2017 Graduates of Distinction

Dr. Thomas Moorman ’91 • Thomas W. Balsley ’68 • Dr. Isabel A. Munc’02

On December 8, 2017 the ESF Alumni Association honored this year’s Graduates of Distinction award recipients at December Commencement in Hendricks Chapel. The award is presented at Commencement each year so that we may recognize the outstanding achievements of our distinguished alumni, and share these accomplishments with our newest graduates. This year we honored three such alumni.

Thanks to a generous donation received from the Estate of Rob- ert (Bob) M. Sand ’50, the ESF Alumni Association is proud to an- nounce the creation of the Robert M. Sand ’50 Internship Fund which will be used to fund unpaid internships for stu- dents working in their field of study. Those who knew Bob would know how much he valued the concept of working hard for what you want. He firmly be- lieved that when you put your own hard -earned money into something, there is an additional personal incentive to suc- ceed. However, he also understood that hands-on experience was a critical as- pect of a student’s education, and not all experiential learning comes with a pay- check. With the creation of the Intern- ship Fund, students will be able to realize a true sense of accomplishment by being able to gain real-world work ex- perience while earning money that can be used to help fund their education. A strong work ethic, the drive to succeed and supporting our future environmen- tal leaders: exactly what Bob always be- lieved in and what the Robert M. Sand ’50 Internship Fund will inspire for years to come.

Interest earned from the Internship Fund will be combined with generous do- nations from other alumni and support- ers of the College to create the ESF Career Fellowship Program. ESF Career Fellow- ships are intended to promote the career and professional development of students at the College who are committed to solv- ing today’s environmental issues. Fellowship applicants must demon- strate their dedication to the environ- ment and their field of study; a passion and enthusiasm for their proposed ex- perience; a demonstrated promise to pursue their career goals; and the ability to plan and follow through with profes- sional experience.

The ESF Career Fellowships support internships, interdisciplinary projects, and conference attendance for under- graduate and graduate students. ESF Career Fellows are exceptional students who seek to pursue experiences that can truly shape their development. With the help of the ESF Career Fellowships, the chance to pursue career dreams can be- come a reality.

If you are interested in learning more about the Career Fellowship Program and how you can support ESF students seeking to supplement their educational experience with professional opportuni- ties, please contact Dana Piwinski at dpwinski@esf.edu.

2017 Graduates of Distinction

Dr. Thomas Moorman ’91 • Thomas W. Balsley ’68 • Dr. Isabel A. Munc’02

Dr. Thomas Moorman ’91 is be- ing recognized for his inspiring endow- ments in advancing wastewater treatment science by means of numerical publica- tions, presentations, and ascending lead- ership positions at Ducks Unlimited (DU), the worldwide leader in waterfowl and wetland conservation.

Thomas W. Balsley ’68 Landscape Architecture

For more than 40 years, Thomas Balsley has been on the leading edge of change in Landscape Architecture. Few have had a larger physical impact on the quality of the urban environment than Mr. Balsley with his history as a designer of public spaces since opening his prac- tice after graduation.

Dr. Isabel A. Munc’02 Environmental and Forest Biology

Dr. Isabel Munc’02 is a shining example of a scientist who translates science into practice. After completing her M.S. in Environmental Forest Biol- ogy Forest Pathology and Mycology at ESF, she went on to continue her educa- tion with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While her research results explained the emergence of a destructive threat to forests, but have contributed to changes in behavior of managers entrusted to maintaining for- est health.

Full citations of our recipients’ ac- complishments may be read on page 3.

Congratulations to all of our 2017 Graduates of Distinction Award recipients!

In addition to receiving an individual award noting their accomplishments, please see GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION, Page 3.

ESF Career Fellowships Program

Robert M. Sand ’50 Internship Fund

Collaborating directly with scientists in Wind Cave National Park, Molly surveyed and performed paleonto- logical digs, and monitored air quality and surface/groundwater. She also developed several cave maps utilizing GIS highlighting placement of speleological features and predicting the change in water levels for lakes deep in the Cave. “Working at Wind Cave felt like I belonged there; it was exactly where I needed to be that summer. I gained relevant skills and connected with people who were enthusiastic about helping me pursue a career in cave science. In returning to ESF this semester, I feel a renewed sense of purpose and direction in what I want in life.”

Maria Scicchitano

Environmental Resources Engineering Internship with Renewable Energy, Technology and Resource Economics, Iceland

Collaborating with researchers and practitioners, Maria learned about Iceland’s unique use of geo- thermal and hydro power energy. She participated in classes related to resource economics and re- newable energy, engaged in educational excurs- sions, and conducted independent research—a combination of experiences that directly relate to Maria’s career goals to be an environmental engineer in the field of renewable and sustainable energy.

“I ended up doing my project on the preliminary design and financial estimate for installing a biogasification treatment plant for Kefafjordur’s wastewater. In the end, I was able to present my re- commendations to some of the town members. They are actually considering installing some flowmeters per my recommendation so that they can more accurately predict the amount of wastewater being generated.”

Inciplens Quercu Award

Robert M. Sand ’50 Internship Fund

Dr. Isabel A. Munc’02 Environmental and Forest Biology

Dr. Isabel Munc’02 is a shining example of a scientist who translates science into practice. After completing her M.S. in Environmental Forest Biol- ogy Forest Pathology and Mycology at ESF, she went on to continue her educa- tion with a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While her research results explained the emergence of a destructive threat to forests, but have contributed to changes in behavior of managers entrusted to maintaining for- est health.

Full citations of our recipients’ ac- complishments may be read on page 3.

Congratulations to all of our 2017 Graduates of Distinction Award recipients!

In addition to receiving an individual award noting their accomplishments, please see GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION, Page 3.

CLASS OF 2019
Molly Devin
Biotechnology Internship with Wind Cave National Park, Hot Springs, SD

CLASS OF 2017
Maria Scicchitano
Environmental Resources Engineering Internship with Renewable Energy, Technology and Resource Economics, Iceland

CLASS OF 2017
Denali Trimble, Julia Woznicki, Mark Pepper, Kristina Macro, Grace Belisle
LA, EBF, ERE Internship with Biomimicry Global Design Challenge, Syracuse, NY

Denali, Grace, Mark, Kristina, and Julia worked as an interdisciplinary team to design and develop a proto- type of GROW: Gateway to Rethinking Organic Waste – a personal, small scale compost kit. GROW was devel- oped to have environmental, econom- ic, and social impacts that will lead to a more sustainable food system that the everyday person could use.

“The opportunity given to our Bio- mimicry Global Design Challenge group through the ESF Career Fel- lowships allowed us to take an idea that had planted its roots in our minds almost a year prior, and bring that idea to life. From the start of the project in the idea generation phase to the final production of our proto- type, we spent about a year and a half working as a team aiming to submit to this challenge.”
College President’s Message  

As President of your Alumni Association, I want you to know that our focus is on continuing the great work that you, our alumni, do for ESF. We are dedicated to helping our students succeed and continuing to strengthen ESF’s role as a leader in higher education. As our membership, you are the heart of ESF’s future, and that says a lot about how much our community cares about ESF and how much we care about ESF! 

I know that many of you have unanswered questions and concerns, and I want to assure you that you are being heard. The Executive Board and I are doing all we can to keep the lines of communication open and ensure that everyone’s concerns are addressed. Please continue to share your questions and concerns with us. 

Our recent decision to implement a new system for placing students in ESF courses, and the associated removal of three long-term chairs, has resulted in concern from some students, staff and faculty. In keeping with a practice common across leading institutions of higher education, we have established term limits for student representatives. The usual appointment will be for a three-year term, renewable once. I see ESF academic chairs as more than department leaders; they are integral members of the senior leadership team and we need them to shape, influence, support and implement decisions made by the Administration. In the coming weeks, we will address the questions and concerns that have arisen as a result of these changes and make sure that everyone’s concerns are considered in the decision-making process. 

As part of our efforts to better serve our alumni, we have created new councils to represent the alumni in the affairs of the College and act as a facilitator between alumni and the administration. Please know that your Alumni Board has been working diligently to ensure your voices are heard and your concerns addressed. 

As part of our efforts to better serve our alumni, we have created new councils to represent the alumni in the affairs of the College and act as a facilitator between alumni and the administration. Please know that your Alumni Board has been working diligently to ensure your voices are heard and your concerns addressed. 

I hope that you all will stay positive as we continue to work towards a new era of opportunity for our students. We have a great story to tell, and I believe that ESF can play a pivotal role in shaping the future of higher education. 

Thank you for your dedication and support, and please keep in touch. Let’s work together to help put our alumni on the ESF team, and to help ESF grow and prosper.

Thayer Miller '71
President
ESF President Joins NY Botanical Garden As ‘Distinguished Counsellor’

Quentin Wheeler honored for accomplishments in biodiversity science

ESF President Dr. Quentin Wheeler has been named a Distinguished Counsellor to the Board of the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG).

Distinguished Counsellors represent the highest level of accomplishment in science, horticulture and education, the three principal areas of focus of the NYBG. Appointments are made by the chairman of the board.

Dr. Wheeler has been a collaborator with the faculty at NYBG for many years. In a letter inviting Dr. Wheeler to accept the position, NYBG President and CEO Peter A. Raven and Executive Director Craig A. Glendening stated: “We are pleased to announce that Dr. Quentin Wheeler has joined our Board of Counsellors. Dr. Wheeler’s research and dedication to environmental stewardship has had a significant impact on the NYBG’s mission to engage in the protection and preservation of plant diversity and their environments.”

Dr. Wheeler’s research interests include wetland restoration, wetland management, waterfowl population biology and distribution, waterfowl habitat conservation and waterfowl conservation. He is an active collaborator on many research projects, and is a mentor to numerous Ph.D. candidates.

Dr. Wheeler is a member of the American Phytopathological Society and serves as chair of the board of the Forest Pathology Committee in 2021 and 2024 respectively. He is also an active collaborator on many research projects, and is a mentor to numerous Ph.D. candidates.

Dr. Wheeler is a member of the American Phytopathological Society and serves as chair of the board of the Forest Pathology Committee in 2021 and 2024 respectively. He is also an active collaborator on many research projects, and is a mentor to numerous Ph.D. candidates.

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 of 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 possible within the capabilities of the Association.

The Association represents the alumni in the business 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.

One-year subscriptions to Alumni News are $25 for alumni members, $40 for non-member alumni, and $50 for non-member alumni with a spouse or partner.

One-year subscriptions to the Alumni News are $25 for alumni members, $40 for non-member alumni, and $50 for non-member alumni with a spouse or partner.

One-year subscriptions to the Alumni News are $25 for alumni members, $40 for non-member alumni, and $50 for non-member alumni with a spouse or partner.
The Alumni Association has established a grant program to support student requests for funding. Approval of the grants is based on the merits of the proposal and presentation, and must meet the following requirements: must be in alignment with the mission of the Alumni Association and/or College, the applicant must be a matriculated ESF student, the organization must be affiliated with SUNY ESF, and the funding must be for a specific purpose/project/event beyond what is a curriculum requirement. Funds are decided upon by the Alumni Association’s Executive Committee and are distributed twice per year—once in the fall semester, and once in the spring semester. We are happy to share the following student projects that benefited from the Alumni Association Student Grant Program, and we look forward to continuing to support worthwhile student endeavors!

**CLASS OF 2018**

**Mike Reubens**

M5 in Environmental Resources Engineering

Prior to my time in Syracuse, I was in the University at Buffalo undergraduate environmental engineering program, and I am a native of rural Niagara County. I have been interested in the use of plants and other organisms to clean up pollution and improve the environment over the course of my academic career. While in Buffalo, I was involved in a phytoremediation research project, which makes use of the high transpiration rates of hybrid poplar trees to limit transport of tri-chloroethylene in groundwater to a nearby creek. Continuing with this philosophy, my current research interests focus on the use of native plants on green roofs to limit runoff and energy needs for heating and cooling the building underneath.

I am very grateful to the Alumni Association for giving me this opportunity. I was fortunate enough to receive $250 from the Alumni Association this past Fall to purchase a summer research project. This project investigated the limitations of certain vascular plants to reestablishment in post-agricultural lands, and at what scale is avoidance behavior important in this context?

**CLASS OF 2020**

**Lisanne Petracca**

PhD in Environmental & Forest Biology Ecology

I am very grateful to the Alumni Association for giving me this opportunity. I was fortunate enough to receive $250 from the Alumni Association this past Fall to purchase a summer research project. This project investigated the limitations of certain vascular plants to reestablishment in post-agricultural lands, and at what scale is avoidance behavior important in this context?

**CLASS OF 2019**

**Nathan Kiel**

B5 in Conservation Biology

I am very grateful to the Alumni Association for making this all possible for me...
The following short descriptions of the work of College graduate students is being shared with alumni and other readers to provide some insight into the diverse research conducted at ESF. There are approximately 600 graduate students at ESF. There are approximately 600 graduate students at the College, and the following is just a small sample. These particular profiles are the result of an invitation sent to graduate students requesting highlights of their work. More will be shared in future issues of the Alumni News.

Fred Owusu Agyeman
Degree Sought: PhD in Environmental Resources Engineering

Degrees Earned: University for Development Studies, BS in Agriculture Technology, Tamale, Ghana

Major Professor: Dr. Wendong Tao, Department of Environmental Resources Engineering

Research: Anaerobic DigestionEnhancement and Stability Through Synergistic Ammonia Recovery Using Vacuum Thermal Stripping

Globally, it is estimated that billions of tons of municipal solid waste are generated every year of which the US is a major contributor. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and food processing industries also generate additional millions of tons of protein-rich waste on an annual basis. Anaerobic digestion (AD) has been established as a sustainable waste management and renewable energy strategy while reducing methane emissions, providing soil improvement opportunities, and additional revenue generation stream. AD continues to gain attention due to rising fossil fuel prices besides social and environmental concerns regarding the use of fossil fuels. However, there exists operational as well as post-digestion challenges such as ammonia inhibition to the digestion process and digestate dewatering, respectively. The goal of this study is to use our innovative vacuum thermal stripping and acid absorption process to strip ammonia out of digestate at a boiling temperature (65°C) lowered by vacuum (25-28 kPa) and absorbed in a sulfuric acid solution for production of ammonium sulfate crystals. The stripped digestate, which has improved solids solubilization and biodegradability, will be returned to the digester to recycle heat and enhance the AD process. I will seek to address efficiency and stability of AD due to ammonia inhibition and elucidate the synergistic effects of ammonia recovery on AD, thus developing a win-win strategy for sustainable management of bio-wastes that produce bioenergy and meat. Ammonia could be stripped up to 73% and acetic acid, another major inhibitor to methanogenic bacteria could be completely stripped (100%). Biogas production could be significantly improved with organic matter solubilization found to increase significantly with the stripping process. Dewaterability of the stripped digestate has also been found to improve up to 16%. This on-going research will continue to investigate the objectives and make a meaningful contribution towards the field of AD.

Toby Liss
Degree Sought: PhD in Ecology, Department of Environmental and Forest Biology

Degrees Earned: BS in Ecology and Evolution and BA in Linguistics, University of Pittsburgh

Major Professor: Dr. Donald Leopold, Department of Environmental and Forest Biology

Research: The Role of Plant Assemblage Diversity in Evapotranspiration: Novel Application to Enhance Green Roof Function

Stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces is a major environmental challenge, and green roofs are one way to manage this problem. However, the species commonly grown on green roofs do not maximize the removal of stormwater. I have done preliminary experiments to identify additional species that will grow well on green roofs, and I am developing experiments that will test whether increased diversity of species will improve stormwater elimination via evapotranspiration on green roofs. I hope to use my results to help designers make the informed plant selections when they build green roofs.

Ge (Jeff) Pu
Degree Sought: PhD in Water Resource Engineering

Degrees Earned: Environmental Engineering, Drexel University

Major Professor: Dr. Linda Quakenbush, Department of Environmental Resources Engineering

Research: Using remote sensing and spatial analysis to assess the trends in riparian buffer extent and vigor.

Riparian buffers play a significant role in filtering contamination and maintaining water quality. Under stress from climate change, agricultural practices and urbanization, the extent of buffers in many areas with- in the Great Lakes Basin is decreasing and will remain under pressure due to continued economic revital- ization plans. My project developed a tool for rapid riparian buffer delineation and monitoring based on imagery within Google Earth Engine, a highly-advanced cloud-based platform for performing remote sensing and spatial analysis. As a pilot study, this tool was applied to quantify the change in riparia- nian buffer extent and vigor from 2006 to 2015 along the main stem of Gen- ese River, which flows through western Pennsylvania and New York into Lake Ontario. While this study focused on a small area and short time interval, it aimed to develop a framework that could be expanded beyond the scope of this study to address various temporal and spatial scales and explore the fu- ture potential of the approach for riparia- nian buffer modeling. This study has also described the management impli- cations of utilizing such tools. My advi- sor and I presented this research at five local and national conferences, one of which took place at Google Headquar- ters in Mountain View, CA.

My current research utilizes the same technology developed from above to evaluate the riparian buffers in the Stockport Watershed, NY. We are cur- rently working with the NYSDEC Trees for Tribes Program to identify the trends in riparian buffer and hotspots for significant human disturbances, as well as prioritizing locations for riparian restoration. The final report for the proj- ect will be delivered on April 30, 2018.

Looking for ways to get involved?
Become an ESF Ambassador or join the ESF Connections Program!
Learn more at www.esf.edu/alumni/involve.htm

25th Annual ESF Golf Tournament
August 10, 2018
See page 24 for more information!

Central New York Alumni Dinner
April 12, 2018
See page 24 for more information!

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 Summer 2018 issue of the Alumni News! If you have any images from your life’s events over the past year, please send them to us!

Digital files can be e-mailed to us at alumni@esf.edu.

Hard copies can be mailed to the Alumni Office (219 Bravy Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210). We will scan them & return them to you.

Ge (Jeff) Pu
working hard at interpolating satellite images.
Out on the Island

**TIBS housing cuts commute for students, researchers**

Dr. John Paul “JP” Leblanc tends young muskellunge in the Marc A.F. Baker Laboratory at ESF’s Thousand Islands Biological Center.

More than 45,000 young lives depend on Dr. John Paul “JP” Leblanc this past summer.

Tiny muskellunge fry that had hatched from eggs fertilized at ESF’s Thousand Islands Biological Station in the St. Lawrence River were monitored, fed and otherwise tended to by Leblanc and other students and staff in the Marc A.F. Baker Laboratory at ESF’s Thousand Islands Biological Center.

“I’ve taken the responsibility of raising these fish, even though I’ve never raised muskellunge before,” Leblanc said as he watched the fry, barely two inches long, in mid-July. “I’m really important to the research and restoration program.”

During a typical day, Leblanc, a post-doctoral associate working with Dr. John Farrell, who directs the biostation and is the principal investigator on the research, tended to the tiny fish from about 6:30 a.m. to after 9 p.m. In addition to overseeing the automated feeding system, which dropped food every 15 minutes, Leblanc and others kept the tanks clean and monitored the fish for signs of disease.

The research was part of a multi-year project that involves monitoring the muskellunge population in the river and working to restore it. Farrell, who has lived and worked at the station for nearly 30 years, first as a student and then as a faculty member, said, “First, we built a significant long-term aquatic research program and, now, the facilities to advance our efforts toward conservation.

The researchers’ painstaking work was made easier by one of the recent improvements at TIBS — the Frank and Ann Cean Aquatic Researchers Building. Leblanc lived there all summer along with students, technicians and other staff. Constructed with support from ESF alumni Frank Cean ’71 and his wife, Ann, the building opened in 2013 and can house about 18 people. It has been nearly booked since then.

“If I wasn’t on the island, this would be much more complicated,” Leblanc said. “These fish require attention 15 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week. If I had to go back and forth to the mainland every day, it would be almost impossible. And if we didn’t have the entire setup — these new labs — the project would be impossible.”

Frank Cean is a graduate of ESF’s paper science engineering program. He and Ann live in Henderson, near Lake Ontario. Cean had a career as business owner in the pulp and paper industry before he retired. After a short break, he re-entered the business world. He now runs a company called Environmental Composites, a custom manufacturer of advanced textile materials in Utica.

“I still have a general interest in the College. Whatever success I had was the result of my relationship with the College,” Cean said. “This is a little payback for what the College has done for me and my love of fishing.”

An avid sportsman and fisherman, Cean is president of the Lake Ontario Fisheries Coalition and met Farrell through his work with the coalition.

“It’s a long way from the tents they had before,” Cean said, referring to the airy, sunlit building that houses both researchers and students who work as technicians. “It’s a wonderful thing they’re doing over there,” he said, citing research involving fish populations and their habitats in the St. Lawrence River.

“An outstanding effort. More than an effort — it’s action they’re taking to develop the fisheries in the area.”

Leblanc shared the residence with other undergraduates, graduates students and employees who worked on an array of projects through the summer. ESF senior Siddarth “Sid” Motwani worked as a technician, conducting surveys and developing an interest in how business and science both play into the operation of a biostation. He said the availability of housing at TIBS meant he only had to pay for rent in his year-round home, rather than adding a summer bill on top of it.

“I like living here,” he said. “It’s a small island and it’s amazingly beautiful. It’s great to sit here and watch the storms come in.”

---

**CAREERSHIFT**

**ESF Welcomes CareerShift Technology for Alumni and Students**

Today, we know individuals will have multiple jobs over the course of their careers. From that first job post-graduation to the targeting of advancement opportunities, job-searching success relies on active networking and strong organization. CareerShift is a web-based technology that provides unique search features capturing company contacts and job and internship postings all organized on a personalized dashboard, allowing for easy management of connections and opportunities.

The Career Services Office and Alumni Association are excited to offer this great resource to alumni and students. With CareerShift, you can:

- Search and store jobs from all the major job boards, company websites, newspapers, and anywhere else a job is posted on the internet from the US, Canada, UK, and Australia. You can also set job alerts.

- Get inside contact information immediately, including email addresses, for millions of companies and their employees, even alumni, then save and manage your lists.

- Maintain as many targeted resumes and cover letters as needed right within the system.

- Automatically send e-mails and documents to any of your saved contacts right within the system. The system then allows you to track and manage all correspondence you have with every organization and individual. You can even keep notes and set reminders for follow-ups.

- Access your confidential CareerShift account from anywhere, anytime, 24/7/365.

We are excited to offer access to this great resource beginning in January 2018. CareerShift will compliment your continued access to OrangeLink and the other support resources available to you through the Career Services Office. If you have any questions about CareerShift or would like to find a time to discuss your unique career trajectory, please reach out to the Career Services Office to schedule an appointment: careers@esf.edu or 315-470-6000.

As ESF Alumni, you are a wonderful reflection of the value of an ESF education. A gift of any size to the ESF Annual Fund will ensure ESF’s continued role as a premiere institution. Your gift combined with others can help strengthen the College’s programs, enhance our physical facilities, and help hundreds of financially-needy students complete their ESF education.

Please join other generous ESF alumni by making a gift to the ESF Annual Fund today!

Make your gift on-line by visiting www.esf.edu/afgifts or by calling the ESF Development Office at (315) 470-6683.

Make your gift on-line at www.esf.edu/afgifts or call (315) 470-6683!
The 1951 Pulp & Paper “Beater Rats” Newsletter: A History

For over 65 years, members of the Pulp & Paper Class of 1951 have kept in touch via the “Beater Rats” newsletter. The bond that these men shared during their years at ESF (then called the College of Forestry) has endured throughout the ages. Here is a small glimpse into their lives as told by one of the classmates.

...and performance of the new

The Presumpscot River Bottom Boys...
ESF PROFESSOR RECEIVES NATIONAL FORESTRY AWARD

Dr. Ralph Nyland ’58
honored by Society of American Foresters

by the ESF Office of Communications

Dr. Ralph D. Nyland ’58 was the recipient of the 2017 Barrington Moore Memorial Award from the Society of American Foresters (SAF). The Barrington Moore Memorial Award recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry education. Nyland was honored for his outstanding contributions to the forestry profession during ceremonies at the 2017 SAF National Convention, in Albuquerque, NM, in November.

As a Distinguished Service Professor at ESF, Nyland’s research productivity and influence have been high, and the content has been innovative, and the work has had significant impact as it changed both forest practices and forest science regionally, nationally, and internationally. He is the author of one of the leading silviculture textbooks in use, Silviculture: Concepts and Applications, and is a leading scholar advancing the scientific basis for the uneven-age silvicultural system that is used widely in the world.

Since his benchmark article, “Explotation and Greed in Eastern Hardwood Forests,” published in the Journal of Forestry in 1992, Nyland has been an articulate critic of unsustainable forest practices associated with high-grading, diameter-limit cuts and other exploitive harvesting practices. With his colleagues, he has made a substantial contribution to the professor’s understanding of the short-term allure and long-term consequences of these practices. He developed models for policy-makers and forest managers to understand the trade-offs these practices entail. He also contributed high-quality science to describe rehabilitation strategies for stands that have undergone these practices in the past.

In addition, Nyland’s research has added to the understanding of regener- ation processes in northern hardwood forests. This work includes a series of papers in the journal Forest Science and other publications concerning interfering plants in northern hardwood forest systems. A publication that explores the practice of forestry and social attitudes toward the profession.

In the Know with the CDO

In September, I shared with the cam- pus community the new affiliation with National Association of Diversity Offi- cers in Higher Education (NADOHE) and ESF-affiliates that will represent ESF to NADOHE

Policy Infrastructure

In order to foster employee autono- my and improve climate, I saw a need to improve the policy process that would: improve the current policy infrastruc- ture making it well-defined, understand- able, transparent, and easy to navigate; allow campus input and feedback as broadly sought, valued, and appropriate- ly used, and exhibit a uniform template and process to create and revise policies, negotiate a way to share the new policy template and revision/creation process with the campus community.

The structure that I created includes the following:

• Policy on Policies (Proposed template)
• Policy Template
• Style Guidelines for ESF
• Policy Revisions Form
• Policy Impact Statement
• Stakeholder Letter Template

The materials are currently under review by the Vice President for Ad- ministration and other members of the President’s Executive Cabinet.

Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Website Revision

The committee for Inclusion, Di- versity, and Equity has given me their approval to move forward with recon- struction of the esf.edu/ide website. Instead of representing only the can- didates, the newly-refurnished website will exemplify diversity for the entire campus community. The site is cur- rently under review.

Upcoming projects, partnerships, and other activities relating to inclusion, diversity, and equity will live online at the new site. Until then, please do not hesitate to contact me with partnership ideas, proposed activities, and encour- agement at mcarte06@esf.edu

Moon Library Update

by Matt Smith
Director of College Libraries

As we are about to conclude the Moon Library’s first half centu- ry, it is exciting to consider the possibilities for change and advance- ment that its second half century will bring. As we have noted many times, the library has evolved from a place that housed a large physical collection, with some places for quiet reading and study, to a place rich with social interaction that houses many different services. Students can come to Moon to take advantage of the writing program, public speaking labs, job search space, multi-purpose space, the ITS media suite and, of course, all library services.

As the importance of physical col- lections have waned, the library has in- vested more in our digital collections. We are beginning three major efforts that will greatly expand access to schol- arly materials. We are very pleased to now take into all of our graduate theses and dissertations electronically using our Digital Commons platform (http:// digitalcommons.esf.edu/). Going for- ward, everyone will have access to the world-class scholarly output of our graduate students here at ESF. As the semester ended, we saw the first of these become available. It might be helpful to note that the library staff already host our undergraduate honors theses in the Digital Commons. Our second effort involves supporting SUNY’s Affordable Learning and Open Educational Resource (OER) initiatives. From the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, “OER are teaching, learning, and research resources that re- side in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others. Open education- al resources include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge.” Members of the Digital Commons working group host the datasets on our own, local OER reposi- tory also on Digital Commons.

The third major effort is building a data repository. ESF produces a tremen- dous amount of research data that is of value to both the ESF community and the broader academic community. This is particularly challenging given the lack of local server infrastructure to host the data. After some assessment, we learned that a large portion of the datasets on campus are smaller and tabular. Using the freely available Dataverse platform, we are moving forward with making available the research data we produce, and have our faculty ready to make their scholarship available. Dataverse will be used in conjunction with our Digital Commons to showcase our institutional value of equity and inclusion, and the research data that accompa- nies it. Dataverse was expected to go live in December 2017 to make the data available.

Researchers around the world have downloaded our materials in the Digi- tal Commons almost 17,000 times in the last year. I expect this to increase exponentially as we provide access to a broader scope of content. The next half century will be exciting and I believe our efforts like this will raise the profile of the institution as the world discovers the amazing scholarship and research that ESF produces.

In the Know with the CDO

NADOHE Affiliation to Campus Community

In September, I shared with the cam- pus community the new affiliation with National Association of Diversity Offi- cers in Higher Education (NADOHE) and ESF-affiliates that will represent ESF to NADOHE

Pre-Halloween Celebration

Considerations to Campus Community

In order to share the collective insti- tutional value of equity and inclusion, and allow the campus community to help shape its own role in promoting these values, I shared a campus-wide notification of considerations including notice that “certain Halloween costumes inappropriately perpetuate racial, cultur- al, and gender stereotypes.” In addition to the dialogue to the email generat- ed, notification was covered in the Daily Orange by reporter Cole Jermy (http:// directory.dailyorange.com/2017/10/asking-wear-sensitive-halloween-costumes-doesnt-equate-censoring-free-expression/).
The Acorn Doesn’t Fall Far From the Tree

by Mauri Harling Staff

ESF Open Academy

I n 1982, Bill Mason drove himself to campus to begin his first year at ESF with only a few items of clothing, some kitchen gear, his work boots and a desire to continue his education in forest biology. Two years prior, Bill had been in high school and his guidance counselor felt that ESF would be the perfect school for him. He applied, but received a letter back stating that he would not be eligible to attend ESF until his junior year of college. At that time, ESF was a two-year college for upper division undergraduates only. Bill chuckles when he remembers that letter and states, “There was no internet to research this stuff and I had to rely on the guidance counselor.” While the counselor or may not have had all his facts straight, he was right about one thing—ESF was the perfect fit for Bill. After attending Orange County Community College for two years, Bill transferred to ESF and graduated with a BS (Environmental and Forest Biology) in 1984. In 1990, ESF began accepting freshman again, something Bill is happy about as he dropped his son Jared off to begin his freshman year this past August.

“I caught up with Bill and Jared on “Move-In Day” and gathered some of their initial reactions to ESF and the college experience in general. The first, and most obvious, was that Jared could start here as a freshman. ESF still has its cohort of transfer students, but a majority of the student body begins here right out of high school (and some even begin as high school students). Jared was able to take FBI 120-The Global Environment Biology and Conservation Biology as a dual enrollment course at his high school through the “ESF in the High School” program. Interestingly enough, his father served as the ESF adjunct faculty member for his class. Bill has been teaching the course since 2012 at Hannibal High School, and Jared admits that the course was one of the reasons he chose ESF over other institutions he was accepted to.

When Bill first arrived at ESF 35 years ago, he was housed in Syracuse University’s South Campus Apartments, which necessitated a long walk to campus, something that was not popular during the winter months. At ESF today, students reside in Centennial Hall, our own residence hall that opened in 2011. Though ESF has added more buildings and students since 1982, Bill still likes to see the familiar faces and make his own connections to ESF and the Syracuse community. Bill states, “If Jared learns half as much as I did or has half as much fun, it will be great.” Jared replies, “I hope to learn as much as my Dad did.” Maybe this little acorn has not fallen far from his tree.

As a child of an alumnus, Jared was awarded an Alumni Legacy scholarship. Eligible students receive a $250 tuition credit for up to ten semesters of full-time undergraduate study at ESF. Scholarships are renewed each semester, dependent upon the student maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Financial need is not required for scholarship selection, but an applicant’s academic record and extracurricular activities are taken into consideration. The Alumni Legacy Scholarships are provided through the generous support of the ESF Alumni Association and its members.

Some Interesting Stats

TUITION (for one semester)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1982</td>
<td>$525</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$3,335</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ROOM & BOARD (for one year)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1982</td>
<td>$2,148</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$8,070</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

ENROLLMENT (for one year)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Students</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1982</td>
<td>990</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>1,791</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TEXTBOOK COSTS (for one year)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1982</td>
<td>$200-400</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$400-600</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Jared ‘21 and Bill ‘84 Mason continuing the ESF legacy**

“Jared learns half as much as I did or has half as much fun, it will be great.”

Bill hopes his son finds friends to last a lifetime, just as he did. Jared might not be going to Hungry Chucks or Maggie’s (both now closed down) or playing pool at Kappa Phi Delta (defunct), but he will be able to get a slice at Varsity Pizza and make his own connections to ESF and the Syracuse community. Bill states, “If Jared learns half as much as I did or has half as much fun, it will be great.” Jared replies, “I hope to learn as much as my Dad did.” Maybe this little acorn has not fallen far from his tree.

**Dr. Gibbs is an exemplary teacher, scholar, scientist and colleague. He has distinguished himself in many ways, but perhaps none more than in conservation research and scholarship,” Wheeler said.**

“Dr. Gibbs is a superb teacher and internationally recognized researcher working at the leading edge of conservation biology. Few scientists have had greater or more diverse impacts saving species, from snow leopards in Asia to Darwin’s tortoises in the Galapagos and the reptiles of New York state.”

“Dr. Gibbs is an exemplary teacher, scholar, scientist and colleague. He has distinguished himself in many ways, but perhaps none more than in conservation research and scholarship,” Wheeler said. “He is a superb teacher and internationally recognized researcher working at the leading edge of conservation biology. Few scientists have had greater or more diverse impacts saving species, from snow leopards in Asia to Darwin’s tortoises in the Galapagos and the reptiles of New York state.”

“Dr. Gibbs is recognized for his excellence as an educator. Through his teaching and mentorship of graduate students, he has and continues to inspire and prepare the next generation of conservation scientists.”

**ESF PROFESSOR EARN highest Faculty Rank**

Dr. James Gibbs Named SUNY Distinguished Professor

“Dr. Gibbs is an exemplary teacher, scholar, scientist and colleague. He has distinguished himself in many ways, but perhaps none more than in conservation research and scholarship,” Wheeler said. “He is a superb teacher and internationally recognized researcher working at the leading edge of conservation biology. Few scientists have had greater or more diverse impacts saving species, from snow leopards in Asia to Darwin’s tortoises in the Galapagos and the reptiles of New York state.”

“Dr. Gibbs is recognized for his excellence as an educator. Through his teaching and mentorship of graduate students, he has and continues to inspire and prepare the next generation of conservation scientists.”

“Dr. Gibbs is an exemplary teacher, scholar, scientist and colleague. He has distinguished himself in many ways, but perhaps none more than in conservation research and scholarship,” Wheeler said. “He is a superb teacher and internationally recognized researcher working at the leading edge of conservation biology. Few scientists have had greater or more diverse impacts saving species, from snow leopards in Asia to Darwin’s tortoises in the Galapagos and the reptiles of New York state.”
2017 Alumni & Family Fall Weekend Recap

Nearly 300 people packed the Gateway Center event space for the Alumni & Family Opening Reception on Friday evening.

On October 27th – 29th, the ESF community welcomed several hundred people to campus for the annual Alumni & Family Fall Weekend. Alumni, parents, students, and guests came together for a weekend full of fun activities here in Syracuse.

The full schedule of events kicked off on Friday evening with a special “Alumni Reception” in the Gateway Center. Class photos were taken, and alumni from all class years reconnected over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. We had a wonderful showing from the Class of 1977 thanks to the efforts of John Coffey and PJ Stokes who contacted their classmates and encouraged them to attend! The Reception was later opened up to current students and their families. Over 300 people filled the Gateway Center for this lively event which featured welcoming remarks, a door prize giveaway, and a performance by the Ecotones, ESF’s very own a cappella vocal group. After the Reception, everyone was invited to the Alumni Lounge to be entertained by the many talents of ESF students, faculty, and alumni during the “Coffee Haus,” sponsored by the Undergraduate Student Association.

Saturday got off to an early start with one of our newer events: a 5-K “Fun Run & Walk” through campus & Oakwood Cemetery. Prizes were given out to the top male & female finishers and commemorative “Fun Run” t-shirts were sold, with all proceeds benefiting the ESF Might Oaks athletic teams. After the run, College President Dr. Quentin Wheeler hosted a continental breakfast in Marshall Hall. From there, attendees could choose from an assortment of activities: tours of campus, the popular “Dendro-Walk” led by Dr. Don Leopold through Oakwood Cemetery (which drew over 200 people this year!), tours of the Illick Hall greenhouses and the Gateway Green Roof, a lecture focusing on the Roosevelt Wildlife Collection, and a student activities fair, to name just a few. The Office of Career Services hosted an “Alumni & Student Networking Panel,” and the Student Affairs staff held a “Meet-and-Greet.” The beautiful fall weather allowed certain activities to occur right on the Quad, including a tie-dying station and Woodsmen’s Team demos.

The annual barbecue lunch was held in the Gateway Center, and was catered by Limp Lizard BBQ, a local favorite. The afternoon offered the opportunity to learn about the American Chestnut project at the Lafayette Road Experiment Station. The final on-campus event on Saturday was the “Taste of Central New York” reception. This event, which was added to the itinerary several years ago, is growing in popularity and was enjoyed by over 200 people this year. Participants are offered samples of locally-produced wine, beer, and hard cider, plus cheeses and other hors d’oeuvres.

For the second year in a row, our Fall Weekend activities extended into Sunday. A pancake breakfast (featuring our very own Heilberg Forest maple syrup) was held in the Gateway Center. Although we had lined up several exciting outdoor activities for Sunday, the weather took a turn towards the cold and rainy, which forced us to cancel the early-morning bird watching expedition at the Montezuma Wildlife Refuge, the plant-based hike through Clark Reserves, and the service project at Baltimore Woods Nature Center. We look forward to offering those activities again next year, weather-permitting.

We are already starting to think about programming ideas for the 2018 Fall Weekend! If you have any suggestions or ideas, we are always happy to hear them. Contact us at alumni@esf.edu or call 315-470-6632.

We want your feedback on our Senior Reunion activities!

• What activities would you like to see included in the itinerary?
• Would you be willing to contact your classmates to encourage them to attend the reunion?

The Alumni Office is interested in hearing your thoughts on this.

E-mail us at alumni@esf.edu or give us a call at 315-470-6632 and let us know what you think!

senior alumni

ATTENTION SENIOR ALUMNI

Class of 1968 and older

Senior Reunion

Alumni from the Classes of 1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967

Return to Campus for Senior Reunion

The Class of 1967 celebrated their 50-year reunion during the 2017 Alumni & Family Fall Weekend. Top Row (Left to Right): Larry Novak, David Daubert, Stephen Glasser, Paul Ebersbach, Middle Row: Ada Novak, Elizabeth Glasser, Bottom Row: John Kenna, Janet Stout, David Stout, John Kenna
These alumni and their guests caught up at the Opening Reception in the Gateway Center: (left to right) Scott Saroff ’77, Mike Anderson ’77, Craig Fournier ’67, Karla Anderson and Deborah Saroff.

The Class of 1977’s 40th Reunion.

These gentlemen from the Classes of 1947 and 1952 caught up during Senior Reunion. From left, Alumni Association Board Member Stu Hosler ’52, Bob Wall ’47, and Henry Noldan ’52.

The Wong family (Jason, Brittany, Grace and Jenny) enjoyed the barbecue lunch catered by local Syracuse favorite, Limp Lizard BBQ.

These ESF students and their families got to know each other over BBQ lunch. From left, Connor McCourt ’21, Mike McCourt, Michelle McCourt, Heather Palmiler, Peter Jablonski, and Ian Jablonski ’21.

Olivia Powers ’16 was the female overall winner of the Fun Run with a time of 22:20.

There was a great turnout for the 2nd annual Fun Run and Walk thanks to the beautiful and unseasonably warm October weather!

The Class of 1987 was presented with a ceremonial certificate to commemorate their outstanding fundraising efforts towards their Class Gift. Here, College President Dr. Quentin Wheeler commends Class of ’87 representatives at the Senior Reunion Dinner (left to right): Scott Gray, Dr. Wheeler, Ned Holmes, Richard Klingaman, and Fortunato Stanziale.

College President Dr. Quentin Wheeler (2nd from right) joins a group of alumni and families to chat about the College during Fall Weekend. From left, Paul Ebersbach ’67, Greg Hill ’67, Dana Hill, Michelle Gallego, John Gallego ’21, Geoffrey Cursley ’91, Dr. Wheeler, and John Gallego.

Tie-Dying t-shirts is a popular (albeit messy!) activity during Fall Weekend. Here, a student displays her tell-tale tie-dying hands!

These happy participants cross the finish line at the Fun Run!
These new students enjoy sundaes at the Ice Cream Social in the Gateway Center. Welcome to campus!

The incoming freshmen class at the annual Ice Cream Social in August. The Alumni Association has been organizing this event for nearly 10 years to welcome freshmen to campus.

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS ESF STUDENT EVENTS

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS ESF STUDENT EVENTS

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS ESF STUDENT EVENTS

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTS ESF STUDENT EVENTS

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!

The Alumni Association hosts several events throughout the year for current ESF students. We are always looking for alumni volunteers to help us at these events! If you are a local alum who can give us a hand, call us at 315-470-6632. Thank you!

The December Class of 2017 toast to their graduation at the Champagne Toast!
**Syracuse Chiefs Baseball**

ESF alumni cheer on the home team at a Syracuse Chiefs baseball game in July.

**ESF Golf Tournament**

These four golfers all performed very well in the Putting Contest at the ESF Golf Tournament. From left, Pete Donovan, Dave Kiemle '09, John Turbeville, and Nick Sereno.

**Young Alumni**

This group of young alumni met up at The Ginger Man in Manhattan for an informal get-together. Front row (left to right): Harold Nugent ’14, Nicholas Hlat ’14, Lia Heintjes ’16, Olivia Liu ’15, Breanne Perian ’15, Jane Yeh ’15, Amanda Miller ’17, Sara Reinstein ’17, and TC Caviness ’17. Back row (left to right): Alex Sullivan (guest), Michael Miecznikowski ’12, Kurt Dirr ’16, Jennifer Giemus ’16, Sam Swift (guest), Bill Strauss ’14, Jacob Sanua ’15, Dalton Hyde ’14, Nate Pucko ’14, Nicholas Shannon ’17, and Kyle Walsh ’17.

**Saratoga Race Track**

A day at the races! ESF alumni gathered at the Saratoga Race Track in August. From left, Thayer Miller ’71, David and Mary Clements ’82, John ’82 and Janet Bartow, Sarah Neal and Ronald Hilfiker ’68.

**ESF alumni group in the Upper Carousel at the historic Saratoga Race Track.**

**2017 GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION**

Dr. Thomas Moorman ’91 (left) was joined at the Graduates of Distinction Celebration Dinner by (left to right): Anne Marie Moorman, Eileen Baldassarre, and Dan Baldassarre. Dr. Moorman received the Notable Achievement Award.

Dr. Isabel Munck ’02 was the recipient of the 2017 Graduate of Distinction Incipiens Quercu Award, which is bestowed upon a recent graduate who is demonstrating their commitment to ESF’s environmental stewardship through their professional and/or volunteer work experience. Isabel was joined by Dr. Paul Manion (left) and Dr. Donald Leopold (EFB).

Graduate of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Thomas Balsley ’68 attended the ceremony with his wife, Sarah, and son, Ben.

**ESF Golf Tournament**

This group of LA alumni gathered at the Graduates of Distinction Celebration Dinner to honor Thomas Balsley ’68 (far right) on his award. From left, LA Department Chair Doug Johnston ’80, LA Distinguished Service Professor Richard Hawks ’72, Mary Clements ’82, Norman Roth ’74, David Tessier ’68, Thayer Miller ’71, Doug McCord ’80, and Balsley.

**SAF 2017**

These alumni caught up at the alumni reception held in conjunction with the SAF National Convention in Albuquerque.

**Dr. Nancy Mathaus ’82**, Professor and Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont, and one of her students at the SAF Alumni Reception in November.

**Dr. Ralph Nyland ’58** chats with ESF graduate student Santa Bassil at the SAF Alumni Reception in Albuquerque. Dr. Nyland received the Barhaming Moore Memorial Award at the SAF National Convention.

**Alumni tour the FDR Home in July.** In addition to the structure seen here, the group explored the grounds and gardens, led by alum David Hayes ’79.

A guide speaks to a group of ESF alumni at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park. Here, he is describing a mosaic tile floor map that depicts Hyde Park as FDR knew it and loved it. Adapted from a book by Hudson Valley and WPA artist Olin Dows, Franklin Roosevelt at Hyde Park, the map shows all of the places that compelled FDR to return to the Hudson Valley.

**Alumni were treated to a special luncheon at the famed Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY prior to a tour of the FDR Presidential Library, Museum at Home.**

Alumni tour the FDR Home in July. In addition to the structure seen here, the group explored the grounds and gardens, led by alum David Hayes ’79.

**Young Alumni**

This group of young alumni met up at The Ginger Man in Manhattan for an informal get-together. Front row (left to right): Harold Nugent ’14, Nicholas Hlat ’14, Lia Heintjes ’16, Olivia Liu ’15, Breanne Perian ’15, Jane Yeh ’15, Amanda Miller ’17, Sara Reinstein ’17, and TC Caviness ’17. Back row (left to right): Alex Sullivan (guest), Michael Miecznikowski ’12, Kurt Dirr ’16, Jennifer Giemus ’16, Sam Swift (guest), Bill Strauss ’14, Jacob Sanua ’15, Dalton Hyde ’14, Nate Pucko ’14, Nicholas Shannon ’17, and Kyle Walsh ’17.

**2017 GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION**

Dr. Thomas Moorman ’91 (left) was joined at the Graduates of Distinction Celebration Dinner by (left to right): Anne Marie Moorman, Eileen Baldassarre, and Dan Baldassarre. Dr. Moorman received the Notable Achievement Award.

Dr. Isabel Munck ’02 was the recipient of the 2017 Graduate of Distinction Incipiens Quercu Award, which is bestowed upon a recent graduate who is demonstrating their commitment to ESF’s environmental stewardship through their professional and/or volunteer work experience. Isabel was joined by Dr. Paul Manion (left) and Dr. Donald Leopold (EFB).

Graduate of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Thomas Balsley ’68 attended the ceremony with his wife, Sarah, and son, Ben.

**ESF Golf Tournament**

These four golfers all performed very well in the Putting Contest at the ESF Golf Tournament. From left, Pete Donovan, Dave Kiemle ’09, John Turbeville, and Nick Sereno.

**Syracuse Chiefs Baseball**

ESF alumni cheer on the home team at a Syracuse Chiefs baseball game in July.

**ESF Golf Tournament**

These four golfers all performed very well in the Putting Contest at the ESF Golf Tournament. From left, Pete Donovan, Dave Kiemle ’09, John Turbeville, and Nick Sereno.

**Syracuse Chiefs Baseball**

ESF alumni cheer on the home team at a Syracuse Chiefs baseball game in July.

**ESF Golf Tournament**

These four golfers all performed very well in the Putting Contest at the ESF Golf Tournament. From left, Pete Donovan, Dave Kiemle ’09, John Turbeville, and Nick Sereno.
To order any of the items featured here or to view our large selection of additional items, please visit the ESF College Bookstore's website: www.esfbookstore.com If you have questions, contact the Bookstore at 315-470-6559. Thanks for shopping!
The ESF Alumni Association: A History

by Kevin Reynolds
Volunteer, SUNY-ESF Haverater College Archives

The Alumni Association is doing very well – thanks to you! As we approach the 100th anniversary of the Association, I thought this might be a good time to take a look back to where it all started since the success of the Association today is a result of those that have come before you.

Most of the information that I was able to gather comes from a found object within the SUNY-ESF Haverater College Archives titled Forestry College: Essays on the Growth and Development of New York State College of Forestry, 1911–1961. I have condensed some of the information found in James Glavin’s chapter, “The Alumni Association.” You can find links to this information and the SUNY-ESF Haverater College Archives at the end of this article.

Our College was founded on July 28, 1911, by the College’s first president, Arthur S. Better, who was the first student to earn a PhD from College in 1918. According to our College records, we have graduated almost 27,000 students since our College began.

While the College started sending graduates out into the world in 1913, it was not until June 19, 1920, that the Alumni Association was conceptualized by a group of some twenty men led by Karl A. Swenning, president of the Forestry graduating class of that year. (50 year, pg. 163)

The Association’s commitment to helping support our College and its alumni is something that has remained constant since the beginning. In May, 1922, the new Association, donated $800 to the College for a memorial to those who lost their lives in WWI. The next class memorial recorded, a stone and symbolic tree was erected in 1925 by the College in the class of ’24 (50 year, pg. 164) In 1929, alumni in the Philippines presented the College with a beautiful tree, the mindi, capable of tropical wood (50 year, pg. 164) – which currently resides in our Bray Hall Board Room! In November of 1925, the first constitution for the Association was adopted. While the constitution has been revised over the years, the main tenets of the original document remain the same:

a) Promoting and cultivating friendship, fellowship and cooperation among the alumni, students and faculty of the College;

b) Assisting and promoting the College in the attainment of its objectives;

c) Serving and assisting the membership however necessary within the capabilities of the Association;

d) Representing the membership in the affairs of the College.

(The complete bylaws of the Alumni Association can be found on the College’s website at www.esf.edu/alumni/)

As noted earlier, one of the main tenets of the Association is to maintain a connection between the alumni and the College. As far back at the summer of 1913, Dean Baker recognized this need and started the Alumni Newsletter as a way of keeping in touch. The Alumni News still serves as the main point of communication to over 8,000 active graduates of the College.

Even in the early years, our alumni were aware of the importance of reaching out to help the current student body. In 1929, a gift by Earl Bowe ’24 started an important trend; his donation was the first attempt to meet a current need at the College: the creation of the student loan fund. By 1936, the amount in the fund was $2,219. “By November, 1939, the fund totaled almost $5,000.” (50 year, pg. 164) Through this fund many short-term loans were provided to our students.

In 1942, during the administration of President C. D. Kingsbury, the Alumni Association wanted to provide financial assistant to students and initiated an annual Scholarship Award of $50 to an outstanding senior. (50 year, pg 165) “The Scholarship Award was not made during WWII and for a while thereafter, but it was reestablished in 1953 as the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Award in honor of the alumni who gave their lives for our country during WWI, II, and I1.” (50 year, pg. 166) The Alumni Memorial Scholarship is still awarded today. Each year the Association recognizes outstanding students from both the undergraduate and graduate levels at the Central New York Dinner. In the last 10 years alone, the Association has awarded over $55,000 in scholarship money to the award recipients.

Certainly the Scholarship Award was a good choice, for it placed emphasis on scholastic effort and personal initiative to make good, and symbolized the joint interests of faculty, students and alumni in principles for which our war heroes laid down their lives.” (50 year, pg. 166)

I have enjoyed reading about some of the early history of the ESF Alumni Association. We are still going strong! As alumni numbers have grown and participation has increased, you have been able to make many more contributions to your College. Thank you!

Most of the information in this article was taken from chapter nine of the 50 Year Anniversary Book (Armstrong, George R. Editor and Kranz, Marvin W. Associate Editor, “Forestry College: Es- says on the Growth and Development of New York State College of For- estry, 1911–1961”) (1961). College History. 4, http://digitalcommons.esf.edu/ collegehistory/4/.

If you would like to read more about the history of your College, please visit: http://www.esf.edu/moonlib/archives/

Lastly, are there any historical topics that you would like more information about? Please contact your SUNY ESF Haverater College Archives through As- sociate Librarian Jane Verostek ’92. Her email address is: jveros@esf.edu.

Alumni Association Incorporation, April, 1957

1915 Graduation Photo: The first full 4-year class, 1911–1915

YOUR ESF MEMORIES

What is your most treasured memory while attending SUNY ESF?

Is it an academic memory? Perhaps a faculty member or a particular class that helped you to find your passion? Was it a special field trip or research experience? Or is it a memory that comes from an activity outside of the classroom? Whatever it may be…we’d like to hear about it! We are work- ing on an article for a future issue of the Alumni News, and we would like to include first-hand “treasured memories” from our alumni. E-mail us at alumni@esf.edu. It doesn’t have to be anything long or for- mal…a quick message will do the trick! If you’d like, send us a recent photo of yourself along with your submission. We look forward to hearing about your treasured ESF memories!

alumni@esf.edu

Highlights from ESF’s Division of Student Affairs

A message from the Vice Provost and Dean for Student Affairs

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

HAPPY New Years from the Division of Student Affairs!

Fall semester is always a busy one for us with welcoming new students and their families in August, to sponsoring a wide range of programs and activities for the campus community, to celebrating with our graduates at the Winter Commencement and the December Soiree. We are looking forward to an equally busy and rewarding spring semester. We wish you all the best as you begin the spring semester.

Oversight for the provision of student health and counseling services transitioned from Syracuse University to ESF in the fall of 2016, and over the last year, we have established a number of programs and services designed to support student’s mental and physical health needs. The ESF Counseling Services Office was established in the fall of 2016 with staff members Ruth Larson, Director of Counseling Services; Roger Howard, Staff Therapist; and Evelyn Piccolo, Office Assistant. During the 2016-17 academic year, they served 232 unique student clients for 806 individual counseling sessions. Additionally, they responded to 27 in-person crisis visits and 71 crisis phone calls. They are on track to serve an even greater number of students during the 2017-18 academic year.

Students seek support from Counseling Services for a variety of reasons. The most commonly articulated reasons include anxiety (69% of clients indicated this reason), academic concerns (63%), depression (61%), poor self-esteem (39%), social isolation (34%), relationship issues (33%), and suicidal thoughts (17%). The ESF Counseling Services Office is designed to provide temporary and/or short-term support for students. Students in need of or desiring longer-term counseling support are referred to mental health providers within a two-mile radius of campus with whom the Counseling Services staff has established joint treatment agreements.

Counseling Services also provides consultation to staff and faculty regarding students of concern and provides significant outreach programming. In addition to making presentations in all first-year seminars, they have remained active in sponsoring events. Students in need of or desiring longer-term counseling support are referred to mental health providers in the fall of 2016, and provides a fast-track clinic for ESF students and offers many medical specialties, programs and services.

More information about both the ESF Counseling Services Office and the ESF Health Services at Crouse Medical Practice can be found by visiting our website at www.esf.edu/health.

We wish you and your family health and happiness in 2018 and look forward to visiting with you when you return to campus.”
These class notes were received by the Alumni Office before January 1, 2018. The next issue of the Alumni News will have a deadline of June 30, 2018. Photos are always welcome. Please note prints legibly, especially e-mail addresses, and limit to 100 words. Ranger School graduates are welcome to submit notes. The Alumni News is sent to all graduates of the College, including those of the Ranger School. Please send your photos and news!

Please submit your Class Note:

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

Email alumni@esf.edu

Mail ESF Alumni Office

1 Forestry Drive, 219 Bray Hall

Syracuse, NY 13210

In Memoriam

Edward Stone writes, “I have a new pickup and a great black lab named Ember to ride in the back seat. Enjoy flying radio-controlled model airplanes and shooting with my son in the local rod and gun club pistol matches. Life is good.”

James Curley, Sr. (LA) writes, “Still enjoying the DC Metro area and the many activities at our QCRG. Sometimes make short trips to NYC to satisfy our needs for NYC culture, etc.”

Norm Eallonardo (LA) writes, “The construction consulting firm, Independent Construction Services, Inc. we established in 1995 continues to operate in the northern Illinois area. We specialize in providing practical, straightforward representation for project owners (primarily libraries).”

Jerry Klein (‘57 and wife Mary Jane visited Cuba in March, 2017.

Karl Bliss (WPE) writes, “Second year in Arizona. Getting used to the heat, landscaping with stones and desert plants, but gorgeous sunsets.”

Scott Gray III (WPE) writes, “The original core Class of ‘57 Scholarship Fund Committee of Richard Klingaman (WPE), Ned Holmes (WPE), and myself are still alive and kicking. Our latest endowed fund total as of 12/31/16 was $68,971.15 after awarding $2350 in scholarship funds in the 2016/2017 academic year. Our total has the potential to grow to $80,000 and perhaps more in the future. If you can make a contribution to the ESF College Foundation in the name of the Class of ’57, we hope you will consider doing that. Many thanks, and greetings to all of you.”

David Noyes (WPE) writes, “I continue to be blessed with good health, remain active, in contact with alumni Chuck Rohn (WPE), Dick Schultz (FRM), and Orrin Stevens (WPE). After starting as a freshman in 1949, I graduated in January of 1957. In between I served with the U.S. Army 2nd armored division (1952-1954), and got married in 1956. I later raised five children, living 15 years in New Jersey, then relocated to Evergreen, Colorado in 1971. I served in engineering/management professional/consulting roles, and am now retired here in the Rocky Mountain foothills west of Denver. Alma Mater now known for sustainability as the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry has come a long way from its 1986 founding at Cornell as the first professional forestry school in North America. I remain a proud, appreciative alumus of this heritage, legacy, circa 1950s, days when the NYS College of Forestry campus buildings were Bray Hall and Marshall Hall.”

Charles Donner Jr. (WPE) writes, “Greetings to all Class of 1959. Life has been good to me and I wish the same to all!”

Hugh Canham (FRM) writes, “My wife and I recently moved from our home in North Syracuse to our in-law apartment at our daughter’s home in Ballston Spa. I try to stay active in forestry endeavors.”

James Coufal (FRM) writes, “Celebrated 60th at the Ranger School Association Annual Reunion. Held off knee replacement surgery so I could attend. Still writing for SAF publications and trying to sit up the outfit. Also very active in the ‘Resistance,’ which means more writing, meetings, and marches (as much as the knee allows). Someone said, old age isn’t a disease, it’s a challenge. It sure is, but with wife Carol’s support for 54 years, it’s still fun.”

Kent Pitcher (WPE) writes, “I worked in the adhesive industry until 1992 then started CP Adhesives, currently operating in Newark, Ohio. My wife of 52 years died in 2013 and I retired and moved to the Kansas City area. The business remains family-owned and is currently operated by my son Jeff. I would like to locate Jim Silverwood (WPE) and Al Hartig (WPE).”

Ken Laflond (PSE) is still living in Media, Pennsylvania and spending some vacations in Ocean City, New Jersey. He is very proud of his grand daughter, Hannah, who is a sophomore at ESF.

Burt Tomstrom (FRM) writes, “At age 77 it can be said that I am fully retired. Moved to Danville, Kentucky last year to be near our first great-grandson. See photo with my wife, Joanna (Joey to some of my classmates) putting my great-grandson, Wesley, on my bare head. We live in the Bluegrass area of Kentucky where I am finding my rural farm upbringing places me in good relationships with many of our new friends. Do miss the northeastern birch/beech/and maple woods. And have some trouble with these ‘strange’ folks. The Lord has blessed me with good health and family.”

C. Duane “Whitney” Coates (PSE) writes, “The 10-acre Millennium Grove project I have been working on since 2003 has over 100 trees with historically ancestors now, the latest addition being a genetically-modified American Chestnut courtesy of folks at ESF! I grew it and others from chestnuts sent to me over a year or more ago. It’s just a little guy but it has eight leaves! Barbara and I have just celebrated our 63rd wedding anniversary. It has been a great trip!”

Robert Mikula (LA) writes, “My wife of 64 years passed away on July 12, 2017. We celebrated her 88th birthday on June 6th.”

Rev. Edwin Vonderheide (FRM) turned 90 years old in November. He writes, “I still participate in two area food banks and can drive a car! Trust most of you can do the same in your activities.”

Kenneth Fischer (PSE) writes, “I am looking for classmates—including Don Gilmore (PSE)? Who is out there?”

George Rosenfeld (FRM) recently received the 2016-2017 Honor Roll of doners and was pleased to read the names of several associates from long ago, including: Duncan Harkin (‘58, FRM), Arnold Lanckton (‘59, FRM), Robert Brock (‘61, FRM) and Kenneth Fischer (PSE), who he credits as being influential in his becoming a scientist after the Korean War rather than remain a Combat Engineer Unit Leader; Robert Shone (‘49, FRM), a classmate alongside him in the graduate program under Professor Bruce Stanton; and Robert Brock (‘58, FRM) and Arnold Lanckton (‘58, FRM), who he met while working at the Rome Air Force Base. He also saw a number of names that he suspects are relatives or descendants of other scientific associates of his.

1951

1954

Dan Meyer (FRM) writes, “To those of you who still fondly recall waiting in the cold for something to eat from the roach-coach, and bringing it back to your Quonset-hut home at skytop—I salute you and wish you the best yet, come by if you’re in southern Arizona—we’re in the book (Green Valley). –‘Fanny Dan’”

1955

1957

1958

1959

1960

1961

1962

1963

16 Class Notes WINTER 2018 www.esf.edu/alumni
proper diet (fiber, fruit and fish) and moderate outdoor activities. This year I created a rock garden around my house by removing old shrubs and spreading 24 tons of river rock around newly-planted deer resistant shrubs.

Peter Murphy (WPE) and wife, Alice, have been averaging about 10,000 miles in road trips around the U.S. each year since retiring from Michigan State University in 2008. They also enjoy publishing historical and archaeological articles and spending time with their seven grandchildren. In December of 2017, they celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Stephanie (Hewitt) Labumbard (FRM) writes, “Still going, though maybe a bit slow. Exercise, volunteering and mentoring takes up my spare time. Lots of friends and activities so I rarely get lonesome. I love condo living and highly recommend it. Any visitors to Michigan are always welcome.”

Charles Schwarz (FRM) writes, “After 37 years with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, I retired in 2004. Ever since, I’ve been working part-time for the north central Pennsylvania Conservation—inspecting properties under conservation easements and negotiating with landowners who want to place conservation easements on their property. Still doing a lot of photography and a little bit of writing. Also building trail cameras with old digital cameras to get quality photos.”

Harry Barber (PSE) writes, “I am enjoying life on the Washougal River and working with organizations to eliminate gillnetting on the Columbia River and enhance the salmon and steelhead habitat.”

John Slater (LA) writes, “I closed Slater Associates Inc. after 42 years of practicing Landscape Architecture. I will still do some small projects as Slater Design if they fit my schedule.”

1964

Thomas Catterson (EFB) writes, “Retired, but somehow busier than ever. Weeding through and selling books online from 50 years of collect- ing, started while working for the U. curator of rare books and manuscripts as a way to earn pocket money in junior/senior years at Syracuse. Slowly alleviating groaning bookshelves and groaning wife.”

Dana Chapman (FGC) writes, “The Parkinson’s Disease is taking over so I am changing my company, Agricultural Engineering Services, to Scott Fonte (92, FEG).”

Richard Gray (WPE) writes, “Still enjoying retirement, with grandchildren, golf, fishing, bow hunting and 50 ‘Glorious’ years of marriage. God has blessed!”

Terry Olmsted (EFB) would like to share his website, it includes informa- tion and photos with some of his 1967 classmates. https://sites.google.com/ site/terryolmsted/Home/chapters7

Joe Zicherman (WPE) writes, “Happily working part-time doing fire sci- ence consulting—including Urban Wildland Interface fire safety work and growing grapes at our ranch in Mendocino County.”

1968

James Snyder (PSE) writes, “My wife of 46 years, Mary Ellen Dugpere Snyder, died March 25, 2017 of the ravages of cancer. She had been a member of the ‘Wood Chips’ and was conferred the degree of PhT (putting husband through) during my ‘72-73 tenure in graduate school. The degree survived being hung out our laundry room wall in Demopolis, AL during our nearly 30 years stay there.”

‘70s REUNION

These alumni from the 1970s attended the Opening Reception during Alumni & Family Fall Weekend.

1970

Enos Sage (FRM) writes, “After nearly 23 years working in several capacities at Turf Equipment and Supply Co., (the Mid-Atlantic distributor for Toro turf and irrigation equipment and supplies), I am finally looking forward to retirement at the end of June. I have many fond memories of my time at ESF and look forward to seeing what is new and exciting and what my old classmates have been doing. Eileen and I marked our 50th wedding anniversary last month and enjoy spending time with our 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. I hope to make it back to ESF sometime soon.”

1971

Donald Carr (FRM) writes, “Enjoying retirement in Oregon! We split out time between tree farming near Corvallis, Oregon and our residence in Gresham. Always pleased to hear from alumni.”

Joe Zicherman’s ‘67 vineyard on his ranch in Mendocino County, California.

1972

Pete Buist (FRM) writes, “Retirement is a technical term. I retired from the Alaska Division of Forestry in 2004. I still serve on the Command Staff of the Alaska Type 1 Interagency Incident Management Team. At age 67, I still handily pass the Firehouse physical test and the arduous level (without requiring a defibrillator treatment or CPR!).”

1973

Douglas Wilcox (CHE) writes, “I am taking a phased retirement—full- time this academic year and then half-time for two years. I just finished my Wetland Ecology course, the 25th time I taught it (I5 is an adjunct at the University of Michigan while working for USGS, and ten here at SUNY Brockport). The half-time phase involves no teaching and will be spent writing journal manuscripts.”

Peter Rzasa and his wife Judy visited the continental divide during a trip to Glacier National Park.

Ken Law (EFB) writes, “Greetings from Mumbai, India. I am just finishing up another assignment for the USDA, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ)—Pre-clearance Offshore Programs. My path since I left ESF in 1973 has been even more interesting. Upon graduation I walked into a fine position as assistant Entomologist with the NJ Department of Agriculture. My main duties centered around Gypsy Moth control programs for 7.5 years. However, I was often the jack of all minor programs and exotic eradication activities like Japanese Wax Scale and Red Pine Scale. As the Federal Government was phasing out their funding for the Gypsy Moth program, I was lured into Federal PPQ in Newburgh, New York. There I served as a cross-over port and domestic PPQ officer. In this unique position, I was able to work domestic programs, port activities and interna- tional programs. Until 9/11 I worked several airports and seaports along the Hudson Valley to Albany, clearing vari- ous cargos, passengers, and transport vehicles. I worked closely with the agricultural industries exporting products from the US to the world. My early international work took me to the Canadian Border ports. About once a year, I was given a 60-day assign- ment for precedence of agricultural imports from various countries. I had
also volunteered to be on the domestic Rapid Response Team to deal with emergency programs around the US. I often worked on a great variety of interesting programs such as fruit flies in California and Florida, Gypsy Moth in the Pacific Northwest, Asian Longhorned Beetles in NY, MA, OH, IL, & TX, Avian Influenza from VA to CA and many more. The variation in work was most stimulating. My interest in photography has also been a great benefit to my work and to disseminate some of my knowledge and experiences to others. My work with exotic pests has allowed me to donate photos to an on-line service known as Bugwood for use by others for training purposes. Not long after my marriage in 2000, I joined the Preclearance Off Shore Program in Miami. Over the years we have spent approximately 6 months in the US working domestic programs and 6 months in foreign countries inspecting and treating their agricultural commodities intended for US markets. Presently, I am serving in Mumbai, India inspecting, irradiating and certifying mango exports. Other assignments I have had include fumigate blueberries in Argentina, hot water treat mangos in Peru, inspect citrus in Japan, South Africa to be cold-treated enroute to the US aboard ship, and South Korea for Sand Pear inspection. This career has exposed me to a variety of challenges, cultures, languages, agricultural products, exotic pests, and many fine people the world over. If you are a self-motivated individual who doesn’t mind travel and challenges and have a supportive family, it might be a career choice for you. It has not been a dull 44 years since ESF for me and I am not done yet. I have seen and done things and been to places I never dreamed of during my school years. If you apply yourself to whatever comes your way—where who knows where it might take you.”

1975

Frank Clemmensen (LA) writes, “After 20 years as the owner of a design/build landscape company, I went to work the last 17 years as a project manager for a builder in Raleigh, NC. I’m now semi-retired, spending most of my free time with my photography. Have a look at fgpix.com”

1976

George Steele visited the NYSDEC Environmental Education Camp staff training and met up with several current ESF students and Alumni. Pictured from left to right are Matt Hayden ’17, Alex Kellman ’17, Brendan Ingragio ’16, Tess Janicka ’16, Andy Bachmann ’19, George Steele ’76, Corey Adamshcik ’17, Renee Perrette ’20, John Donohue ’19 and Ryan Hicks ’18.

Robert Cooper (FRM) writes, “We are retired outside of Hattiesburg, MS which is where we lived when I retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 2007, after 33½ years of federal service. It seems like there is no shortage of house/yard projects—how did I ever get it all done when I had a full-time job?”

Michael Corey (FRM) writes, “I’m still living in beautiful Minerva, NY in the Adirondacks (Essex County) with Sue, my lovely spouse. Our kids Ellen (13) and Emma (27) are living in Northville, NY and Beacon, NY respectively. We have one grandbaby named Nora, who is cute and adorable. Sue is the Director of the Indian Lake Theatre, and I’m working full-time for a family services organization and teaching part-time at a community college. It’s all good!”

Janet Kurman Hesselbarth (FRM) writes, “As of mid-May, happy to be at home in Missoula, Montana.”

Donald Salvesen (FRM) writes, “Well, it’s been about a year now as a volunteer for the National Park Service at petroglyph national monument in Albuquerque, NM working Wednesdays in the visitors center and doing special events in the summer. It is very rewarding and the rangers are great. I highly recommend it to anyone.”

1977

Gene Goudreay (FOR) writes, “Still doing lots of work for my employer. I ride my bike there (1.1 miles) everyday, certainly not a long way. I am doing lots of volunteer work outside in the summer season, then when October comes, cycling starts up in full tilt. My wife and I enjoy our annual holiday by Lake George, NY with friends from Montreal and relatives from Buffalo, Rochester, and Maryland. The Adirondacks are as awesome as ever!”

Scott Saroff (FRM) writes, “Always great to see my college roommate, Mike Anderson (EFB), in Newark, OH.”

John Goodfellow (FRM) writes, “Finally found a ‘bigtree’ now. Minnesota Black Willow and nominated for National Registry. Still maintaining a busy consulting practice while splitting time between the wild and scenic St. Croix River in Minnesota and the Inside Passage, Washington to Alaska.”

John Wallowiak (FRM) served as past chair of the Washington State Society of Foresters by helping to organize the 2017 joint annual meeting with the Wildlife Society in Yakima, WA. John visited with fellow 1978 ESF classmate Mark Bakeman (FRM) who works for the Washington State Department of Transportation as a Wildlife Biologist in Olympia/Turnwater, WA.

Mary (O’Leary) Kiernan (CHE) writes, “A quick hello to all of my fellow Stumpies! Retired, moved to North Carolina and living the dream. I am hoping to get back to ‘Cuse next fall to see all the changes. Be well.”

Cheryl (Brand) Palladino (WPE) writes, “I am still living and working in central New Jersey with my daughter. My two sons have both graduated from college, are working and, thank goodness, also doing well.”

Keith Redenbaugh (EFB) is the Director of Regulatory Affairs at Arcadia Biosciences, Inc. in Davis, California. He is married to Janet (44 years) with three children and five grandchildren.

’80s REUNION

These alumni from the 1980s attended the Opening Reception during Alumni & Family Fall Weekend.

From left, Tom Powers ’82, Pattie Pastella ’86, Wendi Richards ’86, Doug Daley ’82, Cary Lipp ’86, and Gail Romano ’86.
THEN & NOW PROFILE

Nan (Chadwick) Stolzenburg ’80

THEN

Hometown / High School: Auburn, NY
Auburn High School
Major: Forest Biology
ESF Degree: B.S.

Activities while at ESF: Helped with the Knothole newsletter, participated in the student chapter of The Wildlife Society.

Education after ESF: Masters of Science from University of Massachusetts (in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, 1983) where I studied the effects of forest management techniques on bird populations, and a Master of Regional Planning (with a concentration in environmental and land use planning from the University at Albany, 1996, where I studied farmland protection techniques).

NOW

Residence: Berne, NY (near Albany, NY)
Family: Married Mark Stolzenburg (EFB, ’80), have two children: Lindsay, 27, PhD at University of Chicago, and Bryan, 18, student at University of Vermont
Career: I have been the owner and principal planner at Community Planning & Environmental Associates for 21 years. We concentrate in community land use and environmental planning in rural communities.
Hobbies: Gardening, hiking, bird watching, genealogy research.
Professional/Person Distinctions: I am a Certified Planner and Certified Environmental Planner from the American Planning Association. I have won several national and state-level planning awards.

What does ESF mean to you?: First, ESF was where I met my husband—Mark! ESF opened up a whole new world to me—both personally, academically, and professionally. ESF helped me think ‘ecologically’, and that allows me to offer my clients—all small and rural municipalities—a unique environmental perspective. It has made all the difference in my career of course!

1980

Larry Hromowyk (FRM) writes, “Hoping to hear from Double ‘D’
Dan Dunn (FRM), Mark Kline (FRM) and ‘Gugger’ Paul Gugg (FRM), my forestry friends.”

Bill Thieke (LA) writes, “I will be retiring after 22 years in IT at Le Moyne College in Syracuse. I am looking forward to both of our son’s weddings, travel, hiking and kayaking and spending more time with my wife of 30 years, Trish!”

1981

Ferdinand Del Rosario (PSD) writes, “I am retiring as supervising engineer at the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Los Angeles after 33 years of trying to solve the smog problem. More work to be done by the future generation, especially global warming! Do it for your children and grandchildren.”

Joan (Colletti) Nichols (FRM) writes, “Hello to all my Stumpy friends Class of ’81! Thirty plus years later I am still in the woods! Became a Technical Service Provider to USDA NRCS. Keep up on my game doing field inventory and writing and implementing plans on private forest land in eastern Connecticut. Also hold director position with Connecticut Farm Bureau. Love to hear from you! Email me at nicholfores@comcast.net or find me on Facebook.”

Timothy Wallmeier (ERE) and wife, Lynn are expecting their first grandchild in February 2018. Last of their four kids, Rachel, will be graduating with a B.S. from Lesley University in May. Tim was promoted to VP of Sales and Marketing at Erb-Company Inc. in Buffalo, NY. He writes, “I was delighted to attend my recent 40-year high school class reunion and see lots of old friends, some of whom are already in retirement mode.”

Chuck Cranston (EFB), Anthony Esposito (EFB), and Rich Weber (EFB) met at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station in the summer of 1980. They celebrated their 30th reunion camping and fishing on Joe Island in August 2017, and enjoyed watching the eclipse together on August 21st.

Anthony Esposito ’81, Chuck Cranston ’81, and Rich Weber ’81 enjoyed watching the solar eclipse together from the Cranberry Lake Biological Station.

1982

William Johnson (FRM) writes, “2018 will mark my 20th anniversary with the Milliken Millwork, now a part of the Jeld Wen Corporation. My wife, Chris, and I have been married for 32 years and have lived in Dublin, a suburb of Columbus, OH since 1989. The summer of 2018 we will celebrate the marriage of our middle son Mike in Indianapolis, where he is a high school math teacher. Our oldest son Andy and wife Alyssa had their first child (our first grandchild) in August of 2016. He, too, is a high school math teacher and football coach in Beavercreek, OH. Our youngest son, Matt, is in Columbus and travels often for his job as a trainer for Cover My Meds. I think often of the friends and relationships from my time at ESF, and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to graduate from such a well-regarded University. It has made all the difference for me in my professional career.”

In the last issue of the Alumni News, we incorrectly printed Michael Trianni’s e-mail address. His correct address is: mtrianii@gmail.com. We regret the error.

1983

Mark Kurits (FRM) writes, “We’ve moved! We finally made it to our shangri-la in Great Valley, New York.”

1984

Robert Green (WPE) writes, “Hello to classmates from the 1984 graduating class and Kappa Phi Delta Sisters and Little Sisters! Things are good in southern PA at Glaterfehr Paper. Had a great 30 weeks mentoring two ESF PSS Co-Ops, Liz & Bryan. They both contributed to several important projects during their stay in Pennsylvania and proved how well-rounded ESF students are in their field of study. Hope you all have a happy and healthy 2018.”

1986

Peter Tango (EFB) writes, “During the summer of 2017, I saved my mom’s life with CPR after she had a heart attack. She made a full recovery in 4 months. Learn CPR! (My second save in my life using it.) With 5 wins and 0 losses, I was the 2017 Xierra Atlantic Regional Trail Run Champion for my age group (50-54), then went on to compete in the 2017 Xierra Trail Run Championship Half Marathon in Oahu, Hawaii in December where I finished 2nd in my age group and 40th overall among the nearly 600 racers. I am now entering my 12th year as the Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Coordinator for USGS at the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program Office in Annapolis, Maryland. Still enjoying life living on the water with my wife, Michelle, in Deale, Maryland.”

1987

Steven Burd (FRM) writes, “Both my wife and I retired from our careers with the USDA Forest Service in 2016. Carol was a Forester and I was a law enforcement officer, retiring as the Patrol Captain for the Northeastern National Forests. We spent our first year of retirement using our new found time to more thoroughly explore New England. We have now settled in south-central Pennsylvania, near Carlisle, to be closer to our extended family. We are hoping to be able to better connect with so many of our old friends that we have lost touch with while navigating busy careers and raising our two sons.”

1991

David Suarez (LA) writes, “It has been 25 years since starting Global Landscape, Inc. in 1992 after graduating from the LA program. Plenty of great memories of school friends and the off-campus semester in Barcelona. Global Landscape is a husband/wife operation that has thrived in Central New York strictly by word of mouth. The physical work gets harder every year, but I still enjoy it and am proud to be an ESF alum.”

1992

Pauline (Troick) Burns (LA) writes, “Greetings to all, especially classmates from the MLA class of 1992! I continue to battle buckthorn removal at our home in Allegany County. Our native plants that have been installed are thriving, despite browse pressure from deer, as we live near Klipnack State Forest. Thanks to Don Leopold and his excellent resource book, Native Plants of the Northeast, for ideas.”

1995

Avery Kamila (ES) is the co-founder of a grassroots effort to bring organic land care practices to Portland, Maine. She recently served as the citizen advocate appointed by the Portland City Council to the Pesticide & Fertilizer Task Force. She served alongside fellow alum, Joseph Staples (’95, EFB). The City Council is considering the adoption of an organic land care ordinance. To date, 27 Maine communities have passed pesticide ordinances. Maine is one of only 7 states where municipalities still have the right to regulate pesticides.
2008

Robert Noyes (ES) writes, “As I approach my 10-year reunion (2008) I am reflecting on a decade of adventure, recreation and travel. My professional life, as an avalanche technicianski patroller, river guide and forester, was distinctly shaped by the education I received at ESF and experiences shared with its unique student body and faculty. As time passes I feel more and more indebted to the institution that gave me so much. Cheers!”

2014

Liane DeRosa (EST) writes, “I work for Central Park Conservancy where I protect the most visited park in the country. In my position, I protect the park from visitor impact that could potentially damage the greenspace that urban dwellers use to inform their environmental values and worldview, as well as their sense of place in an industrial setting.”

Valerie Mitchell (EFB) and Gabe DeBita (FRM) are enjoying life in Delaware County, NY. Val is an environmental technician at TRC. Gabe is a forester at Greene Lumber.

2017 • Welcome!

The ESF Alumni Association welcomes the December 2017 Graduates as alumni! We’d like to hear from you… please send us your Class Note. Photos welcome! Your Class Note can be submitted online in three easy ways.

Online
www.esf.edu/forus/alumni/classnote.asp

E-mail
alumni@esf.edu

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

2017 Accolades & Professional News

1958

The Somerset County Parks and Recreation Commission (New Jersey) asked Fred Aufschlagner (LA) to exhibit 25 trees from his bonsai collection for one week last September at the county’s Buck Garden. The exhibit was very well-received by the many visitors to the garden where Fred has volunteered as a gardener once per week for the last 17 years.

1960

William Ciesla (FRM) writes, “At age 78, I decided to retire. It's been a wild ride since graduation from ESF. Thirty years in the USDA Forest Service as an Entomologist and Forest Health Program Manager at six locations across the United States, five years as Forest Protection Officer for FAO in Rome, Italy and 22 years as a Forest Health Consultant. All of this is the result of the outstanding education I received at ESF.”

Walter Kohm (LA) writes, “After three years I have just completed the new Lake Ontario Trillium Park. An 8-acre parking lot was converted into a new waterfront forest and extensive trail system. First Nations recognition can be found throughout the park. The park is adjacent to the Toronto downtown area and is easily accessible.”

1963

David Ziemek (FRM) informs us that Chelsea Sheridan (’10, FRM) is now a research technician working at the DEC forestry office in West Almond, Allegany County along with fellow ESF graduates Ron Abraham (’77, FRM), Nate Tucker (’99, FRM) and Jonathan Cleveland (’14, FRM).

1964

Richard Okun (CHE) is still working at 74 years old. His company recently changed its name from Natural Chemistry to NC Brands.

1975

Scott Josiah (FRM) writes, “I recently retired after serving as state forester for Nebraska for the past 12 years. My spouse Debbi and I have relocated to the San Juan Islands in northwest Washington to enjoy big trees, dense forests, mountains and the sea. As a kid from the New York City suburbs with a thing for trees, I never imagined when I decided to major in forest management at ESF that the decision would generate such a wide range of career opportunities. From the Tug Hill area in NY, to Guam, Haiti, Minnesota and Nebraska, forestry has literally taken me all over the world, with amazing people and experiences. I couldn’t be more grateful. In my newly available spare time, I’ll be doing a bit of woodturning, volunteering, and just enjoying the outdoors in the Pacific Northwest. Former classmates travelling our way, feel free to give us a holler!”

The New York State Outdoor Education Association (NYSOEA) recently recognized Robin Kimmener (EFB) with the Art and Literary Award for her insightful and inspiring books that foster an appreciation and greater understanding of the natural world. NYSOEA’s Art & Literary Award is given for outstanding artistic or literary ability demonstrated by publications, scholarly pursuits or other creative arts related to outdoor education.

Steve Rudolph (EFB) retired after 25 years as a park ranger. Now he plans to go fishing and chase butterflies. He writes, “Check out the Tanana Arctic!”

1976

Christopher Dunn (FRB) was recently elected as the inaugural Chair of the International Union for Conservation of Nature National Committee for the USA, which now represents all IUCN members in the United States. IUCN is the world’s largest, oldest (founded in 1948), and most prestigious NGO. He writes, “Being in a position to influence the direction and impact of environmental science and policy is a great honor.” Christopher also celebrated his third year as Executive Director of the Cornell Botanic Gardens, and was honored with two professional awards: the Award for Merit from the American Public Gardens Association (their highest honor) and an Excellent Scholar Award from the International Botanical Congress at their major conference in China. In addition, he was elected as North American Councilor for the International Association of Botanic Gardens. Christopher writes, “If anyone is coming through Ithaca, don’t hesitate to get in touch! cp555@cornell.edu.”

2007

Christine Dahlin (EFB) writes, “This spring I was granted tenure by the University of Pittsburgh and promoted to Associate Professor. We also moved into a beautiful old house in the metropolis of Johnstown. Come see us if you’re ever passing through western Pennsylvania!”

2000

2008

2007

2017

2018

2017 December Graduation
Consultants. My last field station was on the Tongass National Forest in Sitka, Alaska. After retiring, we moved back to our home in Lndon, MI. Retirement suits me just fine—life is good!

1980

After over 30 years with Fuss & O'Neill, Betsy Kaeminen (LA) has joined Grinnell Cotterill Landscape Architects. She enjoys working in a small firm again on local projects using Zone 8 plants! She recently built her own pottery studio, grows orchids, and serves on the Boards of Columbia Green, the McKissick Museum, Iberkana International—Columbia Chapter, and Midlands Clay Arts Society.

1982

After 27 years as Principal of Haas Landscape Architects, Mike Haas (LA) has merged his firm with Delta-Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors. He is the Director of Site and Landscape Architecture. The firm’s collaborated on many projects over 20 years, so the merge offers a greater opportunity for growth and service to former and new clients. Mike will also get the opportunity to work with his son, Brian, who was working in Delta’s structural division.

Martha (Whipple) Durand (LA) joined Landmark Science & Engineering. Durand is a registered landscape architect in Maryland and Delaware, with over 10 years of landscape design, site planning and design experience with residential, commercial, and industrial projects. In addition to landscape architecture and planting design, her skills will be utilized in developing conceptual plans, site design, road layout, site grading, stormwater management design and earthwork analysis, review and interpretation of local zoning codes, review of projects for compliance with handicapped access codes, and inspection of projects during construction for compliance with plans and specifications.

1985

John Scalon (FRM) writes, “After almost 30 years with the NYS Forest Rangers and 32 years in public service, I retired in June of 2017. It was a great career that I enjoyed very much. I particularly enjoyed helping people out of tough situations they found themselves in, in the wilderness context (search and rescue operations). Also enjoyed the teams I was part of in Large Western Developments.”

1986

In the spring of 2017, Donald Miller III (EFB) was awarded a Law and Endowed Chairship for 2018-2019.

1990

Jerry Kozlansky (ES) is now the Director of Silver Lake Nature Center in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He invites any ESF grad to contact him about visits, jobs, internships or networking.

Steve’s firm, Environmental Resources Planning was recently retained to provide the analysis and subsequent report based on data from the 2017 LA River cleanup conducted by friends of the LA River. Based on the results of the study, the LA Times published an op-ed penned by Mr. Stein which can be viewed by searching the LA Times website. Steve’s firm has also been awarded with the contract to conduct the 2017 New Jersey Litter Survey. The work also includes developing and implementing a curriculum with Rutgers University based on the methodology underlying ERP’s litter surveying and data analysis.

2001

Bennington College has been honored with two awards for their efforts toward making the campus more energy efficient. A group from the college accepted an Energy Leadership Award at Efficiency Vermont’s sixth annual Best Practices Exchange at Kingdom Come Resort Hotel earlier this week. The college’s Project Manager for Building and Grounds, Holly Anderson (WPE), was then individually honored with the Champion Award. Anderson said the college has, over the last several years, completed 26 projects geared towards improving energy efficiency, including installing low-flow showerheads in the dorms, and equipping the Center for the Advancement of Public Action with LED lights and a geothermal heating and cooling system. This June, Bennington College began the largest renovation project in its history, the restoration of the 1912 Commons building, a project that will include new, energy efficient windows, hot water and heat pumps, and LED lights. Compared to eight years ago, said Anderson, the college is now saving $126,000 annually on energy costs annually. “That’s money we would have spent on electricity that we can now spend on other projects and priorities—for a small college with limited resources, that’s a big return,” she said. The college has also saved a total of 1167 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere during that time period.

Cardino, Inc., is pleased to announce that Jeffrey Rex (EFB) has joined the firm as a Senior Geotechnical Consultant in the company’s Los Angeles (Glendale), CA, USA, office. Jeffrey has a marketing/business development background along with technical expertise in construction site management, stormwater, water quality, hazards and hazardous materials, and in providing technical reports for NEPA-CQQA (National Environmental Policy Act-California Environmental Quality Act). Jeffrey has nearly 15 years of environmental/engineering experience, providing project management and support for a number of industries, including airport and rail projects. He has volunteered with the Arroyo SECO Foundation to support projects designed to re-vegetate the Arroyo SECO watershed, an important watershed providing a tributary to the Los Angeles River. Jeffrey has researched and implemented a wide range of environmental plans for clients in a number of important industries across California,” said Mike Business Unit Manager Tamara Klug.

2004

Demitris Haldeos (ES) is completing his final year of Medical Fellowship at the University of Washington, Seattle in Environmental and Occupational Medicine.

2005

Ann Fordock (ES) has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Syracuse. She joins the city after nine years with the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, where she worked as a Recycling Operations Manager since January 2017, and previously as a Recycling Specialist.

Jenny Hayes (LA) writes, “After almost 12 years working in the design services industry as a landscape architect in Anchorage, Alaska I took a leap sideways from private practice and joined the Anchorage Museum as its Director of Design in February 2017. Studying and practicing landscape architecture in the north has prepared me to design and think critically at a range of scales and as part of multidisciplinary teams with wide-ranging community stakeholders in locations all over the state. With a keen interest in influencing behavior, developing experiences, the Museum has become the perfect fit to engage and collaborate with curators, conservators, designers, fabricators, community members and artists to execute at the next level. I'm very humbled to be a landscape architect in a leadership position for design in our community, and am eager to take the Museum ‘out of the box’ as I continue to work on a number of landscape, community and community installations, interventions, and visioning exercises that incorporate topics ranging from transportation, public art, food systems, interpretation, and social resilience, to name a few. Working at the Museum has its family benefits, too, as I am able to experience personal joy learning and engaging with my wife and 4-year-old and 6-year-old daughters in our amazing exhibition spaces and discovery center, for free.”

2008

Celia Dubin (EFB) writes, “After years of interning and working seasonally, I just started my first permanent job with the National Park Service at Grand Canyon National Park. Stumped, let me know if you are in the area!”

2009

Brendan Dickson ’01, Mark Brand ’09, and Taylor DellaRocco ’16 graduated from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation School for Environmental Conservation Officers. Brendan and Taylor as Environmental Conservation Officers, and Mark as a Range.

2011

Brian Nicholson (FG) joined the Sustainable Planning & Design Group at Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. in 2017. He then received his license as a Professional Engineer in New York State by fulfilling the education, examination, and experience requirements, earning him a promotion to Project Engineer as of January 1, 2018.
We’d like to hear from you... submit a Class Note for the summer issue!

The next issue of the Alumni News will have a deadline of June 30, 2018. Photos are always welcome. Please print notes, especially e-mail addresses, and limit to 100 words. Ranger School graduates are welcome to submit notes. The Alumni News is sent to all graduates of the College, including those of the Ranger School.

VISIT  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

Accolades & Professional News, continued

2016

Taylor DelleRocca ’16 sent us this photo of ESF alumni who recently graduated from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation School for Environmental Conservation Officers.

Sarah Spencer (FRM) joined Goldberg Segalla as an associate in the firm’s General Liability Practice Group, with a focus on asbestos-related litigation and environmental matters. Sarah possesses a deep background in environmental law and policy, resource management, and land use. Prior to attending law school, Sarah worked as an environmental analyst and technical writer, performing site inspections and preparing hundreds of environmental reports for commercial, industrial, and residential properties. She also served as a legal intern with the New York State Attorney General’s Office Environmental Protection Bureau in Buffalo, and later as a legal and scientific intern in the New York State Attorney General’s Office in Syracuse. While pursuing her J.D., Sarah interned with the Hon. Eugene M. Fahey in the New York State Court of Appeals and serves as research assistant to Syracuse University’s Professor Robin Paul Malloy.

2017

Nicholas Johnson (ES) has joined the Environmental Group at Barton & Loguidice as an Industrial Hygiene Technician. He is also currently pursuing his MBA at Le Moyne College.

Growing the Family Tree

1960

Henry Eichenhofer (WPE) writes, “In April, Nancy and I welcomed our first two GREAT grandchildren into the clan. On April 7, lace Thomas (parents Josh and Erica) arrived in Chula Vista, CA and on April 19, Ryan and Carlene Fraleigh of Wappingers Falls, NY presented Christian Emanuele Fraleigh.”

2006

Nan (Anne Davis) Pond (FRM/EFB) writes, “I am working as a forest biometrician for SilvaTerra and currently living in the Netherlands with my husband, an Air Force officer. We welcomed our first child this September—Cyrus James Houghton Pond.”

In Memoriam

1954

Dr. Stanley Leroy Pringle, 94, passed away on December 15, 2014 in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. He was born on March 9, 1920 in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada to Peter and Mary (Boulter) Pringle. Stanley was the beloved husband of Elizabeth, cherished father of Penny (Chris) Phillips of Victoria, BC and Deborah (Al) LaFontaine of Mission, BC and much-loved Bobbo of Katrina and Natasha. Stanley grew up in St. Stephen where he graduated from St. Stephen High School. During high school he excelled at Track and Field, particularly high jump and shot put, and was also a Junior Provincial Tennis Champion. At graduation he received the Governor General’s Award for being the top academic student in the province. He attended the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, NB as a Beaverbrook Scholar where he earned a B.Sc. in Forestry in 1941. He was very active in university societies, including the Thespians. He continued his studies at the University of California, Berkeley where he received a M.Sc. in Forestry and Economics in 1942, and attended ESF from 1949 to 1951, where he earned a Ph.D. in Forest Economics. A brilliant student, he received many awards and scholarships through his illustrious academic career. He served in WW2 from 1942-1946 as an artillery officer (Lieutenant) with the 7th Medium Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. He was a professor at the University of New Brunswick from 1946-1961, a forest economist with the Extended Technical Assistance Programme of the United Nations from 1959-1969 in Uganda and Kenya, Africa; a forest economist with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations from 1961-1982 in Rome, Italy; and an international consultant with UN, CIDA and CESO after retirement in 1982. During his career Stanley travelled in over 70 countries throughout all regions of the world. He presented over 40 papers to major international meetings and congresses, delivered training lectures at universities and training centres and represented FAO at some 100 world and regional meetings. He was published in over 70 professional publications. He was a member of many professional organizations, among them: the Commonwealth Forestry Association, the Canadian Institute of Forestry and he was a Lifetime Member of the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick. Stanley married the love of his life, Elizabeth Catherine Gilliland of Rothesay, NB in 1948 in St. John, New Brunswick. Together, they travelled and discovered the world and raised their family. Retiring to Penticton, BC in 1982 they continued their travels, exploration, skiing and golfing. They were happily married for 66 years. Stanley had a life rich in love, service to making the world a better place, travel and experiences, and meeting so many

Weddings & Celebrations

2004

Jennifer Conrad (EFR) writes, “John Phillipson (02, ES) and I got engaged in January, 2017 and are planning a winter wedding in Estes Park, Colorado in March, 2018. I have also recently been promoted to a Trainer III at the Downtown Aquarium in Denver.”

2007

Melissa Henneman (FRM) got married! She is now Melissa Humm. She works as a Park Ranger for an Outdoor Recreation Program with the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense, at Avon Park Air Force Range.

2012

Kimberly Hayden (FEG) and Kenneth Lukas (ERE) got married on May 27, 2017 in High Falls, New York.

2013

Douglas C. Kabat (12, Bioprocess Engineering) and Melody L. Papapietro Kabat (Biototechnology) were married on April 11, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois. They met at ESF and have been together for seven years. They recently purchased their first home together in Frankfort, Illinois.
Friends of ESF

Larry W. VanDruff, age 76, of Pompey Hollow in Cazenovia, passed away after a long illness on January 10th, 2018 at his home with family by his side. Dr. VanDruff had been a resident of Central New York since 1970. He was a faculty member at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse for 30 years, retiring in 2000. Born in Elmira, New York, Larry was raised on a dairy farm in Northern PA, earned a B.S. degree at Mansfield University (PA) in 1964, then an M.S. degree and a PhD in 1970 from Cornell University. His professional career involved teaching, research, and public service in the area of wildlife biology and management. Although his research included studies of loons in Minnesota and waterbirds in the Adirondacks, Dr. VanDruff was best known for his studies of urban wildlife. Larry and his students studied the mammal community in Syracuse, gray squirrels in Oakwood Cemetery and residential neighborhoods and Lafayette Park in Washington, DC, raccoon populations on Long Island, and mallard ducks in coastal New Jersey. His expertise in urban ecology, biology and management of birds and mammals, and the socioeconomicistics of wildlife in close association with humans led to many teaching, mentoring, and public service opportunities. In addition to numerous scientific publications, he trained over 35 graduate students at the Master’s and PhD levels. His former students hold positions in state and federal conservation agencies, with cooperative extension, as high school teachers, and as college and university professors. At ESF before his retirement, he served as advisor to several students seeking careers in public education, an endeavor long dear to his heart. After his retirement, Larry remained active in the Oran Community Church, the Onondaga County Land Trust (CNY Land Trust), Friends of the Montezuma Wetlands Complex, public service efforts, and projects at his beloved VanAcres on Pompey Hollow Road. His love for travel took him to all 50 States, Canada and Mexico, the Galapagos Islands, and Costa Rica. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann VanDruff, a daughter Brenda (Timothy) Ko of Fayetteville, NY, a son Thomas (Laura) VanDruff of Arlington, VA, and 3 grandchildren, Andi and Aaron Ko and Noah VanDruff.

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at the Newell-Fay Funeral Home, Cazenovia Road (Rt 92), in Manlius, NY on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am. There will be a brief time for visiting with family just before and just after the service. Memorial gifts may be made to the Roosevelt Wildlife Station at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry c/o the ESF College Foundation, One Forestry Drive, 214 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210 or to the Oran Community Church, P.O. Box 311, Manlius, NY 13104.

In Memoriam, continued

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at the Newell-Fay Funeral Home, Cazenovia Road (Rt 92), in Manlius, NY on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am. There will be a brief time for visiting with family just before and just after the service. Memorial gifts may be made to the Roosevelt Wildlife Station at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry c/o the ESF College Foundation, One Forestry Drive, 214 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210 or to the Oran Community Church, P.O. Box 311, Manlius, NY 13104.

In Memoriam, continued

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at the Newell-Fay Funeral Home, Cazenovia Road (Rt 92), in Manlius, NY on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am. There will be a brief time for visiting with family just before and just after the service. Memorial gifts may be made to the Roosevelt Wildlife Station at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry c/o the ESF College Foundation, One Forestry Drive, 214 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210 or to the Oran Community Church, P.O. Box 311, Manlius, NY 13104.

In Memoriam, continued

A memorial service for family and friends will be held at the Newell-Fay Funeral Home, Cazenovia Road (Rt 92), in Manlius, NY on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00am. There will be a brief time for visiting with family just before and just after the service. Memorial gifts may be made to the Roosevelt Wildlife Station at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry c/o the ESF College Foundation, One Forestry Drive, 214 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210 or to the Oran Community Church, P.O. Box 311, Manlius, NY 13104.
Central New York Alumni Dinner
Join us on April 12th at the stunning Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, NY for the annual Central New York Alumni Dinner!

The Alumni News tournament helps fund the Alumni Association and is made possible by the payment of annual dues from alumni.

Save the Date: : August 10, 2018

25th Annual ESF Golf Tournament

 arscholarship in recognition of our ESF alumni who gave their lives in service to their country. If you or your company are interested in chipping in to sponsor the tournament, there are many levels available. In addition to qualifying for one to four free golfers (depending on the level of sponsorship) sponsors will also be acknowledged on our website, in the Alumni News, and at the tournament throughout the day.

We will be sending out further information in the coming months, but for now, pin this on your calendars, get your team together and start making plans to join us in August. Any way you slice it, you’ll be sure to have a great time!

ESF Alumni Ambassadors

M LITTLE BIRD TOLD me (or perhaps it was an eagle) that the ESF Golf Tournament date has been set for Friday, August 10, 2018! It may be the middle of winter, but it’s a gimmie that some of you are already thinking about hitting the links, so why not make plans to join us at Radisson Greens in Baldwinsville for a day of great golf, food and fun. Whether you hit the green in two or ten, our campus and crew format keeps play both challenging and entertaining for all skill levels—and that’s no lie.

But wait, there’s more! Not only will you have a ball, you’ll also be giving some green to support student scholarships at ESF! All proceeds from the tournament help fund the Alumni Association and is made possible by the payment of annual dues from alumni.

The Alumni News is published twice per year by the ESF Alumni Association and is made possible by the payment of annual dues from alumni.

Visit www.esf.edu/alumni for more information.

ESF Alumni Ambassadors

* Lloyd Purdy ’06
  * Thomas van de Sande ’85

ESF’s Alumni Ambassadors had a very successful Fall 2017 college fair season. Alumni represented ESF at 47 college fairs throughout the country, a 34% increase from their Fall 2016 college fair attendance. Locations of alumni representation at college fairs included Washington, D.C. and the following states: Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Additionally, over 80 prospective students were captured at a National College Fair in Minnesota! This is a really remarkable recruitment statistic considering ESF had not attended a college fair in Minnesota previously.

ESF is appreciative of the time and commitment received from Alumni Ambassadors to assist in recruiting future students. ESF representation at college fairs by alumni has grown tremendously since the Spring 2014 college fair season where only 5 college fairs were attended by the same number of alumni. Alumni attendance at college fairs assists the College in expanding its reach to areas of the country where ESF is lesser known and helps to recruit a more diverse student body. It is essential to the growth and future of the College.

Let’s recognize and applaud this effort. The 44 Alumni Ambassadors who attended the college fairs during the Fall 2017 season are:

 Roseana Burick ’06
  Ian DiFalco ’16
  Barry LeClair ’79
  Matthew Wainwright ’14
  Gary Lipp ’86
  Holly Kaufman Welsh ’88
  Laura Nelson ’04
  Rebecca Drury ’95
  Caroline Wheadoson ’03
  Dianne Rowe ’79
  Nick Rowe ’80
  Heidi Harrington ’93
  Craig Coronato ’81 & ’82
  Sarah Lamagna ’06
  David Petendree ’00
  Sara Sankowski ’00
  Frank Calevini ’84
  Natalie Browne ’97
  Terry Tye ’83

Did you have a great experience at ESF? Would you love talking about it with prospective students? Are you interested in representing ESF at a college fair in your area? ESF seeks alumni representation at college fairs across the country and is scheduling for Spring 2018. College fair trainings are offered online and will take place in March and April. If you are interested in becoming an Alumni Ambassador, contact the ESF Office of Alumni Relations or go to this link for additional details: http://www.esf.edu/alumni/involve.htm

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

SUNY ESF ALUMNI NEWS

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: Jennifer Cullivan, Debbie Caviness.
CLASS NOTES: Nichole Dougherty.
LAYOUT: CLP Design Studio, Baldwinsville, NY.
PRINTED BY: Upstate Printing, Syracuse, NY.

219 Bray Hall
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
One Forestry Drive
Syracuse, New York 13210-2785

www.esf.edu/alumni

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ESF Alumni Ambassadors

Lloyd Purdy ‘06

Thomas van de Sande ’85

ESF Alumni Ambassadors had a very successful Fall 2017 college fair season. Alumni represented ESF at 47 college fairs throughout the country, a 34% increase from their Fall 2016 college fair attendance. Locations of alumni representation at college fairs included Washington, D.C. and the following states: Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Additionally, over 80 prospective students were captured at a National College Fair in Minnesota! This is a really remarkable recruitment statistic considering ESF had not attended a college fair in Minnesota previously.

ESF is appreciative of the time and commitment received from Alumni Ambassadors to assist in recruiting future students. ESF representation at college fairs by alumni has grown tremendously since the Spring 2014 college fair season where only 5 college fairs were attended by the same number of alumni. Alumni attendance at college fairs assists the College in expanding its reach to areas of the country where ESF is lesser known and helps to recruit a more diverse student body. It is essential to the growth and future of the College.

Let’s recognize and applaud this effort. The 44 Alumni Ambassadors who attended the college fairs during the Fall 2017 season are:

Roseana Burick ’06
Ian DiFalco ’16
Barry LeClair ’79
Matthew Wainwright ’14
Gary Lipp ’86
Holly Kaufman Welsh ’88
Laura Nelson ’04
Rebecca Drury ’95
Caroline Wheadoson ’03
Dianne Rowe ’79
Nick Rowe ’80
Heidi Harrington ’93
Craig Coronato ’81 & ’82
Sarah Lamagna ’06
David Petendree ’00
Sara Sankowski ’00
Frank Calevini ’84
Natalie Browne ’97
Terry Tye ’83

Did you have a great experience at ESF? Would you love talking about it with prospective students? Are you interested in representing ESF at a college fair in your area? ESF seeks alumni representation at college fairs across the country and is scheduling for Spring 2018. College fair trainings are offered online and will take place in March and April. If you are interested in becoming an Alumni Ambassador, contact the ESF Office of Alumni Relations or go to this link for additional details: http://www.esf.edu/alumni/involve.htm

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

SUNY ESF ALUMNI NEWS

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: Jennifer Cullivan, Debbie Caviness.
CLASS NOTES: Nichole Dougherty.
LAYOUT: CLP Design Studio, Baldwinsville, NY.
PRINTED BY: Upstate Printing, Syracuse, NY.

219 Bray Hall
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
One Forestry Drive
Syracuse, New York 13210-2785

www.esf.edu/alumni

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED