in the ocean. She has completed a great deal of fieldwork, including a 13-day cruise in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean aboard “RV Endeavor” and a 20-day cruise in the Gulf of Alaska aboard “RV Melville.”

Yuting has a great deal of research, teaching and conference experience. She has authored and co-authored a number of publications, has been a Teaching Assistant for General Chemistry for 7 semesters, and worked as a Research Assistant for Dr. Reiber for two years.

Yuting has received a number of awards, including the Graduate Student Award from the American Chemical Society (up to only 20 awardees nationwide), the Outstanding Student Poster Award by ESF’s Chemistry Department, and the John A. Meyer Graduate Chemistry Award.

She has been accepted by SOLAS (Surface Ocean Lower Atmosphere Study) to attend their summer school to be held in Corsica this summer.

Rea Manderino
Environmental and Forest Biology

Rea is working towards her Ph.D. in Environ-
mental and Forest Biology—Ento-
molgy. Prior to her studies at ESF, she completed a B.A. in Biology (with a spe-
cialization in Ecology) at the University of Chicago, and an M.S. at the University of Virginia. Rea’s doctorate at ESF investigates the implications of gypsy moth presence in North American forests.

Her gypsy moth research first began as an undergraduate in Chicago, and continued through her Master’s studies in Virginia. Rea’s research results have been published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal, Agricultural and Forest Entomology, and presented at the 2013 Ecological Society of America meeting, the 2013 Eastern Branch meeting of the Entomological Society of America, and at the 2014 Gypsy Moth Review.

Some of her past employment positions include working as a Monarch Biologist for the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory, an Assistant Naturalist with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, and a Biodiversity Lab Technician for the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service’s Plant Protection and Quarantine.

Rea is currently Vice President of Communications for the Graduate Student Association as well as the Founder of the Graduate Student Association’s Environmental Community Research Mentorship Connections page. She is a member of both the Entomological Society of America and the Ecological Society of America.

Outside of academia, Rea is engaged in efforts to improve science communication on social media as a moderator for the Facebook page, “Relax, I’m an Entomologist.”

Samantha Mello
Environmental & Forest Biology

Samantha received her M.S. degree in Environmental and Forest Biology this past May. Her thesis focused on the effects of parasites on the native New England cottontails and non-native eastern cottontails. She is a two-time recipient of the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Award, having also received this honor last year.

She is an engaged member of the campus community: she has served as the EBF representative to the Graduate Student Association, has volunteered her time at ClearPath for Veterans, and is a member of the SU Outing Club, the American Society of Mammalogists, and the Wildlife Society.

Samantha has presented the preliminary results of her master’s research at the 2013 Eastern Branch Technical Committee Meeting, the Annual Meet-
ing of the American Society of Mammalogists, the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, and she presented her final research results at the 74th Annual North-east Fish & Wildlife Conference this spring.

She has held a number of positions during her undergraduate and gradu-
ate studies, including at the Residence Education Center, the Graduate Research Center, and the ESF Public Speaking Lab. She served as Keynote Speaker for the ESF in the High School Environmental Summit in 2016, and ESF Girls’ Summit in 2017.

Juniors

Nicholas Bentley
Biotechnology

Nicholas is a Biotechnology major with a minor in Environmental Science. He has been an intern at the VA Hos-
pital’s Spinal Cord Recovery Unit since his freshman year where he works with VA staff members to incorporate hor-
ticulture into recreational and physical therapies. The idea being that veterans with spinal cord injuries can benefit from activities such as scooping soil and planting seeds as a great way to rein-
force their treatment.

Nicholas has also coordinated recre-
atonal activities involving horticulture for the long-term residents of Brookdale Assisted Living Facility for residents with Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Disease in Fayetteville. He is also involved in campus aca-
demics and clubs. He is currently a Teaching Assistant for the General Bi-
ology and General Chemistry courses, was Sophomore Class Senator last year, and is the founder of the Council of Student Affairs and Diversity, and Oakie’s Activity Council.

Jordan Jessamy
Environmental Science

Jordan is majoring in Environmental Science and has achieved a 3.93 GPA. He is highly involved in a variety of campus activities. He is President of the Alumni Memorial Scholarships. Page 13
Randal Eblacker
Environmental Resources Engineering
- Sophomore
Randal is majoring in Environmental Resources Engineering and is a member of various campus clubs, including the Environmental Resources Engineering Club and the SU Outing Club. He has been a Student Ambassador for the past two years – in this role, he communicates with prospective students as well as assists with campus Open House events and Accepted Student Receptions. Randal has been involved with a number of interesting projects, including a Remote Sensing Case Study, a Beaver Dam Restoration Project in Cicero, and NYView, a subdivision of AmericaView whose goal is to advance the widespread use of remote-sensing data and technology through education and outreach. He has supported his fellow students in his roles as a Mathematics Teaching Assistant and Tutor, and a Physics Coach.

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Daniel is majoring in Environmental Resources Engineering and is a Project Team Member of Engineers Without Borders. He is also a member of the ESF Men’s Soccer Team, as well as the Food Recovery Network where he assists in bringing leftover food from SU dining halls to local homeless shelters.

Scholarships
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King’s Court, a campus diversity group; Secretary of the student publication, “The Knothole,” and Vice President Elect of Roots & Pursuits, a club that teaches traditional native survival skills while imparting their cultural significance. Jordan is also a very active volunteer. He has given his time to assist the Squantz Pond State Park, A Tiny Home For Good, Adopt-a-Stream, and ESF in the High School, to name a few. He also tutors his fellow ESF students in Biology.

Sophomores
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Alumni Association
Outstanding Service Award
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Th e Central New York Alumni Dinner on April 12th, the Alumni Association recognized Richard Hawks ’72 as this year’s Outstanding Service Award recipient. Each year, the Association acknowledges an individual who has shown exemplary commitment and service to our alumni, the Association, and the College.

Rich has provided decades of service not only to the College, but also to the larger SUNY system, national organizations, and communities and institutions both nationally and internationally. After receiving his BFA in 1972, he earned his MLA in 1978 from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. Some of his many significant achievements include:

- Serving as Chair of the ESF Department of Landscape Architecture from 1988 through 2013. In 2014, Rich was named a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor. This prestigious honor is awarded to faculty members who demonstrate substantial distinguished service not only to the campus and the State University Graduate School of Design, but also at the community, regional and state levels.

- Rich has been an American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) member since 1983, was inducted as a Fellow in 2000, and was elected Vice President in 2011. He is a recipient and Past President of the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA), and since its creation in 1998, he has represented the academic community as the only permanent academic on the CEO Roundtable. His scholarship has focused on contemporary issues in community design and planning. Quite notably, he created the workshop series, “Your Town: A Citizen’s Institute for Rural Design” which he also co-directed for 23 years to produce more than 60 workshops for rural community leaders on the importance of design and planning. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Your Town program has received multiple awards, including the ASLA Honor Award, and the National Planning Award for Public Education from the American Planning Association.

Back on campus, Rich has served on numerous academic committees, has taught a variety of courses within the Landscape Architecture department, has been the “major professor” or committee member for over 50 graduate students, and has supervised student groups in the “off-campus semester” in nine different foreign countries. He is also a popular invited lecturer on aspects of design and education, has delivered talks at a number of educational institutions as well as organizations such as ASLA and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

THANK YOU to all of the sponsors supporting the 2018 Annual ESF Golf Tournament! All proceeds benefit the ESF Alumni Association’s Memorial Scholarships.

We apologize to any of our sponsors who joined us after the Alumni News publication deadline. For a full listing of our tournament sponsors as well as businesses who donated to the prize raffle, visit www.esf.edu/alumni/golf

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Fly-fishing guide Matt Ertzinger (far right) demonstrates the proper way to cast a rod. Alumni had the opportunity to practice their casting skills as part of our annual Central New York Alumni Dinner.

At the Central New York Alumni Dinner, members of ESF’s “Trout Bums” club mingled with Alumni Association Board Member Stu Hosler ’52 (left) and Dick Garrett ’59.

The Gateway Center was filled with alumni and guests (dressed in their orange!) for the annual pizza party prior to an SU basketball game this past winter. In 2019, we’re hoping to hold our event in conjunction with the Duke game!

Alumni Association Board Member Ellen Warner ’78 hands out a door prize to Bob McKinley ’54 at the Basketball Event in February. Bob is a “regular” at this event!

Rob Mrowka ’71 won a Mighty Oaks winter ear-band at the Basketball Reception. He is pictured here with Alumni Association Board Member Ellen Warner ’78, who graciously handed out all of the door prizes!

The Alumni Association hosts a “Pizza Party Study Break” for students during finals at the end of each semester. Here, Board Members Sandy Bonanno ’89/’92 and Paul Ray ’73 get ready to serve pizza to the Hungry throngs of students!
Local alumni at the Dinosaur BBQ gathering this spring, from left, Frank Moses ’01, Eric Greenfield ’05, Eric Haslam ’98, Ali Haslam ’00, ESF’s Director of Student Involvement and Leadership Laura Crandall ’05, and Kelly Moses.

Dinosaur BBQ Alumni Gathering

In January, the Alumni Association hosted a visit to the “Downton Abbey Exhibition” in Manhattan! Attendees gathered for lunch at a nearby restaurant, followed by a visit to the exhibit based upon the popular PBS television series.

Alumni gathered at Nirchi’s on the Avenue in Endicott, NY for a “Binghamton-Area Alumni Event” in March. From left, Gerry Bendz, Diana Bendz ’68, Former ESF Director of Forest Properties Dick Schubach ’69, Alumni Association President Thayer Miller ’71 (holding the flag), Tom Hodges ’56, Marina Lane ’80, and Doug Arnott.

NYSAF

Bob Malmsheimer ’86, Interim Chair of the FNRM Department, addresses the group gathered at the annual NYSAF alumni reception in Syracuse this past January.

Albany Alumni Gathering

Albany-area alumni and current ESF students got together for some food and drinks at the The Hollow in downtown Albany this past March.

Dinosaur BBQ Alumni Gathering

For the second year in a row, the Alumni Association hosted a “CNY Alumni Group” gathering at the Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse. Nearly 100 local alumni came out to mingle with each other and hear a little bit about how to become involved with the Alumni Association.

Albany Alumni Gathering

In an event that was organized by the ESF Office of Career Services, current ESF students met with alumni who are DEC employees in Albany. The students were also fortunate enough to meet with and hear from NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. After the networking session, students & alumni gathered at a local restaurant, The Hollow.

Denver Alumni Gathering

It was a fantastic turnout in Colorado for the Denver Alumni Gathering in January! Hosted by Laura Nelson ’04 and Colin Bell ’11, nearly 50 alumni and their guests showed up at the Fainting Goat Pub.
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Willard Fichtel (WPE) writes, “70 years passed quickly but I still have many great memories of ESF. The best to all of my classmates.”

1952
David Wood (FRM) writes, “Caroline and I are still quite active in professional pursuits, California Film Festival, Berkeley Freshman Seminar: Issues in Natural Resources Conservation, and research on Sudden Oak Death and Pitch Canker.”

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1959
Henry Eichenhofe (WPE) enjoys free time with his great-grandson, Preston. In March, they stocked the Roeliff Jansen Kill in Dutchess County, NY with trout.

1960
Frederick Certy (FRM) stands with a poster featuring the covers of the six Science Fiction books he wrote and published as e-books. Several feature scenes and activities on the ESF and SU campuses. Behind Fred is a 25 foot tall Dawn Redwood (Metasequoia glyptostroboides) he “rescued” from a late winter plant show at a local garden center. He kept it in his living room for two and a half months before planting on his small horse farm. Dawn Redwoods are one of Fred’s favorite trees, he has two seedlings planted on the farm, and a bonsai specimen, too. This tree is fenced to protect it from the horses.

1964
Don Wirth (LA) writes, “During the summer of 1960, I was very fortunate to work with Clarence Petty (an icon in the Adirondacks) on work guided by a joint legislative Committee named by Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. The effort was to document existing recreational use and conditions within the Adirondack Park area, to aid the state in making decisions vis-à-vis future actions that might be undertaken to help preserve the natural resource within the park area. During our extensive travels over the long summer, we discovered several Adirondack guide boats graciously resting in an old boat house. With Clarence’s advice, I bought the best one and carefully nurtured it for many years. But recently, with our advancing age, we gave serious thought to how best to find a home for the boat that might see it returned to use within the Adirondacks. As fate would have it, the College’s Northern Forest Institute was building an interdisciplinary educational program around guide boats, and was excited about adding my boat to the other three they already owned. Arrangements were made to transfer ownership to the College Foundation.” Don notes that so many of our alumni “give back” to the College, in one way or another, and encourages all of his classmates everywhere to consider the good feelings one has in making alumni contributions.

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1975
Frederick Gerty (FRM) stands with a garden center. He kept it in his living room. Behind Fred is a 25 foot tall Dawn Redwood (Metasequoia glyptostroboides) he “rescued” from a late winter plant show at a local garden center. He kept it in his living room for two and a half months before planting on his small horse farm. Dawn Redwoods are one of Fred’s favorite trees, he has two seedlings planted on the farm, and a bonsai specimen, too. This tree is fenced to protect it from the horses.

1988
David Tessier (WPE) enjoys time with his great-grandson Preston as they stock the Roeliff Jansen Kill in Dutchess County, NY with trout.

1990
Walter Kohm (LA) writes, “Hello from three weeks in Italy. A great rest after designing and building Trillium Park over a period of three years. This $30,000,000 park is a major new waterfront open space in Toronto. Thanks to the landscape architecture professors at ESF for providing excellent teaching that has endured over all these years.”

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1970

Thomas Catchpole (FRM) writes, “I attended my 50th reunion at the Ranger School [class of 1967] last August. The main campus 50th is coming soon! I retired 16 years ago from the US Forest Service and still keep busy with 4 retirement jobs: substitute teacher, newspaper writer, forestry educator, and small educational wood products. I am still active with SAF Forestry Education to teachers and students all over California. Our 5 grandkids keep growing bigger, and we still have a drought in California.”

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1976

Brian Huntton (FRM) continues to work as a Recreation Fee Project Coordinator for the National Park Service. From the Pacific West Regional Office in Seattle, he helps parks develop and execute facility, interpretation, and natural and cultural resources projects to help park visitors enjoy their stay in our national treasures.

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1981

Mark Thompson (LA) writes, “I continue my tenure as a partner with a law firm in Orlando, Florida, concentrating on land use, zoning, and transactions for commercial and residential acquisition, entitlement, and development. During my time away from the office, I enjoy patrolling the community as a Sergeant with the Reserve Unit of the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, and teaching force on force self-defense at my training center. I invite anyone who might be inclined to give me a call or text at 407-493-333 or e-mail at mhthompson@shutts.com. I would enjoy catching up or exchanging a few laughs.”

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1986

Terry Croad (LA) enjoys playing in a golf league with his oldest son, Aaron. In his free time, Terry researches family history and reads military history. He is involved with Community Emergency Response Team and Art Commissions in Southfield and Novi, Michigan.

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Margery Spofford (EFB) writes, “In April 2017, I toured with Gate 1 Travel to Iceland for 11 days. It was a clockwork trip on the Ring Road from Reykjavik up the west coast. The highlight was seeing a grey falcon flying low over open fields. Also, planning couples who love the Adirondacks the way I do!”

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Jonathan Willow (EFB) writes, “Since graduating from ESF, I moved abroad to do my masters research (in pollinator conservation) in Iceland, and now am in the second year of my Ph.D. research (Estonian University of Life Sciences, Tartu, Estonia; and Ghent University, Belgium) studying hymenopteran parasitoids and the non-target effects of tank-mixing agrochemicals. Never do I forget the summers I spent at Cranberry Lake Biological Station, exploring the surrounding pure and deeply-mysterious wilderness.”

2018 • Welcome!

The ESF Alumni Association welcomes the 2018 Graduates as alumni! We’d like to hear from you... please send us your Class Note. Photos welcome! Your Class Note can be submitted one of three easy ways.

• Online www.esf.edu/forms/alumni/classnote.asp

• E-mail alumni@esf.edu

• Mail ESF Alumni Office 1 Forestry Drive, 219 Bray Hall Syracuse, NY 13210

Traveling all the way from Myanmar, Tha Ye Kyae ’18 attended ESF on a Fulbright Scholarship and graduated this past May with a M.S. in Forest Resources Management.

Friends of ESF

Distinguished Teaching Professor and Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies Emeritus, Dr. Dudley J. Raynal, retired in 2009 and resides in Arlington, Virginia, just outside of the nation’s capital. He volunteers with the American Association for the Advancement of Science STEM Program which places retired scientists and engineers in public schools to enhance science literacy. He enjoys gardening, and field trips with the Virginia Native Plant Society. He welcomes contact with staff and former students: djraynal@esf.edu

Distinguished Teaching Professor and Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies Emeritus, Dr. Dudley J. Raynal and his wife, Georgia, relaxing on their porch in Virginia.
Congratulations to the Class of 2018

Tiffany (Parsley) Petrino '93 was married in September, 2017 on beautiful Lake Alford in Hope, Maine. She works at LL Bean, manufacturing the iconic Bean Boot and loves living in Maine. Her hobbies include paddleboarding, live-action roleplaying, and birding as well as going to the beach as much as possible.

2009

John Zale (NRM) and Brooke (Reeve) Zale '11 (EFB) welcomed their first child, Wesley, who turns one this summer. They live in Washington, D.C. where they are preparing for a three-year foreign deployment with the USDA Foreign Service.

1983

James Shelbey (PSE) writes, “I am enjoying life in Wausau, Wisconsin making labels out of paper from sustainable sources. Living happily reconnected with my love Macia (Willsey) Anderson - SU ‘83. Macia's daughter, Grace Anderson '18 (ERE) will continue at ESF for her M.S.”

1987

Ronald Leonard (EFB) married his long-time partner, James Malloy, in their home city of Portland, OR in April of 2018.

Weddings & Celebrations

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SHARE YOUR PHOTOS! Did you celebrate any milestones this year? Attend any ESF alumni weddings? Did your family tree grow? We are looking for photographs to feature in the Winter 2019 issue of the Alumni News! If you have any images from your life’s events over the past year, please send them to us!

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Dr. Malika Carter, ESF’s Chief Diversity Officer, addresses the graduates at the Inaugural Inclusive Excellence Graduation Reception in May.

Did you marry a fellow ESF alum? If so, we’d like to know about it!
We are always hearing stories from our alumni about how they met their future spouse at ESF. We’d like to know just how many married “ESF Couples” are out there!
If you married a fellow ESF alum (even if you met or reconnected years later), please send us a quick e-mail and let us know about it! Better yet...send us a photo from your wedding!

Tiffany (Parsley) Petrino ’93 married Tony Petrino on Lake Alford in Hope, ME.
**Accolades & Professional News**

**1956**

Chris Blaydon (WP) writes, "All is well here. I retired three times: Air Force Captain, Pan Am Pilot, and Mayor of my town. I’m still happily married to a wonderful wife, and life is full: tennis, sailing, and still fly. Sure would like to hear from my classmates."

Richard Carpenter (FRM) writes, "I am retiring at 84 years of age."

**1957**

Jeffrey Freeman’s (FRM) research article, “Seasonal Abundance of Tabanus calens and other Tabanidae (Diptera) near Snake Mountain in Addison County, Vermont,” was published in *Northeastern Naturalist* Vol. 24, No. 2.

**1958**

Fred Auffagher (LA) writes, “I had a week-end exhibit of 20 of my best bonsai at the Leonard J. Buck Garden, a unit of the Sunnyside Co. Parks and Recreation Commission. If any other alums do bonsai or are just interested in bonsai, I would like to hear from them. faufa@msn.com”

Dr. Arthur Mittelstaedt (LA) with a Doctorate in Education, specialty in parks, open spaces and outdoor facilities planning and design, and a Masters in Public Administration, specially in environmental and infrastructure management, continues to be a unique player in disaster and emergency services. He has been elected as Board Chair of the SUNY (1) non-profit Center for Disaster Resilience Solutions, Inc. outside of D.C. He will be spearheading the formulation of several thrusts for the agency, including serving those with disabilities and functional needs and the manmade and natural environments impacted by threats and damage. This non-profit will be developing and applying solutions to businesses, agencies, and government. Thoughts are always welcome.

**1964**

In 2016, James Selkirk (CHE) was selected by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England as one of the outstanding intellectuals of the 21st century. In 2017, James was also selected by Who’s Who for their Lifetime Achievement Award.

**1973**

Peter Trowbridge (LA) discussed affordable housing and the consequences of public engagement as part of the Landscape Architecture Lecture Series at the University of Rhode Island. Trowbridge is the founding principal at Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architects. With more than 35 years of professional practice, he has a range of expertise in the design of public parks, recreation facilities, streetscapes, campus planning and site design. He is highly regarded for his extensive knowledge of plants and soils and leads much of the firm’s higher education design work.

**1974**

Patrick Reynolds (FRM) writes, “I retired from the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission as a Lieutenant Wildlife Officer in 2012, after 33 years of service. Now I fish with my grandkids in the Florida Keys.”

**1975**

Russell McCullough (EFB) writes, “After 37 years with the N.Y.S. Dept of Environmental Conservation, mostly as an Aquatic Biologist, and most recently as Acting Regional Fisheries Manager in Watertown, I will retire as of June 1, 2018. I can be reached at mrasbeck@aol.com. All alumni contacts are welcome.”

**1976**

George Steele’s (EFB) first book, coauthored by his wife, Anita Sanchez, was published by Muddy Boots, an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield, this past Fall. Wait Til’ It’s Dark: A Kid’s Guide To Exploring The Night is an introduction for children to night time natural history with activities that help children explore the use of their senses.

**1978**

Jim Perry (FRM) writes, “After 37 years of managing the public’s forest and range lands, it is great to now be retired and managing my own forest land and hiking trails, which I have opened to the public.”

Paul Tremont (FRM) is President and Chief Executive Officer of SRC Inc., which is aggressively recruiting high-tech talent to Central New York. The company is known for its community involvement, especially in helping local schools succeed.

**1979**

Ronald Tetelman (LA) has joined Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. as part of the firm’s mergers with Eberl & Eberlein, Peri, CL. He will serve as part of the Sustainable Planning and Design Group.

**1980**

Paul Cogg (FRM) writes, “I saw Larry Hromiowky’s (FRM) call to his class of 1980 Forestry pose in the Winter 18 notes. I retired from the Coast Guard in 2010 and have been working in California for Chevron in Emergency Management since then. Eight Oh - way to go!”

David Killius (ES) writes, “I have been retired from a career in software development and quality assurance and am now busy launching my own company, The Killius Makery. I am applying many of the concepts learned in the Landscape Architecture program as I design and build custom pieces for select customers.”

**1982**

Michael Haas ’82 is now serving as the Director of Landscape Architecture at Delta Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors, DPC.

**1992**

Jane Verostek (ES), an Associate Librarian at SUNY ESF, received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship in May of 2018. This award recognized her re-opening of the SUNY ESF Archives and Special Collections. Also in May 2018, Jane received a second Masters from S.U.—a Masters of Arts in Museum Studies.

**1995**

Luis M. Huaco Z. ’92, with his two daughters and dear friend and colleague, Valentino Rodriguez Saud ’94, when he graduated from ESF in 1995.

Timothy Spierto (EFB) accepted an early retirement from NYSDEC after sustaining injuries in an “on the job” motor vehicle accident. He had been employed at the agency since 1998 and most recently served as Big Game Biologist for Region 9 in Western NY. He is proud to have worked beside some of the brightest minds in the profession. Currently his time is spent training his German shepherd mobility service dog named Uschi.

Neil Sullivan (LA) accepted a new position as the University Planner for Penn State University and will be responsible for leading the development of campus master plans, facilitating building site selections, and participating in project feasibility studies. Neil will be moving with his wife and four kids in July.

**1997**

Samuel Gordon (ES) is the Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town of DeWitt, a suburban community (pop. approx. 25,000) located at the eastern edge of the City of Syracuse in Central New York. As Director of Planning and Zoning, Sam is responsible for the development process with the town, implementation of the town’s Comprehensive Plan, and coordination of town sustainability initiatives. Sam oversaw the development and adoption of the Town of DeWitt Sustainability Plan (August 2014). He developed and oversees “Moving DeWitt,” an initiative to improve the bicycle and pedestrian environment and in 2015, launched “Elevating Erie,” an ideas competition to close the gap in the Erie Canalway Trail system within Central New York. The “Elevating Erie” competition drew 76 entries from 16 countries and helped to spark the pending redesign of Urban Environmental Management at Landbouwuniversiteit Wageningen, now Wageningen University Research, in association with the International Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS), in the Netherlands, where I graduated in 1997. My experience at ESF was just splendid, although it demanded a great effort while being an international student. Prof. Emanuel Carter was my advisor, keeping from him the best of my memories and gratitude for having given me the chance I have here in Arequipa and in our faculty, visitors and/or exchange students from ESF.”

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of Erie Boulevard connecting DeWitt and Syracuse. The project was recently featured on StreetsblogUSA. Sam lives with his wife, Julia, and their three daughters in DeWitt.

Leigh Jones (LA) has joined Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. as part of the firm’s merger with Eberman & Eberman. She will serve as part of the Sustainable Planning & Design Group.

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Sara Sankowich (FRM) writes, “In September of 2017, I became the President of the Utility Arborist Association.”

2001

Tom Ebert (EFB/FRM) was promoted to District Conservationist for USDA NRCS in Oxford (Grafton County), New Hampshire.

Jay Snyder (WPJ) has been promoted to lead the construction technology practice at F&Mall Management Institute (FMI). FMI has been the leading management consulting firm to the engineering and construction industry for over 65 years; providing strategy, operational excellence, technology and human capital consulting services to clients throughout the world.

2006

University at Buffalo librarian Jessica Clemons (ES) was named a member of the seventh cohort of Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Leadership Fellows, a prestigious program tasked with developing the future executive leaders of large research libraries and archives. Clemons, an associate university librarian for research, education and outreach, is among 30 individuals selected from across North America to participate in the highly competitive, 18-month program. She is the first SUNY librarian to be admitted to the fellowship. “This selection of Jessica Clemons as an ARL Leadership Fellow is testimony to Jessica’s extraordinary leadership skills. She is, without a doubt, one of the emerging leaders in our profession,” said Austin Booth, vice president for University Libraries.

2010

Nayoung Jo (ES) recently completed her Ph.D. in Geographical Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park. Nayoung’s doctoral dissertation is entitled, “Have the Local People Become Invisible? A Case Study of a Military Installation on Jeju Island, South Korea.”

2013

Whitney Lash-Marshall (ES) is the Executive Director of Baltimore Woods Nature Center in Marcellus, NY. She oversees a powerful program in The City which received its first multi-year grant from KeyBank in January of 2018. The $25,000 grant will be used to support the enriching city classrooms in the Syracuse City School District through hands-on science learning and nature field trips. The program hopes to continue building upon its success. Nature in the City currently conducts three one-hour interactive classes to more than 10,800 school students each year, with just five current educators cycling through more than 400 classrooms.

2016

Gretta Bader (EFB) has been promoted to Environmental Scientist III at Barton & Loguidice, where she is a member of the firm’s Environmental Group.

Ashlyn Maurer (EFB) has been promoted to Engineer II with Barton & Loguidice.

2017

Jacob Von Mechow (LA) joined Delta Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors, DPC’s Endwell Office, in November 2017, as an Assistant Landscape Architect. He is also certified in erosion and sediment control training by the NYSDEC.

In Memoriam

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William Groff, 1940

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Sean Cleary, 2014

1930s

George T. Turner ’38 (FOR), age 103, of Fort Collins passed away on May 17, 2018, in Colorado. George was born October 3, 1914 in Kimberly, ID. He was raised on a farm in Kimberly working with horses, plowing crops, hiking to Shoshone Falls on the Snake River, and driving the family’s Model T Ford camping and fishing in the Stanley Basin. He enjoyed the outdoors at an early age. He received a Bachelor’s degree in Forestry at the University of Idaho in 1936, and Master’s degree in Forestry from the New York State College at Syracuse, N.Y. in 1938. Mr. Turner worked for the U.S. Forest Service in CO for 34 years. Early in his career in Fort Collins, he met his future wife at a boarding house on Magnolia St. George and Rita Mae Dollison were married on October 11, 1941, near Chappell, Nebraska. Shortly after they were married, George served in the U.S. Army during WWII stationed in the South Pacific at Bougainville, Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal with the Medical Corp from 1943-1945. George returned to Colorado and continued working with the U.S. Forestry Service in Manitou Springs, Experimental Central Plains in Pawnee National Grassland, Delta (Black Mesa), Grand Junction, returning to Fort Collins in 1961 to the Rocky Mountain Research Station on the CSU campus. Many of his articles were published in national journals. George was a member of Sigma Xi, Kappa Sigma Science Research and Range Management Society, and several other professional groups. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. After retiring in 1976, he and his wife visited many foreign countries. George enjoyed genealogy, history, antiques, classical music, bridge, and growing roses and trees in his yard. He especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow and succeed at their endeavors. George was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, his parents, and three older sisters. Survivors include one son, one daughter, four grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. George lived an active, adventurous, full life for 103 years!

1940s

William B. Groff ’40 (PSE), age 99, passed away on July 29, 2017. Bill was born in Elmira, NY. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Jane (Cartnell) Groff and son, W. Bruce. Bill is survived by his son and daughters, seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Bill graduated in 1940 from NYS College of Forestry at Syracuse University where he majored in pulp and paper manufacturing. He met Jane Cartnell who he married in 1941. They were together for 70 years. Bill was a veteran of the US Navy Reserve serving during WWII. He worked in the paper and box manufacturing industry in companies across the U.S. Bill was active in civic, church, Boy Scout and Masonic organizations. While president of the Upper Mohawk Scout Council, they purchased land in the Adirondack’s, now named Cedarlands, and started a new wilderness scouting camp area. He was an Eagle Scout and was also awarded the Silver Beaver, scouting’s highest award. His hobbies were beekeeping, gardening, fruit tree and berry raising, all of which resulted in much produce that he gave away. This did reduce the amount of time he had for hunting and fishing. In his later years he delivered Meals on Wheels well into his 90’s. 

Walter J. Graver ’41 (FRM) of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina passed away on October 23, 2007 after a short illness. He was born in Glensdale, New York. He was married 55 years to the late Erna Burkhardt. Walter graduated from the College of Forestry at Syracuse University where he was on the rowing team. After graduation, he worked with the U.S. Forest Service and then for the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Company in New York. Walter’s career was spent working with J. R. Smit and Sons, Inc., an international manufacturer of industrial diamond products for 43 years. He retired in 1986 as President and CEO of the company. His business activities included being President of The Industrial Diamond Association of America, the Diamond Wheel Manufacturers Association, the Diamond Core Drill Manufacturers Association and International President of the Society of Carbide Engineers. Other activities include being on the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of the Lowcountry, the Board of Trustees of Thornwell Home & School for Children, the Board of Trustees of the Self Family Arts Center, as well as the Hilton Head Island Orchestra. He was active with the Palmetto Rowing Club and Coach of the Hilton Head High School Rowing Team. He also served as Managing Director of Youth Friends Association, 1965. Walter has run for 50 years, giving money for scholarships, island organizations and developing the International Pino Competition held annually on the island.

Royal Samuel Buyer ’44 (FRM), died at home in Rockville, MD, on November 13, 2017. He is survived by his four children, their spouses, and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Marjory Allewelt Buyer, and a daughter. He was born in New York City on November 23, 1922. In World War II, he served as a rifleman in the army until becoming a casualty in Germany, then was transferred to the 8th Air Force. He graduated from SUNY at Syracuse with a
In Memoriam, continued

degree in Forestry in 1943 and from Syracuse University with a mechan- ical engineering degree in 1944. In 1944, he moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 1966 and worked for the U.S. Navy Department on a program developing gas turbine engines for nuclear propulsion, to replace steam plants, which were in use all major Navy ships before WW II. He was in- strumental in recommending that the Navy use the General Electric LM2500, which is still used today on the major- ity of Navy destroyers and cruisers. In the later 1970’s until his retirement in 1988, he worked on a program to develop a prototype reverse osmosis plant for shipboard freshwater produc- tion to replace the Navy’s steam distill- ing freshwater plants. That prototype RO plant led to the production version that is in use in today’s Navy destroy- ers. He loved living in the DC area and had many interests, but particularly enjoyed camping, hiking, taking roadtrips, and visiting his wide circle of family and friends. He was a loving and beloved husband, father, grandfa- ther, friend, and a good citizen.

1950s

Marshall Neil “Smitty” Smith, Sr. ‘51 (LA), died peacefully on October 28, 2017, in Canandaigua, NY at the age of 90. He married Shirley Mae Street in 1952; she predeceased him in death on October 7, 2012. Marshall is survived by his four children, 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Marshall was born on July 15, 1927 in Rochester, NY. He graduated from Carlson Business School in 1949 and enlisted in the Navy in 1945. He joined Construction Battalion (C. B.), 1st Class Petty Officer. He received a Direct Commission in the United States Coast Guard and retired as Lieutenant Commander. He received a B.S. Degree in Forestry from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and a degree in Forestry, Major in Landscape Architecture and Certified Ornamental. He was also a Horseshoe-creeper and cruiser. Marshall was the owner of Brookside Nursery and Landscaping Service, Inc. from 1960-1981. It was one of the largest landscape service, nursery, and garden centers in the Rochester area. He was a member of the Penfield Union Lodge Masons, and was a Worshipful Master in 1971, and Worshipful Patron, O.E.P. 1972, 1982 Shriners. He taught Ornamental Horticulture for 2 years and moved to Austin, TX in 1981, where he founded Onion Creek Landscape Nursery in 1983. He worked as a group I insurance broker since 1997. He was a member of the Hispanic Heritage and Methodist Church. He initiated and chaired the Cedar Creek Family Field Trip from 2006-2009. He chattered in Johnston, IA, then moved to Linn County, IA to Cedar Creek Rotary Club International.

Wayne Trimm ’52 (EFB), our region’s John James Audubon, died on June 2, 2017 at age 94. Through his beautiful paintings of wildlife, he brought the outdoors indoors. Using his paintings as a starting point, he was able to explain how all things on planet Earth are interrelated and interdependent. During his 75-year career as an artist-scientist, he taught young people about the environment, and about the ecosystems upon which all life depends. Best of all, he inspired many people to go outside and see nature for themselves. Wayne was survived by his wife, Melodee James, his sons, Steve Trimm and Tracy Trimm, and his two great-grandchildren. He is also sur- vived by his chosen daughters Violet Washburn and Edwina Lambert and countless nieces and nephews. Wayne was predeceased by his wife, Lynn Trimm and son, Lancelee James Trimm.

Wilbur Humphrey Carey ’53 (FRM), 93, died on January 19, 2018. He was born on September 23, 1924, in Ticonderoga, New York. He attended school in Long Lake, New York before attending SUNY ESF where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Forestry in 1953. He served in the US Army during WW II, from September 30, 1942 to February 14, 1946. He was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division serving in the Aletuin Islands. From October 9, 1950, to August 21, 1951, he served during the Korean Conflict. During his service, he received the American Service Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the WW II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal (Japan). He worked in forestry for the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Indian Affairs in Warm Springs, Oregon, Philadelphia, Mississippi, and then in Hoquiam, Washington in 1968. He drove for Mayflower Transport as an independent contractor for 12 years. Will next worked for the City of Aberdeen as a night guard for seven years. Wilbur H. Carey was married to June M. Derks on June 14, 1948 in Kent, Ohio. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1957. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #1155 in Hoquiam, WA. He belonged to American Foresters, the BPOE Lodge #1082 of Hoquiam, WA, and the Masonic Grand Lodge. He was the head forester/forester at the North American Hunting Club. His hobbies included crossword puzzles, reading, fishing and hunting, especially going to the Boundary Waters Camp. He was a very active and dedicated mem- ber of Covenant United Methodist Church in Springfield for over 50 years. He also served the Township of Springfield through the Shade Tree Commission and had previously been named Citizen of the Year in honor of his long-termed service. He was a dedicated supporter of the scholarship program at SUNY ESF and loyal donor to the Syracuse University Men’s Crew program. He spent over 55 sum- mers in North Bridgton, Maine where he enjoyed the peace and tranquility of his lake-side camp. He found a legacy of strength, humility and kindness is by his two daughters, three grandchildren, a sister-in-law, a niece, and a nephew. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Scholarship Fund at SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, ESF Development Office, 1 Forestry Drive, Syracuse, NY 13210.

David N. Breckenridge ’59 (WPE), 80, Fairport - August 12, 1937 - April 15, 2018. Predeceased by parents, Clarence and Helen Breckenridge. His son, David, is survived by his wife, Harriet, a brother, and 2 cousins. David was a graduate of Syracuse University in 1959. He retired from Generex Biotech Co. in 1994. He was active in his church and volunteered at Adven Devac House and Meals On Wheels.

Robert E. Smith, Jr. ‘59 (FRM), age 84, died on October 8, 2017. Bob was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania in 1933. He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, his daughter, two daughters, three sons, a grandson, and a great-grandson. Bob attended Sidney Central School (Class of 1951) and graduated from the New York State Ranger School in 1953. He enlisted in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and after Military training, served in the Corps of Engineers as a topographic survey at Ft. Bragg, NC. He was an instructor in the Army Engineer School at Ft. Belvoir, VA and map compilation specialist with the 29th Engineer Battalion in Japan. In 1959, Bob graduated with B.S. degrees from the State University College of Forestry and Syracuse University. He also earned M.S. degrees from these universities in 1960. Bob worked as an Air Force/aerospace scientist from 1954-1965 for the U. S. Department of Agriculture. In 1965, he joined the faculty at SUNY Delhi College and established a Plant Soil Science Department where he directed the program and taught horticulture and conservation courses as Associate Professor until 1983. He served from the Department of Agriculture head- quarters in Washington, D. C. in 1994 where he served as a forester working on natural resources inventory. He and his wife, Barbara, lived for 20 years at The Cape, a residential community near the city of Ithaca, New York. In addition to his lifelong interests in natural science, land improvement, real estate and teaching, Bob had great interest in writing. He was a prolific “letters to the editor” writer. He wrote essays on the environment, other political matters, and tackling topics including a weekly column for a Carolina-Kure Beach newspaper under the byline “Sam Stark.” Later he was a contributing editor with the Carolina Journal. His essays “by R. E. Smith Jr” over several years appeared on the websites: opineditorials.com and Americanthinker.com. He posted commentary on Squall a blog site of the John Locke Foundation. Bob had his own web site he called “State Lines by R. E. Smith Jr” (www.res13blog.com).

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John (Jack) Andrew Hauptman ’60 (LA), chair of the Alachua County Land Conservation Board for 10 years and a supervisor at two state parks for 15 years, died February 3, 2018 at the age of 82. He was born September 7, 1935, in Detroit, Michigan, and moved to Gainesville and marked with public service. He took to heart the message of President John F. Kennedy: “Ask not what your country can do for you -- ask what you can do for your country.” His family described him as a “real deal New Yorker.” He was born in Brooklyn to uneducated German-Irish Americans – he was the first in his family to finish high school. He attended Brooklyn Technical High School, served in the Marine Corps, and met his future wife, Phyllis. Determined to shape his future and make something of himself, he joined the U.S. Army to further his education with the help of the G.I. Bill. He planned his discharge from the Army in time for the fall semester at the State University of New York at Brockport.

Among his responsibilities was to im- plement federal policy on the National Wild and Scenic Rivers and the National Trail Systems. That Bureau became the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, where he worked his way up to Division Chief, then acting Associate Director for the national HCPR. His work included the merger of the HCRS with the National Park Service. In May of 1982, he was appointed as superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore, responsible for picking out New York City street trees-when he was recruited by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, part of Department of Interior, then acting Chief, he began his federal public service. Among his responsibilities was to im- plement federal policy on the National Wild and Scenic Rivers and the National Trail Systems. That Bureau became the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, where he worked his way up to Division Chief, then acting Associate Director for the national HCPR. His work included the merger of the HCRS with the National Park Service. In May of 1982, he was appointed as superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore, responsible for picking out New York City street trees-when he was recruited by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, part of Department of Interior, then acting Chief, he began his federal public service. Among his responsibilities was to im- plement federal policy on the National Wild and Scenic Rivers and the National Trail Systems. That Bureau became the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, where he worked his way up to Division Chief, then acting Associate Director for the national HCPR. His work included the merger of the HCRS with the National Park Service. In May of 1982, he was appointed as superintendent of Fire Island National Seashore, responsible for picking out New York City street trees-when he was recruited by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, part of Department of Interior, then acting Chief, he began his federal public service. Among his responsibilities was to im-
from 2006 to 2007, he was the church moderator, the top lay position to help coordinate the church. He was appointed to the Alachua County Land Conservation Board in 2000 and became its chair in 2001. He served 17 years to protect and acquire environmentally sensitive land within the county. He received the Alachua Conservation Trust Conservation Stewards Award in 2012. His family described him as “a true civil servant and pro-environment, pro-conservation, pro-lGBTQ rights.”

George L. Momberger ’60 (FRM), 83, passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2017. He was born in Cornwall, NY, graduated from Washingtonville High School in 1958, and received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Syracuse University. He served with the Army Corps of Engineers in Schweitzingen Germany as a Park Administrator for New York State Parks.

Hal H. Gerow ’66 (LA), 74 of Daytona Beach Shores, longtime Rotarian and proprietor of the Biscayne Point Yacht Club, passed away unexpectedly on August 30, 2017. He was born in Cornwall, NY, graduated from Washingtonville High School in 1958, and received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Syracuse University. He served with the Army Corps of Engineers in Schweitzingen Germany as a Park Administrator for New York State Parks.

William Pressley ’67 (LA), 77, passed peacefully on February 19, 2018. Beloved husband, best friend, and business partner of Marie Pressley ’68 (LA). Bill was the devoted father of Elaine Johnson and her husband (LA), Bill was the devoted father of Blaine Funney ’71, 74 of Daytona Beach, Longtime Rotarian and partner of Sun NY. Bill was the devoted father of three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, and all their families.

James D. Macomber, Jr. ’77 (FRM), 63, passed away on April 18, 2018, at his residence. He was born Feb. 4, 1955, in Rockville Centre, NY. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, camping, nature and music. He was an avid reader, history buff, and Yankees fan. James was a respected mentor to others. Surviving are his two daughters, a son, a brother, two sisters, his great-grandson, and his former wife and friend, Kathleen Macomber of Butler. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dr. Russell S. Walters, III ’90 (FRM), 58, passed away on 2017, 6p.m. on January 24, 2018, on a sunny Colorado day. Sean Patrick Cleary ’14 (NRM), of Lafayette, CO, passed away on August 9, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of Marcella and father of George L. Momberger ’60 (FRM), 83, passed away unexpectedly on May 30, 2018. Husband of Marcella and father of James Momberger, Jr. and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his first wife, a daughter, two stepsons, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Additionally, he leaves behind his lifelong partner of many years, Priscilla Carpenter.

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of the Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge, and as a volunteer firefighter. He is the former Grand Master of the Vermont Masonic Temple. He served on the Vestry of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in St. Albans. Perhaps the volunteer work that best describes his character is when he co-founded the “Toy Shoppe” in Warren, PA. Russ organized groups of retirees and trained them in woodworking so that every Christmas, handmade wooden toys were given to needy children. The group is still active today. Russell was predeceased by his parents, his first wife Anita Mary (Baker) Walters, wife Anita (Marquette) Walters, a son-in-law, a grandson, and a son, a daughter, two stepsiblings, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Additionally, he leaves behind his lifelong partner of many years, Priscilla Carpenter.

On January 24, 2018, on a sunny Colorado day, Sean Patrick Cleary ’14 (NRM), of Lafayette, CO, passed away on August 9, 2017, surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of Marcella and father of George L. Momberger ’60 (FRM), 83, passed away unexpectedly on May 30, 2018. Husband of Marcella and father of James Momberger, Jr. and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his first wife, a daughter, two stepsons, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Additionally, he leaves behind his lifelong partner of many years, Priscilla Carpenter.
Christopher Cramer II
Dundee, NY • Class of 2018

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Greenwood Lake, NY • Class of 2020

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Victoria Knowlton
Watertown, NY • Class of 2020

ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

I am currently a supervisor at a restaurant, where I have been working since the age of 15. I have also worked as a caterer on the SU and ESF campuses, and I’ve held part-time jobs throughout the years. I believe in working hard and supporting myself. I volunteer on my grandparents’ farm, making maple syrup and managing the land, as well as volunteering with Tree Watertown, the SPCA, and a local hospital. I have helped as a research assistant in a few labs on campus, and I hope to continue in more research or work with wildlife in the future. What does receiving this scholarship mean to you? This scholarship will ultimately help me achieve my lifelong dream of protecting the earth’s natural resources as an Environmental Conservation Officer.

Lindsay Shulock
Smithtown, NY • Class of 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

My passion of being outside is coupled with the idea that we can leave the world better than how we found it. Whether that idea is applied to people, places, or ecosystems, I believe it is my duty to do better by this planet. After years of volunteering for conservation organizations and environmental programs, I hope to connect with like-minded people.

What does receiving this scholarship mean to you? This scholarship means that I can continue my education and continue to help the environment in my community.

Jordan Card
Manchester, NH • Class of 2021

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

I currently work at Chipotle when I am at ESF, and at Dairy Queen when I am home. I love reading and graphic design. My plans for the future include traveling to South Africa for research and to help save endangered species, such as the elephant, giraffe, and rhino.

What does receiving this scholarship mean to you? This scholarship means taking some stress away from my work life, and allowing me more time to work towards my career goals, and focus on academics rather than stressing about my financial situation. I have been working ever since I was fourteen years old. This scholarship means a great deal to me. It means that I can pay for textbooks, food, and take a little time off from my part-time job to focus on furthering my career goals, and spending time with family and friends. I thank the committee for this award, as well as each and every one of you that have contributed to this fund.

Kiley Voss
East Aurora, NY • Class of 2019

CONSERVATION BIOLOGY

I am a junior studying Conservation Biology, minoring in Applied Statistics and Environmental Writing and Rhetoric. The past three years at ESF have been challenging and rewarding. I have worked for the Trailhead Café since the start of my sophomore year, and I became a tutor for Genetics and Statistics last semester. The Undergraduate Student Association (USA), Conservation Biology Club, and Student Ambassadors are some of the clubs I’ve been heavily involved with. Last year, my position in USA was Co-Coordinator of Special Events, and I happily planned fall festivals, winter carnivals, Earth Week, and more. As Junior Class Chair this year, I continued to plan events such as the December Soiree and Spring Banquet. At Syracuse University, I have become President of Campus Cursive, a campus calligraphy club, and a member of the USA Ski race team. Spending my first summer at Cranberry Lake, an internship studying firefly populations, and my first summer at Camp Kesem, and a JV member of the SU ski race team. Spending my first summer at Cranberry Lake, an internship studying firefly populations, and my first summer at Camp Kesem, and a JV member of the SU ski race team.

What does receiving this scholarship mean to you? I really love ESF. I have enjoyed my time here immensely, and I have given this school my all. Receiving this scholarship means that I have a greater ability to pursue my dreams, and I am deeply grateful to those who have given me this opportunity. I have immersed myself in this place—joining clubs, being active, working, researching, and exploring everything ESF has to offer. This school has shown me my passion for the environment, and I deeply appreciate that there are people who recognize and support that.

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“Thank you for providing me with the chance to improve the world, not only here, but after and outside of ESF.”
Two ESF Students Honored with Chancellor’s Award

by the ESF Office of Communications

Two undergraduate students from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) have been honored with the 2018 Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence. Jet’aime “Jet” Lewis of Murrieta, California, and Benjamin “Ben” Taylor of Panama, New York, received the honor, which includes framed certificates and medallions that were worn at Commencement.

State University of New York Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson presented the awards on April 10 to 249 SUNY students from across the state. SUNY students, their families, campus presidents and faculty convened in the Albany Capital Center to congratulate this year’s awardees. “I am immeasurably proud of these students, who have demonstrated academic excellence and dedication to enriching their campuses and communities,” said SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson. “From local clinics to holding leadership roles in student organizations, SUNY students are proving every day that they are true leaders in our communities.”

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Chancellor Johnson was joined by special guest Erin Hamlin, a four-time Olympian and world champion. Hamlin, who won the 2014 bronze medal in singles luge and was the first U.S. woman to win a medal in any luge discipline at the Olympic Games. The Olympian and world champion earned her A.A. in interdisciplinary studies online from Empire State College. Chancellor’s Award honorees excel both in academic achievement and in at least one of the following areas: leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement. This is the highest honor a student can receive from SUNY.

Jet’aime “Jet” Lewis

Jet was an environmental biology major. She was a resident assistant in ESF’s Centennial Hall and a former member of the Undergraduate Student Association, where she served as chief communications officer, first-year senator and club representative. She was also a peer mentor student organizer, a teaching assistant in General Biology II, a peer tutor coordinator, a member of the Intercollegiate Athletics Board, and an intern in the SUNY Sustainability Office.

Benjamin “Ben” Taylor

Ben majored in environmental resources engineering. He was an active member of the Undergraduate Student Association, and served two terms as president. He also served as class senator and vice president. He was orientation leader and class marshal, and is the founder of The Gathering at ESF. He also worked as a student employee with ESF Computing and Network Services.

Mighty Oaks Athletics Update

by Daniel Ramin

Director of Athletics

The spring season wrapped up a couple of weekends ago, and we are excited to announce a number of awards and accomplishments.

The Woodsmen’s Team at the Dartmouth meet.

John View was inducted into the USCAA Hall of Fame.

Adam Scalisi ’18 was named head coach of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams.

ESF Computing and Network Services.

Mighty Oaks Highlights

• The Men’s Cross Country team won the HVIAC Conference Championship and finished second at the 2017 USCAA National Championship held in Virginia Beach, VA.
• The Women’s Cross Country team won the HVIAC Conference Championship and finished second at Nationals.
• The Men’s Soccer team had a strong year finishing 13-6-1. The team earned a top ten ranking, which qualified them for Nationals in Virginia.
• The Women’s Soccer team won the conference playoffs, but lost in the semifinals of the National Championship.
• The Golf team won the ESF Invitational and had a great 6th place finish at Nationals.
• The Men’s Basketball team had a solid year. The team even hosted a game in the Carrier Dome.
• The Track program had an excellent fourth year showing great timed improvements. The team had great success at the HVIAC Conference Invitational.

Athletics Staff

There are some updates to the Athletics staff. Former Cross Country coach, John View, was honored by the USCAA by being inducted into the USCAA Hall of Fame. We congratulate him and thank him for all of the success he brought to the program. The Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletics Conference recognized two of our coaches this year as Conference Coaches of the Year: Mike Melfi for Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams. He takes over the reigns of the Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams.

The Bass Fishing team had good results this season. The team will be competing at the FLW qualifier in July on Cayuga Lake.

And most impressively, there were 29 USCAA Academic All-Americans this year. These are student-athletes with a GPA of 3.5 or greater!

Get your 2018 Alumni & Family Fall Weekend T-shirts now and tie-dye them on Saturday, October 13!

White cotton shirt with Forest and Light Green silk-screened design. Available in sizes S-XXL. Order before September 12th using the registration form on page 28 or online at http://www.esf.edu/alumni/fallweekend/

Visit www.esfathletics.com for the latest athletics news and updates
The largest North American Conservation Biology/Wildlife Ecology?

most amount of money for Ducks Unlimited that we have received in the past with the help of our donors. The donors.

America by raising thousands of dollars years, we have grown to become one for North American DU. In the past few years, we have sent ESF students to the SUNY ESF, I began to develop not only an apprecia-

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understanding of ongoing conservation problems as well as identify subtle new issues we were not necessarily aware of. I appreciated the opportunity to be at SUNY-ESF and surrounded by a great group of passionate people all working towards common goals. Thanks to Dr. Gibb's and the rest of the graduate students and faculty at SUNY-ESF, I learned how to be a critical and objective thinker, in other words, a scientist.

Congratulations on being named the Best Biologist on Twitter by Slate – how important has Twitter and other social media outlets been to the promotion of science to the general public? I am passionate about science communication and outreach.

The Alongside Wildlife Foundation works to study and promote science-based solutions for living alongside wildlife.

ESF Student Club: Ducks Unlimited

ESF students are a remarkably active and well-rounded group! In addition to their academic studies, a great number of students are also involved with various clubs and campus organizations.

Club Specifics: Ducks Unlimited was founded in 2015 and has approximately 30 members.

Club History: Ducks Unlimited is the largest North American Conservation Organization (founded in 1937). The ESF chapter started three years ago. For the past two years, we have sent ESF Chapter Members to the annual DU conference in Memphis, Tennessee in order to network with other DU colleges. Our chapter meets regularly and members retain membership and raise funds for North American DU. In the past few years, we have grown to become one of the top college chapters in the country, raising thousands of dollars for the DU Sweet 16 award. This means that we were in the top 16 collegiate chapters to raise the most amount of money for Ducks Unlimited over the past year.

Club’s Mission: The purpose of the Ducks Unlimited College Chapters is to raise money for waterfowl and wetland conservation. We focus our efforts on the SUNY ESF DU chapter, and many of our members are involved in conservation projects. Later, we added another category so we could start contributing to projects putting science in action and help to develop plans that allow us to live alongside and conserve wildlife.

Although we just started the small-grants program in 2018, we have already awarded over $4,500 to wildlife science, conservation, and outreach projects everywhere from Arkansas to Nigeria. I’m excited to develop a new framework for funding this work, one that is supported by a growing network of small donors.

I still conduct a lot of outreach work under the umbrella of the Foundation. In 2018, we launched our social media platform which reaches work I was doing, and then worked to formalize both the work and donation network by creating The Alongside Wildlife Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity. We launched in 2018, through research and outreach, The Alongside Wildlife Foundation works to study and promote science-based solutions for living alongside wildlife.

Can you talk about the idea behind the grants and how they are funded? My plan was to quit academia in 2018, focus on growing The Alongside Wildlife Foundation into a powerful force for wildlife conservation. This would have required me to rely on a chunk of the donations that I was receiving to use as salary. However, in late 2017 I was fortunate to receive an offer to join the Georgia Sea Turtle Center in Jekyll Island as a research ecologist. The position allowed me to combine my re-habilitation and education efforts focused on conserving sea turtles and other species in the region; it was an amazing opportunity!

Taking a full-time job was a mixed blessing for the Foundation. For one, I had less time to spend on the organization. However, I realized that I could now take all of the funds the Foundation was receiving and dedicate them not to myself, but to helping other scientists and communication. I think many scientists agree that natural history and science communication is important, but we all lament that there are few opportun-

To learn more about the Alongside Wildlife Foundation, its mission and activities, please visit www.AlongsideWildlifeFoundation.org

Be sure to follow Steen on Twitter and Instagram @AlongsideWild

Follow Ducks Unlimited at SUNY-ESF www.facebook.com/esfdu

This is a stigma we are trying to break on campus.

Anything else our alumni should know about the Club? One thing that our alumni should know is that Ducks Unlimited is a professional organization and the majority of its members. We are a professional organization that people tend to be a part of for the rest of their lives. While most of our members are not involved in DU before entering ESF, they graduate with a passion for conservation and wildlife.”

The Alumni Spotlight column introduces you to the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are making a difference at SUNY ESF. If you have a suggestion for a Spotlight on someone from your class, contact Cassie Dry@esf.edu or Dr. David Steen, Director of Alumni Relations. To learn more about the Alumni Spotlight column, visit www.esf.edu/alumni.
The Alumni/Student Connection
Creating experiential learning opportunities

As part of our ESF Connections program, the Office of Career Services connects alumni with current students for internship opportunities, giving them real-world experience even before they graduate. We wanted to take a moment to thank our alumni for their dedication to enhancing the educational experience of our students. Below is just a small sample of some of the internships that were made possible through this program. To learn more about the program and how you can help the next generation of ESF alumni, visit www.esf.edu/alumni/invoke.htm

CLASS OF 2019
Brysti Baker
Environmental Resources Engineering

Alumni Connection
Michael Walczyk ’15 (Construction Management) Engineer
Company
Kiewit, Lubys, MD / Memphis, TN
Time frame
Summer 2017 / Summer 2018
Responsibilities
In the Summer 2017, I was a Civil Field Engineer on a LNG plant. This summer, I am in an estimating office in Memphis.

Ian Laih ’18
Environmental & Forest Biology

Alumni Connection
Dr. Todd Ristau ’10 (ESC), Energy Management Specialist
Company
ALDI, Inc., Tully, NY
Time frame
Summer 2016 / 2017
Responsibilities
I assisted as a seasonal technician, collecting data for research being conducted by the Northern Research Station of the Forest Service revolving around fertilization of Black Cherry (Prunus serotina) and herbicide studies.

Alumni Connection
Steve Young ’74 (FRM), Chief Botanist
Company
New York Natural Heritage Program/DEC, Albany, NY (and across NYS)
Time frame
Summer 2018
Responsibilities
We plan on surveying rare and endangered plants in NYS.

CLASS OF 2019
Haley Welchoff
Environmental & Forest Biology

Alumni Connection
Dr. Todd Ristau ’10 (ESC), Energy Management Specialist
Company
ALDI, Inc., Tully, NY
Time frame
Jan. 12–June 30, 2017
Responsibilities
Assisted with consolidation and analysis of data pertaining to the Corporate Carbon Footprint (CCF) reporting for 2016 ALDI-US operations (refrigeration, HVAC, electricity, and transportation data). Conducted data audits between internal reports and external vendor reports to ensure consistency. Assisted with remote monitoring of store Energy Management Systems through an online portal that houses real-time energy data for >1,600 stores. Coordinated with District Managers and vendors to address energy issues at stores across the US. Currently working as a Data Analytics Assistant at ALDI corporate office in Dublin, OH.

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Nature Based Leadership
Now nearly 44 years beyond his bachelor’s degree in forestry, Stephen Jones ’73 is devoting his life to championing the cause of nature-inspired learning and leading. Steve founded the Nature Based Leadership Institute at Antioch University New England in 2015 while serving as that institution’s president. He preceded his thirty-two years in higher education with a dozen years in the paper and allied-products manufacturing industry where, among other assignments, he conducted tree-nutrition and forest-fertilization research for four years, and he served another two years in the Corporate Office of Environmental Affairs. As Alabama region land manager from 1981-84, he oversaw operations on the company’s five-hundred square miles of forestland across thirty-two Alabama counties.

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Donald Wharton ’64
Adirondack Sportman’s Reader
The following is an excerpt from Ed Noonan’s Book Review featured in the Schenectady Daily Gazette: “The Adirondack Sportman’s Reader is an easy-to-read, historical chronicle of life in the outdoorsmen woods and water experiences in their early years. It not only highlights those famous backwoods hunting camps with their deer poles full of trophy North Country bucks, but also introduces you to many of those who lived these experiences. It is an entertaining walk back through history that every age hunter/angler can appreciate, and some might even be able to say, ‘I’ve been there.’ Add to this a black and white gallery of more than 90 photos to enhance these stories, and you have a book that belongs in any Adirondack enthusiast’s ADK collection.”

ISBN-10: 096415482X

Richard Smardon, Ph.D. (ESF Professor Emeritus), Sharon Moran, Ph.D. (ESF Associate Professor, Environmental Studies), April Karen Baptiste, Ph.D. ’08
Revitalizing Urban Waterway Communities
The revitalizing and restoration of rivers, creeks and streams is a major focus of urban conservation activity throughout North America and Europe. This book presents models and examples for engaging multiple stakeholders for purposes of waterway revitalization—if not restoration—within a context of fairness and environmental justice. After decades of neglect and misuse, the challenge of clearing up urban rivers and streams is shown to be complex and truly daunting. Urban clean-up typically involves multiple agendas and stakeholders, as well as complicated technical issues. It is also often the situation that the most affected have the least voice in what happens. The authors present social process models for maximum inclusion of various stakeholders in decision-making for urban waterway regeneration. A range of examples is presented, drawn principally from North America and Europe.

ISBN-10: 113869861X
ALUMNI RESERVATION FORM

Alumni and Family Fall Weekend
October 12–14, 2018

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Advance sale tickets required for ALL events. Please note, due to maximum occupancy regulations on campus, some events may close out prior to the registration deadline. Register early through this form or online at www.esf.edu/alumni/fallweekend

SÉNIOR REUNION ATTENDEES:
For a full schedule of events and a reservation form, visit www.esf.edu/alumni/fallweekend

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Class Year and Major
Address
City
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

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Taste of CNY

Includes samples of NY wines, beer, cider and a variety of appetizers; Non-alcoholic beverages also available

Tie-Dye Your Alumni & Family Fall Weekend T-Shirt

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

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Method of Payment

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SUNY ESF
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Syracuse, NY 13210-2785

Dietary Restrictions

Please note, we will do our best to accommodate dietary restrictions:
Number of Vegetarians
Number of Vegans
Number of Gluten Free
Other

Parking Passes

© YES! Please send me a parking pass (at no extra cost), for Fall Weekend events.

Questions? Please visit www.esf.edu/alumni/fallweekend or call the Alumni Office at 315-470-6632.

2018 Lodging Suggestions

Below is a list of hotels at which we reserved a block of rooms. This will be an extremely busy weekend in the Syracuse area, so you are encouraged to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. In order to receive the group rate, you must mention the group name associated with your hotel of choice. Please be mindful of reservation “cut off” dates. All unreserved rooms in the blocks will be released after that date.

ESF/UNIVERSITY AREA

- The Crowne Plaza Syracuse
  315-479-7000 • 701 East Genesee St, Syracuse
  $125/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

- Sheraton Syracuse University
  1-888-627-7097 • 801 University Ave, Syracuse
  $150/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 7, 2018

- The Jefferson Clinton Hotel
  315-425-0500 • 416 South Clinton St, Syracuse
  $149/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: August 31, 2018

- Residence Inn Marriott • Armory Square
  315-421-2804 • 300 West Fayette St, Syracuse
  $169/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

DOWNTOWN/INNER HARBOR AREA

- The Marriott Syracuse Downtown
  (formerly known as The Hotel Syracuse)
  1-800-228-9290 • 100 E Onondaga St, Syracuse
  $169/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

- Aloft Syracuse Inner Harbor
  315-422-1700 • 310 W Kirkgate St, Syracuse
  $135/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

DEWITT/EASTERN SUBURBS

- The Craftsman Inn
  315-637-8000 • 7300 East Genesee St, Fayetteville
  $125/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

- Doubletree by Hilton Syracuse
  315-432-0200 • 6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse
  $199/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 13, 2018

- Embassy Suites Syracuse-Destination USA
  315-303-1650 • 311 Hiawatha Blvd W, Syracuse
  $179–189/night (includes complimentary hot breakfast) with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

- Holiday Inn Express East Syracuse/Dewitt
  315-573-0213 • 3908 Widewaters Pkwy, East Syracuse
  $139/night (includes complimentary hot breakfast) with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

- Embassy Suites by Hilton Syracuse
  315-466-3200
  $646 Old Collamer Rd South, East Syracuse
  $119-139/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

- The Crowne Plaza Syracuse
  1-888-627-7097 • 801 University Ave, Syracuse
  $125/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018

7TH NORTH STREET (LIVERPOOL) AREA

- Hampton Inn Syracuse North
  315-432-9900 • 1100 Buckely Rd, North Syracuse
  $119/night (includes complimentary hot breakfast) with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: October 1, 2018

- Super 8 Motel Syracuse
  315-431-8888 • 421 Seventh North St, Liverpool
  $66/night with group name “SUNY ESF”
  Reservation Deadline: September 11, 2018