**Where Are They Now?**

**Mr. Thomas Slocum**

by Justin Culkowski ’73, Alumni Director Eminentus

\[\text{Virtually every student at every college needs help during their college years. Academic problems, roommate problems, family issues, finances, you name it. Eventually, students also need to think beyond college and consider graduate school or employment. For 31 years, the person many students at ESF sought for answers and help was Mr. Tom Slocum, who from 1977 until his retirement in 2008, was the Director of Career and Counseling Services. Tom was a one-man office charged with counseling students with problems, and also helping them find employment. He has much to share.}

Tom Slocum grew up in Iliion, NY in the Mohawk Valley where, as a middle school student, he decided he wanted to be a Biology teacher. This goal was strengthened with an expanded interest in nature via his years as a Boy Scout (in Scouts, he achieved Eagle Scout and also Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow). He says that Scouting, “opened up the wonders of nature and all it had to offer and explore.”

The first stop in his collegiate career was SUNY Brockport where he did, indeed, earn his New York State certification in Math and Biology. In addition to receiving an individual award noting their accomplishments, each Graduate of Distinction has their name inscribed on a permanent plaque located in the Alumni Lounge in Marshall Hall.

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2015

We are currently seeking nominations for the 2015 award in our traditional categories: “Lifetime Achievement,” which is reserved for alumni who have or will soon end their active careers, and “Notable Achievement,” which is for alumni who are in the early to mid-point of their careers. New this year, we will be adding an additional category, “Incipiens Quercus” (Beginning Oak). This award is for our alumni who have graduated within the last decade and are demonstrating their commitment to ESF’s environmental stewardship through their professional and/or volunteer work experience. Nominations may be received from alumni or anyone who would like to see an alumnus receive one of these awards. All nominations should be sent to the Graduate of Distinction Award Committee in care of the Alumni Office and must include the following material:

1. The name of the person being nominated with current contact information (name, address, phone/email).
2. The name of the person making the nomination along with their current contact information.
3. A vita or resume of the nominee with up to five pages of supporting material.
4. Copies of citations or awards from other groups and organizations.
5. Any other material such as endorsements from colleagues, etc.

Please keep in mind that these awards are presented to those whose accomplishments might be considered “pioneering,” whose work has positively affected society, or who are otherwise inspirational to students and fellow alumni. Alumni may nominate themselves and should not hesitate to do so. The deadline for submissions for this year is June 30, 2015.

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**2014 Graduate of Distinction**

Jin Yoshimura ’89 and Jean M.J. Fréchet ’69/’72

On December 5, 2014, the ESF Alumni Association honored this year’s Graduates of Distinction award recipients at Convocation in Hendricks Chapel. The award is presented at Convocation 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 two such alumni; one for his notable achievement as a graduate from the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology and one for his lifetime achievement in the field of Chemistry.

The academic and scientific scope of our recipients this year reached a decidedly international level. Dr. Jin Yoshimura (Ph.D. EFB ’89), presented with the Graduates of Distinction, Notable Achievement award, was able to join us all the way from Hamamatsu, Japan. He is currently a member of the Faculty of Engineering in the Department of Mathematical and Systems Engineering at Shizuoka University. Dr. Yoshimura’s research on the effects of environmental and the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Science, as well being awarded the 2013 Japan Prize. However, it is the breadth and impact of his work that is truly exceptional.

Full citations of our recipients’ accomplishments may be read on page three. In addition to receiving an individual award noting their accomplishments, each Graduate of Distinction has their name inscribed on a permanent plaque located in the Alumni Lounge in Marshall Hall.

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Diversity

Diversity is a word that we hear often in our politically-correct society. Diversity in the college and university setting usually refers to the race, ethnicity, gender or some other social construct of faculty, staff and students. I am happy to report that ESF has made great strides in enhancing its diversity in those characteristics since I was a student, and the progress continues. However, as President of the ESF Alumni Association, diversity has another meaning for me. In the context of our alumni membership, diversity refers to the roles alumni play in environmental careers, civic life and personal leadership.

The College is currently engaged in a Strategic Planning process that will differentiate ESF from other environmental programs and departments across the country. It is an exciting and interesting process. It is also a necessary process because we are competing for students in the national marketplace. Indeed, our students come from all over the US, and our graduates wind up all over the world. We have alumni in every state in the US; in some states, our alumni are present in very large numbers.

Throughout this past year, I had the privilege of meeting many of our alumni at Association gatherings all over the country. I was struck by a characteristic of our alumni that underscores one of the ways that we are so drastically different than any other environmental university, environmental institute, ecological “think tank” or college department. That characteristic is this diversity I referred to above.

As graduates of environmental programs, our alumni have typically varied career paths. Those career paths embrace the heritage of balance and diversity that ESF proudly has maintained since the day it was established. Our alumni play diverse environmental leadership roles in the worlds of industry, government and nonprofit corporations, in careers in industrial innovation and research, land and environment policy, public health planning, ecological engineering, economic development innovation, biological research, public environmental problem-solving, and many more, too numerous to mention.

From our small cluster of buildings squeezed between SU and Oakwood Cemetery, our graduates have been launched into diverse environmental careers for more than 100 years. We are wood chemists, polymer scientists, biologists, environmental engineers, landscape architects, land managers, soil scientists, paper scientists, ecologists, manufacturing operations experts, energy experts, foresters, planners, wood product scientists, process chemistry specialists, and many other necessary environmental leaders.

There is no other environmental organization in the nation that can bring together a meeting of its members in all 50 states in the US and have a single member represent such a diverse array of careers that are all focused on “Improving Our World.”

Our “raison d’etre” was forest resource stewardship for New York State. The balanced menu of programs and research that came with our creation provided the solid foundation for the growth and evolution of our programs for the last 104 years. We have done well responding to the diverse environmental challenges that face us with graduates that have education and training in all aspects of community, industrial and natural systems ecology. The Association and the College are proud of our alumni’s environmental leadership diversity, and of all of you who are out there “Improving Our World,” wherever you are, and however you can.

Stay up-to-date and provide your input on the College’s Strategic Planning esfstrategicplan.wordpress.com. Comments from alumni on the College’s Strategic Planning website to offer input and ideas esfstrategicplan.wordpress.com.

The College President’s Message | Dr. Quentin Wheeler

“The challenge is how to best fulfill that mission, while making the most of the resources we have and partnering with alumni and friends of the College who share our vision of a better future.”

The ESF Difference

About 120 ESF faculty and staff gathered recently to spend the better part of a day envisioning the future of the ESF undergraduate experience. I had the privilege of moving from one breakout group to another and listening in throughout the day. I was impressed. Impressed by the creative ideas being shared, by the intellectual energy that was flowing as strong at the end of the day as it had at the beginning, and especially by the synergy on display. The dynamic discussion centered on how we can provide the best experience for our students.

It is too soon to say which ideas will take root in the immediate future, but it is safe to say that ESF students will be challenged in fantastically creative ways, be exposed to both the best ideas and most effective practices, and be fully equipped as tomorrow’s leaders. The world they enter is very different from that which most of us recall. The average college graduate today will have more than half a dozen jobs during his or her career. They will face environmental, resource management and sustainability challenges that we have not yet recognized and have not yet been approached that have not yet been conceived.

This was only one in a series of strategic planning activities. When finished, we will have a set of ambitious goals for our future, and a roadmap to get there. A few years ago Jim Collins’ Good to Great business self-help book was a runaway success. In our case, ESF is plotting to go from great to even greater. Key to success is differentiation. ESF has a very distinctive mission compared to most colleges. The challenge is how to best fulfill that mission while making the most of the resources we have and partnering with alumni and friends of the College who share our vision of a better future.

STAY CONNECTED

To keep up-to-date on the College’s Strategic Planning and give input, please visit esfstrategicplan.wordpress.com. Comments from alumni on the future of ESF are encouraged.

Alumni Assoc. President’s Message | Preston Gilbert ’73

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Twins and both decided to visit his office on the same day. They dressed alike, had identical facial expressions and body language. When the first student walked out and then came back again (or so he thought) for a few minutes he assumed he was dealing with a student with severe problems as the issues the student expressed were the same ones he had just heard! Eventually, he realized he had a different student in his office.

For most of his counseling sessions, there were many students who had problems that they felt were “the end of the world.” Calmly, and slowly, he would point out that everyone has problems; he would help clarify just what the problems were, and help them through their individual crises.

When asked about changes at the College, Tom noted that upgrades to the campus have been the core nature of the advancement of knowledge in the field of chemistry, the College’s recognition and support of students, and journal outlets.

The most rewarding part of the job was to work my way out of my job and move ahead independently. “I realized midway through my career that my job was to work my way out of my job every year.” His efforts did not go unnoticed. He received the State University’s Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service; the students twice gave him the Special Recognition Award; and the yearbook, “the Empire Forester,” was dedicated to him in 2008. Active as a founding member of the SUNY Career Development Organization, he served two years as president of that group of career professionals. Among the many campus committee memberships, he chaired the ESF Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for 10 years, and particularly pleased to have formalized the College’s recognition and support of students with disabilities. Among many other programs to help students find employment, Tom started the Environmental Career Fair in 2001. This event continues to bring together potential employers and students and has grown every year. Upon retirement, he was awarded “Emeritus status. He was recently asked to fill in for a few months for a counselor out for sick leave. It validated how much I enjoyed the work and earn a salary. Make it a special place where students thrive and every community member can see how they fit into the College’s mission.”

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4. Keep in touch with family, friends and the College. These all become very important to you after you leave ESF. As to the future of the College, Mr. Slocum says it “looks great.” He shared that ESF is in a position to influence many aspects of our environmental future through research and via educated students. "ESF needs to keep its vision and mission up-front and not get distracted by politics and financial pressures. Quality always seems to win out." One area that might be addressed, he added, was the need to better communicate and connect natural science with social science. "The world is getting smaller, more connected, and depends on sustaining a shared environment."

Tom worked under three presidents in his 30-plus years at ESF and he recalled that each one added something important and timely to the College. With a new president in place, Tom would advise Dr. Wheeler to “fall in love with ESF, its students, and what we do. SUNY-ESF should not be just another place to study or to work and earn a salary. Make it a special place where students thrive and every community member can see how they fit into the College’s mission.”

A person who chooses a career in education can make a decent living wage, but most often an educator’s true reward is indicated by the numerous positions he has held, the Association provides programs and services to benefit alumni, ESF students and the College.

ESF Alumni Association Mission Statement

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

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association is a group of individuals concerned with the promotion, achievements and heritage of the College. The Association, working as a partner with the College, assists and promotes the College in the attainment of its objectives. The Association serves to cultivate friendship and cooperation among the alumni and to assist them however appropriate within the capabilities of the Association. The Association represents the alumni in the affairs of the College by acting as a facilitator between and among alumni, students, faculty, staff and administration. The Association provides programs and services to benefit alumni, ESF students and the College.

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Jean M.J. Fréchét
Lifetime Achievement Award
M.S. 1969 AND PH.D. 1972 (CHE)

Dr. Jean M.J. Fréchét received his master’s degree and Ph.D. in chemistry from ESF in 1969 and 1972, respectively. He is a world renowned chemist who has dramatically advanced the field of materials science, chemistry and numerous other related disciplines and was a recipient of the 2013 Japan Prize, one of the most prestigious international awards in science and technology. In receiving the award, Fréchét was honored for his outstanding achievement in the “development of chemically amplified resist polymer materials for innovative semiconductor manufacturing processes.” The Japan Prize Foundation annually awards the Japan Prize to scientists and researchers who, regardless of nationality, make substantial contributions to their fields as well as to the peace and prosperity of mankind.

Fréchét studied chemistry at ESF with renowned chemistry professor Dr. Conrad Schurech and is currently Vice President for Research at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Saudi Arabia. He has served as an advisor to several global companies, including Unilever, IBM Corporation, Xerox and DuPont.

In recognition of these contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the field of chemistry, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association proudly presents the 2014 Graduate of Distinction — Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Jean M.J. Fréchét.

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14TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, February 25, 2015
10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
SUNY-ESF Gateway Center

This is a special opportunity, on the ESF campus, to gather employer information, develop networks, meet employers from a variety of sectors including; corporate, environmental and not-for-profit organizations as well as to search for permanent jobs, summer jobs and internship possibilities. Additional information on how to prepare for this year’s event and to view the organizations that will be participating, please visit our website at: www.esf.edu/career/efcf.htm

ALUMNI JUDGES NEEDED FOR STUDENT POSTER SESSION!

On April 15th, we are looking for 6 or more alumni volunteers to judge the quality of scientific research as depicted on student posters. Technical expertise is not required, but rather, alumni will judge if research questions are stated clearly and results are presented in a comprehensive way. Alumni will be needed on the ESF campus from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will be treated to lunch and an ESF logo memento.

To volunteer, please contact
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The ESF Alumni Office alumni@esf.edu (315) 470-6632

Undergraduate level monetary prizes for the Poster Session are funded by the Alumni Association.

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Find opportunities: From mentoring to jobs, your fellow alumni are often ready to help.

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Alumni Entrepreneurs

As part of an on-going effort to highlight our outstanding alumni, we are starting a new spotlight column concentrating on our alumni entrepreneurs. For this issue of the Alumni News we spoke with Hilary Niver-Johnson ‘11, business owner of Sustainable Viticulture Systems.

Hilary Niver-Johnson ‘11

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Environmental Science

Curriculum Focus

Renewable Energy Systems

Hometown

Business

Sustainable Viticulture Systems

Professional Affiliation

Business Owner, Recipe Developer & Caterer

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Forging a new future in the Finger Lakes with wine flour and other wine byproducts, Hilary Niver-Johnson has harnessed her passion for improving her world through incorporating renewable energy systems and recycling into viticulture. Hilary is the owner and founder of Sustainable Viticulture Systems (SVS), a company that takes leftover skins, seeds, and stems also known as "pomace" and turns them into marketable products. Additionally, her process takes on the role of being socially responsible by reducing the need for energy, repurposing machinery, and preserving the integrity of nutrients in its products. SVS embodies a true reflection of being a SUNY-ESF alumni who can propel their college experience into a lifetime mission.

INTERVIEW Q&A

What led you on your path to SUNY-ESF? Well I’ve always been passionate about the environment and being mindful of waste and carbon footprint; also of what we consume and put in our bodies. I was a vegetarian for nine years. Jane Goodall was a big part of turning me onto the environment as well. So why is Jane Goodall one of your heroes? I read all of her books and I was connected to the experiences she wrote about regarding chimps, humans and our food systems. I was really touched and inspired by her work. It was one of the first fires that grew in me to be more involved with our environment.

Do you recall a defining moment for you while at ESF? Getting into the research that I did under Dr. Tim Velk for my capstone was a pivotal moment for me. Studying the energy that goes into wineries allowed me to develop relationships that have continued to grow over the past four years. I noticed on your website that you spent time independently researching viticulture and properties of "pomace" in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Colorado. Tell me about a couple of the most important findings or developments that you experienced during this period for you personally and/or professionally. Professionally it was networking and sharing my goals with colleagues. I’ve learned quickly that it is about who you know and networking has been my biggest factor of success. Personally, it was good for me to travel away from home to grow as an individual that helped define what I do now in regards to recycling waste from wineries with sustainable energy systems. What finally brought you back to the Finger Lakes? There was a point when I was out in the Midwest where I was outgrowing what was there for me. The wineries are much smaller out there than in the Finger Lakes and I just felt it was the right time to further develop my expertise in New York, which seemed to me to have more opportunity for professional growth. Can you give us a bit of a walk-through of how you established SVS? A lot of it stemmed from my experience at ESF. Most of my time was spent doing research in wineries and helping to write the fall of 2011, I harvested my first batch and then continued through 2012 and 2013 operating completely by hand. This year is my first year with commercial machine.

Do you have a mentor? Absolutely. I have several. I some in Texas and Ithaca. In fact, I still converse with Dr. Briggs from ESF who has been extremely helpful. Did you prepare a business plan? I have gone through quite a few and I was successful by taking business plan training through a local federal credit union which ended up loaning me the money to get started. Tell me some of the things SVS does that is different from other practices that recycle pomace? In terms of process, there are three things that distinguish SVS from similar businesses: the main one I’m most proud of because of my background in renewable energy was building a passive solar dehydrator. The second was repurposing a 40-year-old grain separation machine for my pomace operations. The third component of my practice is how I maintain a healthier food as it is involved in processing the flour and cold pressing of grape seed oil. This reduces the amount of harmful aromatic compounds and chemicals like hexane which can adversely affect the central nervous system. I’m proud of the wine flour overall because it has added benefits similar to wine such as antioxidants and tannins. So, what’s next? Are there any changes you’d like to see at SUNY-ESF? I’d like to expand the wine flour products regionally into Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. And finally, what is the northeast. I’d also like to enhance my renewable energy systems, such as having pellets from the leftover grape seeds. I have advice for other alumni or ESF students in regards to starting their own business? Find some good sound boards to bounce your ideas off of and make sure to ask yourself tough questions before making life-changing decisions. Take advantage of networking, professional development, and continuing education opportunities. For students, I would say take advantage of the resources at ESF while you’re still a student and don’t wait until you graduate to get a head start on your career.

For More Information

Hilary plans to launch her wine flour, grape seed oil, and other wine byproducts in February 2015. You can find out more about SVS at www.flxgrapeflour.com and you can contact via email at hilarynj@fossvs.com.

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Nicklaus-Designed Golf Course will be the setting for the 2015 SUNY-ESF Golf Tournament!

The 2014 Golf Tournament was held at the beautiful McCoolsville Golf Club. We’re excited to announce that the 2015 Tournament will take place at Timber Banks Golf Club—the only Nicklaus-designed course in upstate New York—on August 6th.

A special “thank you” to all of the sponsors and golfers who help to make this golf tournament so successful each year. Because of your generosity, we have been able to give financial assistance to many deserving ESF students completing their education. We look forward to honoring new golfers and to continuing this tradition as well as seeing our loyal supporters out on the links in August. It should be another great tournament!*

Cranberry Lake Reunion Celebration Postponed to 2016

We regret that due to scheduling conflicts and staff issues, the 100th Anniversary Celebration for Cranberry Lake has been postponed until August of 2016. But don’t worry, the Celebration is going to be bigger and better than ever!

We are working closely with Justin Feine, the new Director of Cranberry Lake, to make sure that the Reunion gets back on track with enhanced programming and weekend events that will be sure to include something for alumni of all ages. Don Leopold, Alex Weir, James Gibbs and Robin Kimerer will be on hand to enlighten you on a variety of topics ranging from plant identification and traditional uses of regional plants for food and medicine to foraging for and maybe even cooking your own meal for the evening. There will also be a number of family friendly activities such as a Scavenger Hunt, the “Cranberry Lake Games” and songs around the campfire.

Again, we apologize that we are unfortunately not able to host this year’s Cranberry Lake Reunion; we know that many of our alumni look forward to this event. Please plan on joining us in 2016! *
Wendi M. Richards, P.E. ’86

Environmental Resources Engineering

Brief biography: I live in the Village of Fayetteville, NY where I work full-time as a professional civil engineer for 17 years. I’ve worked in consulting for regional and national firms providing planning and design for water quality projects. For the last 5 years I’ve been responsible for the development of all aspects of water quality process equipment sales in NY for a MPS in Environmental Engineering. ESF is in a great, close-knit community of faculty, students, and alumni that is hard to find in many schools. By supporting the Alumni Association and the College we are supporting the ESF community as a whole. The Association has several programs and events that help which help alumni connect with each other and current students. They are also working to strengthen and develop the Alumni Association and College. I am becoming an important role that would otherwise go unfulfilled without them.

Some highlights of my career were the new trail on the West Shore of Onondaga Lake, major new exhibits at the Zoo, Skyline Lodge at Highland Forest, Lights on the Lake and other special events and a stewardship of the natural resources entrusted to our care that all could be proud of. Reasons for deciding to serve on the Alumni Board: ESF gave me a foundational knowledge of natural resources and the systems they are a part of that enabled me to be successful in all that I did in my career. More than that, there is something from my vantage and I would assume from fellow alumni that is decidedly unique about the character of this school. Trying not to use clichés, but there is a realness and cohesiveness about this school that is simply absent in many institutions of higher learning. The fact that after 45 years of taking my dendrology class I still identify trees by their Latin name is a testament to the validity of the claim I am making. Serving on the board is perhaps a way I can do my small part to maintain this tradition. Reasons why alumni should support the Alumni Association/College: Even though County Parks is a publicly funded entity, we accomplished only occurred because of the generosity of people who donated the funds that were necessary. Whether a new exhibit in Beaver Lake, or improvements to Beaver Lake Nature Center, sponsors of special events and other facilities – these are private, non-tax deductible, because people donated funds to make them happen. ESF is different in its need for outside funding to allow it to maintain its excellence in the things it does for its students and the community at large. Being publicly funded simply doesn’t provide the resources that the institution of this caliber. If you believe in the mission of this institution, then making contributions is what will ensure continued success.

Tom Hughes ’06

Environmental Interpretation

Brief biography: I am a Natural Resource Steward Biologist for NYS Parks in the Central and Finger Lakes Region. In this role, I coordinate, manage and provide consultation for natural resource management, environmental stewardship, education and outreach for our NYS Parks’ facilities. My office is located in Jamesville, NY. I also teach Limnology as an adjunct lecturer in Biology at Wells College in Aurora, NY. I have a BS in Natural Resources - Fisheries Science from Cornell University (1995), a MS in Biological Sciences from SUNY College at Brockport (2002) and a MPS in Environmental Interpretation from SUNY-ESF (2006). I am a paid professional in environmental interpretation. Reasons why alumni should support the Alumni Association/College: With an even stronger connection to the ESF community and an additional opportunity to offer mentoring or career opportunities to both students and professionals. Alumni can do this by becoming Student Mentors or Ambassadors for the College where they live.
New Assoc. Members

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Cariann Quick '09

Environmental Science

Brief biography: I currently work as Assistant Director of Student Affairs Programs at The State University of New York, the nation’s largest comprehensive system of higher education. In my position, I assist with guidance and training within student affairs for SUNY’s 64 campus system. I also oversee university-wide efforts in the areas of veteran’s affairs, student leadership development, student recognition programs, and compliance with federal and state legislation regarding voter registration. I am an advisor to the SUNY Student Assembly, the SUNY system student government and additionally, I oversee and assist with office trainings and enrollment events, as well as serving as liaison to professional groups. Before joining SUNY System Administration in August 2011, I was Director of Campus Relations and Government Relations for the SUNY Student Assembly. Cariann holds a BS in Educational Administration and Policy Studies from the University at Albany and a BS in Environmental Science from the College of Environment Science and Forestry. Reasons for deciding to serve on the Alumni Board: After graduating in 2009, I learned the true importance of her ESF degree. While I did not continue in a science field, the opportunities that I received while at ESF go into a higher education career were far greater than other colleges. I decided to join the Alumni Board to give back to the campus that helped me to reach my career. Reasons why alumni should support the Alumni Association/College: One of the greatest things that the Alumni Association does is assist students with scholarships. These scholarships directly assist the future generations to receive an education that they can use to improve your world! What greater gift can you give?

ESF Alumna Researches Chernobyl Wolves

How do scientists determine the long-term impacts of living in a radiation-contaminated environment? ESF alumna, Cara Love ’09 is working with a collaborative team from the University of Georgia and other international affiliates to help find the answer.

A 2009 ESF graduate, Cara has applied what she learned at ESF to a wide range of research job opportunities in many corners of the world. After graduating in 2009, I learned the true importance of her ESF degree. While I did not continue in a science field, the opportunities that I received while at ESF go into a higher education career were far greater than other colleges. I decided to join the Alumni Board to give back to the campus that helped me to reach my career. Reasons why alumni should support the Alumni Association/College: One of the greatest things that the Alumni Association does is assist students with scholarships. These scholarships directly assist the future generations to receive an education that they can use to improve your world! What greater gift can you give?

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Check out the Chernobyl Wolves Research Project www.bit.ly/ChernobylWolves

Cara Love ’09


Meet the President Event Recaps

Thank you to all of you for welcoming Dr. Wheeler into the ESF family with such openness, warmth and enthusiasm for the possibilities that lie ahead.

Over the past year, many of you have had the opportunity to meet with President Wheeler as we have traveled across the country to introduce him to all of our outstanding alumni. You have given him an opportunity to share his vision for the future of the College and the important role that our alumni will play in helping to achieve those goals.

Since joining us in January 2014, President Wheeler has met alumni from the Metro NY area, the Saratoga/Albany area, San Francisco, Lake Placid and of course, Central New York. More recently, he was able to visit with alumni in Sackets Harbor, NY, Boston, Philadelphia and the Raleigh, NC area.

On August 14th alumni gathered at the Thousand Islands Biological Station to tour the facilities and learn about the current research being conducted in the area. After the tour, a little bit of rain, we headed to the beautiful gazebo in Sackets Harbor overlooking Lake Ontario. While the weather did not cooperate with our outdoor plans, we were able to move the reception indoors to the Sackets Harbor Visitor’s Center where alumni from the area had an opportunity to chat with President Wheeler.

The months of September, October and November found President Wheeler meeting with alumni from Boston, Philadelphia and Raleigh respectively. Thank you to all of you for welcoming Dr. Wheeler into the ESF family with such openness, warmth and enthusiasm for the possibilities that lie ahead.

As Dr. Wheeler enters into his second year as President, we will continue our travels to meet with and hear from our alumni. Hope to see you soon!
These class notes were received by the Alumni Office before January 1, 2015. The next issue of the "Alumni News" will have a deadline of June 30, 2015. Photos are always welcome. Please print notes legibly, especially e-mail addresses and limit to 100 words. Ranger School graduates are welcome to submit notes. Alumni News is sent to all graduates of the College, including those of the Ranger School. Please send your photos and news!

Class Notes can be submitted on line at www.esf.edu/forums/classnotes.asp, via email to alumni@esf.edu, or mailed to:

ESF Alumni Office
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Syracuse, NY 13210

A note about obituaries: When we receive the name of an alum who has died, but do not receive an obituary, we verify the death and publish the name and class year in the "In Memoriam" section. If we receive additional information and/or an obituary, it may be found in the individual's class year. Due to spacing restrictions in the Alumni News, published obituaries may be limited to the following information: date and place of birth, other colleges attended, a brief military history (when applicable), short description of career, any significant accomplishments, and interests in ESF. As always, the editing of the Alumni News rests with the Alumni Office staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please send obituaries to:
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IN MEMORIAM

Bernard Becker ’41
Thomas Luddy ’48
Bradford Monk ’49
William Waters ’48
Michael Putelo ’49
Odd K. Ronning ’49
Carmen Miceli ’50
William Nevi ’84

1939

John Stone (FRM) writes, “Since two of my kids live in Statesboro, GA, I sold the Bannidge house and moved to an assisted living place—Gentilly Gardens—and am enjoying not having to support a house, garden, and myself! Sold my truck, too, so the kids furn- ish our transportation to the doctor’s offices, etc. 97 is approaching easily.”

1941

Bernard C. Becker (WPE), 97, passed away Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at King’s Grant Retirement Community where he had been a resident since 2001. He was born in Cooperstown, New York on December 27, 1916 to John Becker and Mary Neale Becker. After graduating from the College of Forestry, he moved to Martinsville, VA in 1950 and was employed in the fur- niture industry in quality control, retiring from Hooker Furniture. Bernie was an avid trout fisherman, enjoyed wood working and repairing anything he could. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Smith-Hamilton Men’s Class. In addition to his par- ents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Virginia Gardner Becker, five sisters and two brothers. Surviving him are two daughters, one son, seven grand-children, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Charles Pound Sr. (LA), “The Pound ‘three gener- ation’ grad—CEP Sr. 44, CE Jr. ’74, and CEP III ’90—but still going strong. After 40 years of operation, I will be selling ‘Aqua Dredge Inc.—’will give me more time to travel and ‘smell the roses.’”

1944

Robert Kellar (FRM) writes, “My wife passed away 3 years ago. Went fishing with Hal Gatskill some years ago. I was living in Florida at the time. I am now legally blind with macular degeneration. My daughter lives close by, so I still get out & about. If you come this way, stop in and say hello.”

1948

Thomas Joseph Luddy (WPE) passed away on July 6, 2014 in Springfield, VA. Tom is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Sweeney Luddy. The couple was married in Brooklyn, NY in 1953, and celebrated 61 years of marriage on May 16, 2014. Tom is also survived by his five grateful children and their spouses, loving grand-children, cousins, nieces and nephews both in the U.S. and in Ireland. Born and raised in Utica, NY, Tom was the youngest of six children of Thomas Francis and Margaret Kiely Luddy. His parents emigrated from County Tipperary, Ireland in 1910, arriving at Ellis Island on the S.S. Carmania. Tom is now reunited in heaven with his parents, his brother and his four sisters. Tom attended Saint Francis de Sales High School in Utica. He lived and worked in this region until his discharge in April, 1953. Bradford continued his profession as a forester until 1962 when he began his work with the U.S. Postal Service from which he retired in 1981. He served with the Concord Red Cross until 1992. Bradford’s first love was caring for his family. He and his wife, Louise, have lived in their present home for 61 years and Bradford had a large vegetable garden that he worked, gardening, beekeeping, canoeing and travel- ling. As a faithful church member, Brad was a trustee and Sunday school superintendent. Additionally, he served on the Cooperative Extension Council and NH Timberland Owners Association board each for six years. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters for 66 years. Brad, Dad, Papa, Uncle Brad possessed an un- usual blend of sweet loving patience and incredible physical strength and handedness, and a playfulness not often found in humans half his age. Everyone who met him was inspired by this special man and his love of God, family, nature and life.

1949

William Hall (PSE) writes, “Still plugging along at 91 yrs old.”

Michael C. Putelo (WPE), 90, died on October 15, 2014 at Winthrop Hospital in Mineola, NY. He leaves his wife of 55 years (Billie), five children, seven grandchildren and their spouses, and his 13 grandchildren. Michael’s life changed in 1958 when he met the love of his life, Helen Putelo (Michael’s cousin) and they were married. Together they served as the family’s chief dog walker at family gath- ers. Michael was a wad family man. He never missed a practice, let alone a game, any of his children played in…football, baseball, basket- ball and more. He will be sorely missed.

Odd Knut Ronning (FRM) former Export Manager in charge of Foreign Sales at the Bolta Corporation in Dalton, died at his home on July 20, 2014. Many knew
acts of sabotage, including the destruction of the Nazi-commandeered ferryboat carrying heavy water and components bound for Germany across Lake Tinnsjo. He completed his mechanical engineering degree after the war, secured a job in the pulp and paper industry, and, in 1946, traveled to New York aboard the liner the S.S. Stavangerfjord, where, before heading up to Syracuse, he found a phone book, found a number, and phoned his third cousin, In, to say “hello” at her Gramercy Park apartment, as per his parents’ instructions. Peg, frantically busy as usual at her typewriter writing a script at the time, her 15-minute radio comedy series, “Ethel and Albert,” was on for a day, grabbed the phone. “Odd Knut from Norway!” she heard, in a thick accent. My father identified himself a few more times before Peg stopped saying “What? Who?” after which he heard her hand over the phone and in a (slightly) muffled voice, call out: “Mother? It’s some cousin from Norway! Do we have enough lamb chops to ask him for dinner?” They were married on Aug. 12, 1948. A master’s degree at the College of Forestry (Pulp and Paper Department) in 1949 was followed by a year in Norway working for the Paper Company Skien, after which Odd joined the E.D. Jones and Sons Company (later becoming the Beloit Corporation, Dalton Division) in 1950. By now an American citizen, he and Peg settled first in Bronxville, N.Y. Then Stamford, CT, before moving to Westport, CT, and then to Newburyport, MA. Peg’s love of Norway, accompanying Peg when she performed in Norway, accompanying Peg when she performed in Norway, accompanying Peg when she performed in Norway, accompanying Peg when she performed in Norway. A firm believer in the highly questionable theory that “Vikings don’t get sick,” it was only in the last six or seven odd that Odd began to wind down and “in doors in front of CNN” began to have more appeal than tramping up and down pruning the euonymus hedge. He is survived by his wife, “Marvelous Peggy,” one daughter, Astrid King, one son-in-law, the composer Denis King, and one grandson, Alexander King. All of whom will miss him every day and who wish his Viking longship safe passage.

This is your reunion year! We have a great weekend planned for this fall, including an opportunity to see a Syracuse University football game in the Dome. The dates will be determined when the SU football schedule is published, which is typically in the spring. The Alumni Office will send your class all of the details as soon as that information becomes available. It will be our honor to congratulate Ruth at our next Alumni Office (315-470-6632; alumni@esf.edu) or look at the Calendar of Events on our website (www.esf.edu/ calendar/events) to see if we can make this weekend coincide with Syracuse University’s “Orange Central.” We hope you will come to Syracuse to celebrate!

James Gram (WPE) writes, “It has been many years since I returned to campus and when I did, I was completely lost…so many improvements. My family, who reside in Fallston, NY, are all deceased and after 87 birthday, my travel is greatly reduced, but I enjoy reading the newsletters.”

Carmen G. Miceli (FRM), 88, died on March 19, 2014. Born in Johnstown, PA to Christina de Maria Miceli and Guy Miceli, he lived in Kane, PA growing up and graduated from Kane High School in 1943. Carm was enlisted in the United States Air Corps in 1944 and was personally identified as a bombardier. He taught the use of the new technolo-
gy (at that time) of the Nordim bombight. After graduat-
ing from the College of Forestry, he worked as a consult-
ating forester in Pennsylvania and New York State before he began graduate courses at Penn State University and Clarion University in Pennsylvania, and received his teaching certification in forestry and biology in 1971 and 1972, respectively. He began visiting Hilton Head thirty five years ago and moved to Bluffton, SC in 1996. He was the President and owner of Northeastern Wholesalers, Inc. and House of Leaf of Main St. in Hilton Head. He was a First Class and a medic who served in the European Theater during World War II. He was a member of the Club of The Rye, the Rye Yacht Club, and the first golf commissioner for the Rye Golf Club. He was the Senior Warden and vestryman for the All Saints Episcopal Church in Harrison, NY. He is survived by his wife, Sue, Astrid Wenzel, two sons and four grandchildren.

Robert Thatcher (FRM) writes, “My wife Harriet passed away on May 24, 2014. We had been married for 64 years. My youngest daughter Tracy and her boy, Cory (now 9), was born in 1970 and has continued to live with us. They have been living with me since he was born. She does the cooking (after working all day) since I do not cook. My sister, June, is 57 and my wife, Harriet’s husband Bob is in a nearby facility with Alzheimer’s.”

Jim Herr (PSE) writes, “Dotty and I still enjoy traveling. In 2013 we took a cruise to the Caribbean and a bus trip to Branson, MO. We were impressed with the quality of shows in Branson and would highly recommend them. I am currently in my 14th musical, Oliver, at community theater.”
Welcome the Class of 2018
Meet Some of ESF’s Freshman Class

The Alumni News often asks graduating students about their plans after ESF, but this year, we thought we would ask some incoming students what was on their minds as they look ahead to their academic careers at ESF. We posed the following questions to students from the Freshman Class:

Alex Cunningham
Pittsford, NY
ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

How did you learn about ESF and why did you decide to attend? I first heard about ESF through my mom who has co-workers that attended ESF, and later after attending ESF’s Accepted Student day. I knew that ESF was the perfect school for me. ESF’s focus on the environment and science combined with its close-knit community and amazing field studies and research opportunities really made me certain that ESF was the school that I wanted to attend. What are your expectations for your college years? Over the next couple of years I’m expecting to take a lot of great courses at ESF and learn a ton. I’m hoping to take advantage of some of ESF’s research opportunities and get involved in a few community service projects with other ESF students. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? As I begin my college career as a “Stumpy,” I am really looking forward to taking classes at Cranberry Lake and being out in the field as well as taking several of the more unique “classroom” classes related to the environment that ESF offers.

Mohamed Sahraoui
Syracuse, NY
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

How did you learn about ESF and why did you decide to attend? My sister, Sarah, graduated from ESF in 2008 and continued on to Pharmacy School where she eventually became a Pharmacist. I always knew that I wanted to attend a SUNY school that provided an excellent education for the price. ESF has excellent research opportunities and programs, and is an excellent institution that specializes in research that is very relevant to the medical field. I strive to follow in my sister’s footsteps to pursue a career in the medical field and become a physical therapist. What are your expectations for your college years? I expect to meet a wide variety of people here at ESF as well as SU. I expect my college years to be challenging, yet highly enjoyable. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? I’m excited for various internships and research opportunities that will come my way during my time here at ESF. I also look forward to networking with staff and alumni as I continue my education.

Anish Kirtane
Pune, India
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Might switch to Conservation Biology

How did you learn about ESF and why did you decide to attend? During the whole application process for US universities, I saw ESF pop up in every forum regarding environmental schools in USA. I looked through the website and a few blogs and I knew this was the place for me. I am interested in studying science and wanted a focused education in environmental science. I was also deeply interested in research. ESF seemed to have it all. What are your expectations for your college years? I have more expectations for myself than for the College, after all college is what one makes out of it. However, I expect a community that in genuinely interested in learning and understanding the environmental challenges we face today. I also expect a hands-on experience here. I am at ESF to experience different aspects and approaches taken in the fields of environment and conservation. I hope these experiences help me to decide what I am truly passionate about and work towards it. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? Getting to know different professors and their research. Trying to get involved in any way possible in research and gain some real world experience. I am excited about studying abroad in USA. (I am from India) getting to know and live in a completely different culture makes my college experience more valuable. Studying abroad, especially at ESF where the community is helpful and accepting towards everyone, really broadens my worldview. The friends I made here are just one of the most passionate people I have ever met and I hope to meet many more interesting personalities.

Chelsie Beard
Homer, NY
WILDLIFE SCIENCE

How did you learn about ESF and why did you decide to attend? My high school offered students an opportunity to spend a week at Cranberry Lake over the summer for credit. I went on the trip and met students and faculty from ESF such as Dr. Fierke. I really enjoyed being around people who care about the environment as much as I do and that became an important factor in my decision to come to ESF. What are your expectations for your college years? I expect to figure out what kind of career I want to pursue, be prepared for that career (and have some other skills too), and make lifelong friends. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? I am most excited about all of the opportunities I have right now and I am looking forward to seeing where this year takes me.

Benjamin Taylor
Panama, NY
ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ENG.

How did you learn about ESF and why did you decide to attend? ESF is in my blood—Dad graduated in ’92 as a Forest Engineer. ESF’s small school feel, stellar academics, and sense of environmental purpose shared by the whole student body was why I attended, and it has been great so far. What are your expectations for your college years? Experiential and focused learning, making lifelong friends, fun. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? Getting to learn about subjects that can really make a difference in the world, and being a part of the great community which is ESF!

Gabrielle A. Sisson
Alden, NY
WILDLIFE SCIENCE

How did you learn about ESF and why did you decide to attend? Right after I visited ESF for the first time, I knew it was the right college for me. I loved the atmosphere and the positive energy from all of the students, and I could see myself fitting in perfectly. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? Learning about things that I am actually interested in and making lifelong friendships with people here!
ESF Alumni Office staff members and Alumni Board Members promoted Heiberg Forest’s maple syrup at the “Taste of New York” tent at the Great New York State Fair in August. Fairgoers were treated to maple cotton candy and maple Sno-Cones. Left to right: Jennifer Palladino (Alumni Office), Gail Romano ’96, Debbie Casavecchia (Director of Alumni Relations), and Thayer Miller ’71.

In August, alumni and their guests were treated to a tour of the Thousand Islands Biological Station (TIBS) as part of the “North County Meet the President” event. A group of alumni chatted with each other on the porch of the Sackets Harbor Visitor’s Center during the “Meet the President” reception. Alumni Board Member Kelly Reinhardt ’95 (second from right) helped to organize this special event.

Dr. Wheeler shared his vision for the future of SUNY-ESF with alumni at the “North Country Meet the President” event at the Sackets Harbor Visitor’s Center.

Boston-area alumni gather for the “Meet the President” event at Industrial Economics, Inc. in Cambridge, MA. The reception was hosted by Bob Unsworth ’84, President of Industrial Economics, Inc.

Current SUNY-ESF undergraduates enjoy the reception at the Society of American Foresters (SAF) National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. From left, Lauren Bartl, Zak Boerman, Sierra Giraud, Jeff McKinley, and Don Grace.

The Alumni Association Board of Directors meets twice a year. At the January meeting, Board Members sign letters encouraging other alumni to pay their dues.

Melody Scalfone ’11 and Christopher Westfall attended the “North Country Meet the President” reception in Sackets Harbor this past August.

Dr. Wheeler and his wife, Marie (left), speak with recent ESF alumna Xian Wang ’14 at the Boston “Meet the President” reception.

Dr. Wheeler shares a presentation, “Perspectives on ESF: Building on the Past, Envisioning the Future” with Boston-area alumni in September.

The Alumni Association co-sponsors a reception at the ASLA Annual Meeting each year. Alumni attendees at the Meeting are able to meet and mingle with each other at this annual event.
The following morning brought our seniors back together again for a breakfast with President Wheeler and a chance to hear about his vision for the future of the College. Following breakfast, members of the senior classes were taken on a tour of the campus by some of our current students. The tour highlighted the many changes that have taken place over the past 50 years or so, specifically the newly-completed greenhouses at the top of Black Hall and the Gateway Center. Our alumni reconvened for lunch in 408 Baker, a room that provides panoramic views of the ESC campus and the Syracuse skyline. Dr. Retta Germaine of the Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management gave an update on the department, specifically the Forestry Division. She assured our “dirt forester” alumni that with the various majors now offered, the department is still a strong and vital area of the study within the College. Following lunch the alumni were treated to a tour of the B&B Lumber Company and Premier Hardwoods, a local company owned by ESC alumni specializing in pallet production and hardwood flooring.

FRIDAY WELCOME RECEPTION
It was an especially exciting time for members of the Class of 1959 as they presented a check to the College in the amount of $34,125.00 to support student scholarships.

Over 750 alumni, students and their families came together for a great weekend!

The weekend began with members from the Class of 1964 celebrating their 50th reunion with a lovely dinner that took place in the Alumni Lounge. Also in attendance were members from the Classes of 1959, 1958, 1954 and even an alumnus from the Class of 1949 celebrating his 65th reunion! The evening proved to be a perfect opportunity for our returning alumni to meet out new President while catching up with their old classmates. It is truly wonderful to be a part of the evening where our alumni share their stories about the paths their lives have taken since leaving the College of Forestry.

The Class of 1964 with their Guests
Front Row (left to right): Richard Cipperly, Pasana Cipperly, Robert Batteker, Linda Batteker, George Dohn, Bruce Schantz, Susan Schantz, Gennaro Cibelli, Lew Auchmoody. Back Row (left to right): Robert Hick '54, Diane Corney, Vince Corney '58, Bill Shaughnessy '54

The Class of 1959 with their Guests
Front Row (left to right): Dick Garrett, Charles Donner, Pat Donner, Dale Travis, Sigrid Freuendorfer, Michael Jones, Mary Ann Jones; Back Row (left to right): Janet Dean, John Dean, Jo Ann Milanesi, Richard Milanesi, Richard Bonnannue, R. Kent Edwards, David Landers, Marcia Landers

The Class of 1964
Front Row (left to right): Alan Echaus, Richard Cipperly, George Dohn, Neill Bortell, Gennaro Cibelli, Lew Auchmoody. Back Row (left to right): Carl Vogt, Robert Batteker, Harold Burghart, Chad Covey, Jerrie Brownell, Judith Cobby, Neil Bortell, John Deyer, Carolynn Deyer

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES
Saturday morning dawned with sunshine and anticipation for a full day of activities ahead. Alumni and families gathered together to start the day off with coffee with President Wheeler, and then had a number of options including the ever-popular “dendro-walk” with Dr. Don Leopold, a Moon Library open house and a Student Affairs meet-and-greet. Students and young alumni came together in Moon Library for a networking event where our alumni shared their career paths and provided advice for entering the environmental career field. Visitors were also treated to a chance to see the Woodsmen’s Team meet in Tully and hear about the return of the American chestnut at the Lafayette Road Experiment Station. For those that were interested in the SU football game, over 350 members of the ESF family joined the crowd to cheer on the Orangemen. While SU attempted to make a comeback in the second half, they fell short in a tough loss to Florida State, the #1 team in the country.

The weekend wrapped up with a reception on the Gateway Concourse featuring a “Taste of CNY.” Alumni sampled wine, beer and hard cider from local breweries and wineries while enjoying cheese from the Central New York region. It was the perfect time to sit with friends and family to either wrap up the weekend or make plans for the evening.

2015 REUNION & FALL BBQ WEEKEND
The 2015 reunion weekend dates will be determined in late March or April when the SU Football schedule is announced, so if you graduated in a class ending in “5” or “0,” please keep an eye on the Alumni Association calendar website: http://www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp or contact the Alumni Office. Of course, all alumni are invited to attend, so no matter when you graduated, consider yourself invited!
Alumni Director Debbie Caviness presents C. Erwin Rice ’49 with a gift of maple syrup for having the distinction of being the most senior alumnus in attendance at the Senior Reunion Dinner.

Laura Crandall ’05, Director of Student Involvement & Leadership at ESF, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Bruce Bongarten ’73, and Dean for Student Affairs, Anne Lombard, join alumni, students and families at the Opening Reception of Fall BBQ Weekend. Over 250 people attended the Opening Reception in the Gateway Center.

EFB Department Chair Don Leopold leads the ever-popular “Dendro Tour” around campus and Oakwood Cemetery as part of the Fall BBQ festivities.

Alumni Board Member Peg Coleman ’79 and Ed Neuhauser Ph.D. ’73 were among those treated to tours of the brand new greenhouses located at the top of Illick Hall.

Members from the Class of 1974 celebrate their 40th reunion during Fall BBQ Weekend. From left, Frank Neuffer, Bob Kebelia, Bob Loveloe, and John Warneck.

Alumni and students also took time out for a little fun on the Quad during the Student Activities Fair. Attendees could ride Segways or even tie-dye a t-shirt as a memento of the weekend.

EFB alumni and owner of B&B Lumber Company, Gary Booher ’67, highlights the variety of wood used in the production of hardwood flooring to alumni during a tour of this multi-faceted facility.

The weekend was capped off at the Taste of Central New York Reception where attendees were able to sample locally-produced wines, hard cider, and beer. Here, a staff member from Owera Vineyards in Cazenovia, NY chats with one of our ESF families.

Lew Auchmoody ’64 and John Dwyer ’64 share a laugh at the Senior Reunion Dinner in October.

President Quentin Wheeler welcomed our senior alumni back to campus. Shown in the background is the stained glass window that was a gift to the College from the Class of 1950.

Chad Carey ’64 regales his classmates with stories from his life since graduating from the College of Forestry. All members of the Class of 1964 had the opportunity to share their own stories at the Senior Reunion Dinner.

Alumni were offered the opportunity to visit Centennial Hall, the College’s first dormitory, on their walking tour of campus led by a member of the student ambassador program.

Members of the Class of 1959 present their Class Gift to College President Quentin Wheeler during the Opening Reception. Members of the Class raised over $34,000 for student scholarships. From left, Richard Rounseville, Dr. Wheeler, Lee Bender, Ed Karsch, Richard Melancon, Dick Garrett, David Launder, Michael Jones, Charles Donner, R. Kent Edwards and Dale Travis.

Members of the Alumni Networking Panel had an opportunity to interact with current students and their families at the Student & Young Alumni Networking Event hosted by the Career Services Office. Cara Kough ’16 speaks with Laura Hernandez ’05, Senior Forester with the NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation.

SENIOR REUNION & FALL BBQ WEEKEND EVENT PHOTOS
1. Saddleback Crew Sweatshirt  
This 55% cotton/45% polyester crew neck sweatshirt has “SUNY-ESF” arched over the New York State seal. Available in black. Sizes S–XXL $42.00

2. Women’s Sequoia 2 Sweatshirt  
Made of heavyweight 100% polyester with double stitched seams, large front pocket, straight bottom hem, rubber zipper pull and thumb holes in the sleeves. Available in green and black. Runs small—order one size up. $50.00

3. Men’s New Englander Rain Jacket  
100% waterproof jacket with 2 way zipper, covered zip pockets, cuffs with a Velcro closure, underarm vents, and reflective strips on front and back. The ESF logo is embroidered in full color stitching. Available in tan. Sizes: S–XXL $60.00

4. Marshall Beanie  
This heavyweight acrylic beanie has an embroidered “ESF” and “Mighty Oaks” across the front. Available in green and black. One size fits most. $15.00

5. Camo Hat  
RealTree camo hat from The Game. This hat has a full camo print with “ESF” embroidered on the front and “Est. 1911” embroidered on the back. Buckle closure. $20.00

6. Alumni Travel Mug  
This 16 oz. aluminum travel mug has a slide-lock, twist-on top to keep your beverages hot while traveling. Available in green with the ESF logo and “Alumni” underneath. $15.50

7. Grande Mug  
This 15 oz. ceramic mug has the full College name laser engraved across the front—simple and subtle. Available in green or navy. $10.50

8. “What on Earth”—signed by the author!  
Written and signed by our new SUNY-ESF President, Dr. Quentin Wheeler, this is a collection of 100 of the coolest, weirdest, and most intriguing new species of this century as determined by the International Institute for Species Exploration. From animals to plants, fossils to bacteria, “What on Earth?” is an accessible, informative, and offbeat look at the creatures that also call our planet home. $25.00

9. Spectrum Tote Bag  
Made from 50% post-consumer recycled materials, this heavyweight green polyester shoulder tote has long double handles and a zipper top closure - measures 17½” wide by 16” high by 5” deep. $14.00

10. Moose/Raccoon  
These 10” ultra-soft stuffed woodland creatures feature a white hooded sweatshirt with “ESF” and “Syracuse NY” on the front. Choice of moose or raccoon. $18.00

11. Patches  
Our 3” ESF patch features the College’s seal with the acorn. The Ranger School Patch measures 3.5” and features the Ranger School’s year of establishment. $4.00

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This 3/4” enameled metal pin has the full color ESF logo. $3.50

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Theater in Telford, PA. I had knee replacement surgery in December. We still enjoy golf and gardening. Looking forward to our 60th Reunion this fall. Everyone hope you can make it!

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Don Fritch (FRM) writes, “Lots of changes since NYS C of F and Eustace B. Nifkin days! Me too! I retired in 1988 after 12 great years on the Bridge-Teton National Forest in wild Jackson Hole, WY, where I was in Lands, Recruitment, and Wilderness. My wife, Kathy (Forest Service State, BS ’56) also worked for the Forest Service in Fire Control. For sure, she was the only woman on the 5-man Helitack crew that flew to fires throughout the northern mountain system. We moved back to Durango, Colorado and our beloved San Juan Mountains where I had worked 15 years on the San Juan National Forest. Recently, I found myself working after years as whitewater river guide rowing boats. We went down the Colorado River 240 miles through the Grand Canyon 6 times, Kathy kayaking 3 of them, all 24-day trips. Then in 2008 I lost Kathy to cancer. She had skied the week before together. We had combined a 100 years on the National Ski Patrol. Since then I’ve been doing more, rearing as, Major in the Army Reserve Combat Engineers, a total of 41 years of active fire department service. 24 years in Durango Fire and Captain of Jackson Hole/Wilson Fire Department. Last year at the 75th National Ski Patrol banquet, I was honored for 63 years of continuous service. In 1972 I was selected as the Outstanding Ski Patroller in the Rocky Mountain Division and number 2 nationwide. Then in 1982, Kathy was selected as the Outstanding Patroller for the Intermountain Division and also number 2 in the nation. I was a Snow Ranger much of my career as an instructor at the Forest Service National Avalanche School. I also taught National Avalanche School courses. In 1962, I was a founder of the Silverton (Colorado) Avalanche School and continued as director and instructor for 40 years. Our three girls and boy have all been successful and of good friends. Some of these friends and family have preceded him in death. Perhaps to meet again later and to see the pets, like Alice, at the Rainbow Bridge. Tim often said that in total, his life was good; he also wished that in life he was able to do more for others and served on the Board for the North County Humane Society. He was especially fond of a little brown dog called Alice. In earlier days he enjoyed outdoor activities like hiking and skiing. Travel was also an important activity to him as well as photography. In later years Tim studied Buddhism and participated in Buddhist retreats at Land of Medicine Buddha. He was always concerned about death, so the Buddha idea of reincarnation was not appealing. Tim’s last home in Atascadero was very important to him. He enjoyed the open space, plants, trees and wildlife around the back yard. He enjoyed a variety of people and throughout his life and he made many good friends. Some of these friends and family have preceded him in death. Perhaps to meet again later and to see the pets, like Alice, at the Rainbow Bridge. Tim often said that in total, his life was good; he also wished for more time to accomplish things he had left undone. Tim is survived by his wife Joan and many friends.

1956

Robert Adams (FRM) writes, “Saddened by the passing of George Braman ’56. His inspiring celebration-of-life service was attended by classmates Tom Hodges, John English, myself, and our wives. Pat and I are enjoying ourselves but physical activities (skiing, snowshoeing) are much reduced. Our home at Cranberry Lake has become a maintenance burden and we’re looking for new retirement digs after its sale.”

James Curley (LA) writes, “Planning to move to Mitchellville, MD (near DC) by the end of 2014.”

Raymond Rogers (LA) died on February 21, 2013 following a long illness. He was the son of Raymond H. and Hannah B. Rogers of Tigard, Oregon. He grew up in Tigard, Oregon.

Ray was a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity brother and a graduate of the Whig Conspirators in Cooperstown. He attended Cooperstown Central School where he excelled in sports and was honored with the John Terry McGovern Sportsmanship Award. After receiving his degree from the College of Forestry, he continued with post-graduate studies in landscape architecture. Ray was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a graduate of the Whig Conspirators in Cooperstown. He married his high school sweetheart Joan Collins and they made their home in Cooperstown. Ray was active in the Cooperstown Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a graduate of the former member-owned Otsego Lodge No. 138, F&AM. Ray accepted a position in the State Architect’s Office, NYS Office of General Services and the family moved to Clifton Park in 1968. He retired in 1995. In Clifton Park he was a member of the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church, serving as a trustee, a member of Clifton Park Elks No. 2466, and volunteered with the Latham Regional Food Bank.

The coordinated annual reunions of the Sigma Phi Fraternity in Syracuse. His special joy was family gatherings at the Rogers family camp near Cooperstown. Ray was survived by a son, a daughter, a sister, a brother, companion Gina Scales, and grandchildren. Ray’s family, children, great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Joan, in 2006.

1957

Robert Baker (FRM) writes, “The Texas Forestry Association is celebrating its hundredth anniversary this year. I have been a member for fifty-seven of them. My two last years have been exciting following Johnny Football who is going to live in the northeast for a few years.”

Robert Denny (FRM) writes, “I’m well retired, but still buying and selling antique toys and toy soldiers. Anybody out there need a German-made toy tank or a few ‘dime store’ toy soldiers?”

Martin Knappe (WPE) writes, “After graduating from the Wood Products Division of the College, I received a Bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering at Fairleigh Dickinson University. I later worked with Olin Corp. (FRM), was with Weyerhaeuser Company and International Paper Co. After working as an engineer and department manager for many years, I became a project manager, planning and overseeing construction of paper plants in the US, Canada, Korea, Taiwan, Israel, and South America.”

William Stolte (FRM) writes, “Retired as Academic VP and Professor of Economics from Berea College in 2000. Since that time, I’ve done some wood-working, making furniture for our three children and families, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Hospice, traveled to Europe and Central America, and visited with our children (in Virginia and Tennessee) and six grandchildren.”

1958

Charles Huppuch (FRM) writes, “I am still active in the management of the forests at the Cyrus McCormick Farm and Madison’s Mountper. I am working with the National Park Service and Archives in keeping my father’s historic papers (Class of ’29) during his 1930’s experience in the planning and operation of Recreation Demonstration Areas using CCC and WPA labor.”

Everyone Has a Story

Don Potter ’59
Tigard, Oregon
B.S. Landscape Architecture
Lewis & Clark College (Portland, OR)
USC (Los Angeles)


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In honor of his distinguished career and contribu-
tions to the University of Missouri, John Dean (FRM) was
named an honorary member of the MU Chemical
Engineering Academy of Distinguished Alumni at a
ceremony held October 18. Dean has been incredi-
ably active with the University of Missouri since retir-
ing as Division President at DeWalt Power Tools in
2001. He relocated to Columbia in 2003 and became
involved with the University, doing guest lectures,
mentoring students, serving as chapter advisor for
the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and serving as a mem-
er of the Industrial Advisory Board for the Chemical
Engineering Department. Chair of the Academic
Achievement Committee for the Missouri Fraternity
Alumni Consortium and on the board of the Columbia
Baldrige Performance Excellence Group. Dean was
deprecated as Greek Advisor of the Year by MU in 2009.
Dean's distinguished career began with 15 years at
Lydall, Inc., and C.H. Dexter, working in product
and process development. He moved on to Crown
Zellerbach, a forest products company, working his
way up to Vice President of International Marketing be-
fore spending the next 12 years at Senco Products as the
Vice President of Operations. Dean then became Chief
Executive Officer of ISM Inc., a power tools manufac-
turer, then took on the task of President with Emglo
Air Compressors. He moved to DeWalt after the com-
pany acquired Emglo, retiring in 2001. Alongside his
work at MU, Dean served four years as Chair of Mid
Missouri Score, a small-business consulting affiliate of
the U.S. Small Business Association and has continued
to counsel small businesses since. Dean has also served
on several not-for-profit boards and was president of the
Voluntary Action Center, a United Way agency. He and
his wife, Janet K. Smith, have two daughters and three
grandchildren.

Roy Hartenstein (FOR), 82, passed away on May 15, 2014,
with his beloved wife, daughter, and son-in-law by his
side. Dr. Hartenstein had suffered a severe accident to his
brain and was on Hospice care. For several years he
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Bill Ciesla (FORM) writes, “I’m in the process of wind-
ing down Forest Health Management International, the
consulting business I started in 1995 when I retired.”
Over the years, forest health-related consulting projects
taken me to Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus,
Republic of Georgia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Romani,
Trinidad and Tobago, and numerous other places.
Pat and I spent three weeks exploring Iceland during
August/September 2014. It’s a fascinating country filled
with spectacular scenery, volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls
and deep fjords. We highly recommend it as a travel
destination.

Paul McIntyre (FRM) writes, “ESF alumni and USDA
employees continue to meet for breakfast at the Eagle
Clay Club on Washington Avenue every Friday at 7:30am
here in Bend, OR; 586-822-2341; or cdonner@roechester.rr.com. He will send the completed eratta sheet to each of us and the Alumni
Office. My best to all of you in the New Year!”

1960 • Reunion year!

Gordon Cook (FRM) writes, “Best regards to all Class
of ’60 forestry classmates. Please be sure to hear from
me through this past December. Still have vivid mem-
ories of the old frame house at Syracuse—raising hav-
oc with the Resident Advisor and ‘bailing out’ a second
story window during those infamous snow storms in
Central NY. Take care.”

Klaus Kumme (FOR) writes, “Spent wonderful time
with Charlie Rapp this summer at his new home in the
Scotts River (northern California) summer retreat with his
own swim hole—pure heaven. I am Chairman of the
Landscape Committee removing dead trees and retro-
fitting irrigation systems in Castic State Recreation
Park. Lake Castic is over 100 feet below normal in So.
California drought.”

Scott Tompkins (WPE) writes, “Moved to a new house.
Left our beautiful waterfront home on the Chesapeake
Bay for a new retirement community nearby. Sold all
our old classic wooden boats (seb, gus, aagha).”

Edwin White (FRM) writes, “Still involved with biomass
for fuels at the University of Minnesota. Love the
dickory Lake. Continue on Alumni Board at Ranger School.
2 months in Florida at Lake Placid.”

1959

1964

Terry Amburgey (EFB) writes, “Received the Lifetime
Achievement Award from the Railway Tie Association in
2014.”

John Kegg (EFB) writes, “After living for ten years in
San Francisco, my daughter (Karen Fitzgerald) got a job
transfer to New Jersey. It’s great having my three grand-
children only 50 miles away.

Stephanie (Hewitt) Labumbard (FRM) writes, “I am
still living the retired life of leisure—gardening, read-
ning, traveling, and hospital volunteering fill my days.
I missed the 50th last year as I had to attend an important
wedding that day. Sorry I missed seeing everyone and
I love to hear news from the men I spent 4 years with.
My 4 children and 6 grandchildren keep me busy, and in
January I will be a great grandma. Imagine that!”

Stephen Weatherly (WPE) writes, “I found the Alumni
News (Summer 2014) article on ‘ESF in the High School’
very interesting. My high school, Jamesville-DeWitt (Class of ’59), was cited as a participant in this now-15-year-old program. I would have been an eager
participant if the program had been available during my
years at JD. I also was pleased to review the current
status on the Chestnut Restoration Project. Great work
from all involved at ESF!”

Hermann Welm (FRM) writes, “In my sixth year of re-
tirement. Now volunteering at the Lindsay Wildlife
Hospital doing critter rehabilitation. Very rewarding
work.”

1963

Dieter Gruewoldt (LA) writes, “Pam (my wife) and I
played lots of golf this summer. Unfortunately, there
was little time or opportunity for fishing or skeet shoot-
ing. My brother, Gert, 63, was here for two weeks from
the Seattle area—Gold Bar to be exact. Tom Rogers ’63,
Corey Gifford ’63 (and their wives) and I are planning
to attend next year’s New York State Ranger School re-
union in Wanakena, NY. Our best wishes to all.”
1965 • Reunion year!

This is your 50th reunion year! We have a great weekend planned for this fall, including an opportunity to see a Syracuse University football game in the Dome. The dates will be determined when the SU football schedule is published, which is typically in the spring. The details will be announced as soon as they become available. Feel free to contact the Alumni Office (315-470-6632; alumni@esf.edu) or look at the Calendar of Events on our website (www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni). We are hoping to have this weekend coincide with Syracuse University’s “Orange Central.” We hope you will come to Syracuse to celebrate!

Norman Bell (PSE) writes, “Looking forward to Alumni BBQ Weekend. As a member of the Class of 1965-50 years... amazing!”

Richard Cunningham (FRM) writes, “Still enjoying retirement in southern Arizona, especially the warm winters.”

Marc Schneider (IRE) writes, “I was in the W/PF manufacturing and marketing operation and remember several of the 1965 class members on the alumni list. We were a small group and got to know one another well, especially on class trip to Michigan and Wisconsin. One member lived about 3 miles from me when we were growing up. I have been retired for a few years from a lab and fulfilling wood science professors. I enjoyed the teaching, students and research. One research project resulted in ‘Kebony’ wood. Today I am making nylon stringed musical instruments (from wood of course) and playing them in a couple of Christian bands. I iden- tify wood occasionally for an archeologist and do a lit- tle consulting to the polymer modified wood industry. I would enjoy hearing about other class members.”

John Slater (LA) writes, “Having fun as the presi- dent of the Patsapoo Heritage Greenway in Maryland: patsapootheritagegreenway.org.”

1966

John Keefe (WPE) writes, “Still breathing regularly—en- joying my retirement with my wife and our travels.”

1967

Thomas Catterson (EFB) writes, “I have been semi-re- tired for several years now, still doing an occasional short international consultancy if the work or place is interesting. This past year saw work in Ghana and vir- tual team participation for Congo and Mozambique. We spend the winters at our home in southwest Florida, usually leaving in late April before the Tarpon really start to run. Best to all.”

David Daubert (FRM) writes, “I have now completed a marathon in all 50 states (and DC) and have completed a marathon on all 7 continents (only 311 people world- wide have done this... I was #311!).”

Richard Gray (WPE) writes, “Retirement continues to be a blessing! Golfin, fishing, hunting, grandchildren, traveling...life goes on!”

Lawrence Novak (FRM) writes, “Retired at last! I bought a boat in 2003 as an early retirement present to myself. Time to wear it out. Hope you all get to realize your dreams.”

1969

Mike (FRM) and Sandy Geiss recently welcomed 4th grandchild. Ryan Michael, son of Brendan and Maria Geiss. Mike is Chairman of the Claytons Local Development Corporation, which cleaned up the Frink Snowplow property and now is the site of the new 1000 Islands-Clayton Harbor Hotel, a Krog-Hart development. He was also reappointed as a member of the 1000 Islands State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission.

John Schwaadt (EFB) writes, “After nearly 40 years as a professional forest pathologist, I retired in January, 2014. I was lucky enough to spend my entire career in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, 15 years as the State Forest Pathologist for Idaho Department of Lands and 25 year with the Forest Health Protection division of the US Forest Service. I thoroughly enjoyed my career working with forest managers dealing with critical forest disease is- sues such as white pine blister rust, root disease, dwarf mistletoes, etc. I was the national Program Director for Whitebark Pine Restoration which awarded par- tial funding to nearly 200 restoration projects valued at more than over $5 000 000 over 7 years. This pro- gram received a Regional award for Natural Resource Stewardship in 2009, and I was extremely honored to receive a lifetime achievement award in 2013 from the Western International Forest Disease Work Conference. I am continuing my volunteer work on the Urban Forestry Committee for Coeur d’Alene, and have chaired the local Arbor Day program that has distributed over 60,000 seedlings to all fourth graders in the county for the past 26 years. I am now looking forward to spend- ing more time visiting my 8 grandchildren and traveling this great country with my wife of 46 years.”

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Thomas Catches (FRM) writes, “The drought contin- ues in California...even with recent rain storms, drought conditions persist. I continue doing 5 retirement jobs. I had two new total knee replacement surgeries in 2014 and the new knees work great! Had to make a trip home to Bath, NY in October as my mother passed away October 20th. Our three daughters and five grandkids keep us busy and are doing fine. I continue to be active in SAF education activities all over CA.”

Brian Skinner (FRM) writes, “Light at the end of the tun- nel (retirement) finally looms! By late summer or fall, I should be hanging up my hard hat and vest, turning over the keyboard to someone else...just as the Emerald Ash Borer starts to reign supreme in Central New York...45 years after I entered the industry at the peak of Dutch Elm Disease. What a way to start and finish!”

Daniel Sundquist (LA) writes, “Recently retired after 21 year as Strategic Conservation Planner with the Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Would love to come re-connecting with classmates, colleagues, and former students via dsundquist@tds.net. Stop by for a visit in Sutton, NH for a cold one and a good meal. Accommodations on the lake shore available! Best to one and all.”

1971

Thayer Miller (LA) writes, “Retirement is great! Enjoying traveling! My daughter, Jennifer (99, LA), was married in May of 2013 and is expecting her first child in January of 2015. This will be my second grandchild!”

The ASLA Council of Fellows inducted Richard H. Powell (LA) at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Denver.

Peter Raza (CHE) writes, “Barb and I volunteered this summer for the Connecticut Agriculture Experiment Station in the search for the Emerald Ash Borer. We collected over 100 beetles in five local towns that had not yet reported them to have been found. One site in our home town of Seymour, CT produced 6 EABs. We are seeing dead and dying ash trees in several locations. It is a sad time for our forests.”
1973

Paul Ray (FRM) retired from the USDA-NRCS in 2011 and started teaching the environmental geology course at ESF during the spring 2012 semester. He joined Dr. Briggs as a lab teaching assistant for the fundamental soil science course starting in the fall 2012 semester and has returned to the same course ever since. He writes, “Teaching at ESF is my dream come true job but un-derstanding that I had forgotten more about soil sci-ence then I remembered in 2012 was a bit disconcert-ing, but Dr. Russ Briggs is repairing the damage (LOL). My oldest son, Justin, teaches earth science at nearby Nottingham High School and is working in the ‘ESF in the Classroom’ project so Chris (ESF 2004) is now living in Ithaca and doing part-time consulting through Northern Arizona University (M.S.), and youngest son, Matthew is wrapping up his M.S. at SUNY-Cortland in English Education. My wife, Leslie, will retire from teaching in June 2016 so I have that much time to finish the ‘honey-do’ list so that we can disappear for a while during that summer; then back to solo! I would love to see friends from the class of 1973 and former dendro lab students.”

Alan Will (FRM) writes, “Still serving as the Director of the Remote Sensing Laboratory in Las Vegas. Would be great to see any alumni that get out this way. I still get back to CNY on a regular basis—my daughter is run-ning the family pumpkin farm.”

1974

Ralph Edwards (LA) writes, “Hello to Bob Perletz (LA), Dave Rieger (LA), Pete Casler (LA) and all BLAs from 1974. Still working my landscape design build firm. No plans on retirement. Had a nice visit with Pearly last year in Boulder, CO. Heard from Dave. Looking to hear from Pete Casler. I have two awesome grandchildren (Courtney, 6 and Andrew James, 2). Hope to connect with Pearly in September.”

Philip Jaravel (FRM) was awarded the 2014 Five Star CPA Award. This is the first year the award has been given by Atlanta Magazine and was in a special section of the October issue.

Donald Schaufer (FRM) writes, “Retiring from Cornell after 30+ years at the end of 2014. Now I can do more consulting/forestry! And grow more Christmas trees. And get more grandchildren number 10 and 11 three days a week. During my 15 years in Greensville, I encouraged students that wanted to go to ESF. One of the newest attending this fall also received a scholarship from my work association.”

1975 + Reunion year

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1976

Steven Bonaparte (FRM) writes, “Studying Ecosystems and Forest Management gave me a solid foundation and prepared me for the study of a different system in my work in Information Technology. I am studying and fighting different virus attacks on my systems now and thank my professors at ESF for their help in making me think in creative ways.”

Christopher Dun (EFB) writes, “Effective April 1, I am the new Elizabeth Newmann Wilds Executive Director of Cornell Plantations at Cornell University. The Plantations is gorgeous (and yes, ‘gorgeous’) and com-prises Cornell’s college campus, the Botanic Garden, and special ur-al areas. After a wonderful stint at the University of Hawaii, it is great to come back full circle to Central NY. All ESF staff, alumni, and friends are welcome to visit. I’d be honored to show you around.”

1977

Keith Drohan (FEB) has been appointed to the Virginia Board of Forestry. Keith and his wife, Carol Quiggle (FEB), live north of Richmond, VA.

Brian Houseal (LA) writes, “In January of 2014 I be-came the Director of SUNY-ESF’s Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb, NY. Come visit!”

Don Molloy’s (FRM) pioneering research on the use of environmentally safe biocontrol agents as replacements for chemical pesticides was featured in the Science Section of the New York Times: http://www.nytimes.com/2014/02/25/science/science-takes-on-a-silent-in-vader.html?

Scott Saroff (FEB) writes, “All is good in Manlius. All four children have graduated college and have good jobs. Currently managing large-scale remediation con-tracts with the Air Force, Army, and some private com-panies. Lots of travel to Charleston, SC and Kentucky.”

Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP Partner Marc A. Zeppetello (FRM) has been elected chair of the execu-tive committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco’s (BASF) Environmental Law Section for 2015. The mis-sion of the BASF’s Environmental Law Section is to serve and educate both attorneys and the general public about environmental law. Throughout the year, the sec-tion presents a variety of educational programs, both in person and via webcast, that are eligible for MCLE cred-its. Zeppetello has extensive experience with counseling and litigation related to federal and state environmental law, with emphasis on the Clean Water Act, cleanup of contaminated property and cost recovery, hazardous waste management, the Clean Air Act and land use. He has been a member of the Environmental Law Section for more than 20 years and was previously vice chair of its executive committee to be in 2014 and secretary in 2013. In addition to his degree from ESF, he received his J.D. in 1985 from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.
1978

Philip Hertzog (FRM) writes, “Grandson #2, Onyx, ar-
ived in February and is becoming a very active infant,
hanging out with his older brother. I’m on Tacoma
Public Schools’ leadership team for implementing the
new national science standards and transitioning from
2 to 3 years of high school science for graduation. I also
continue to volunteer as a back-country ranger at Mt.
Rainier National Park and keep up with the youngsters
who are half my age.”

Charlie Marcus (FRM) recently concluded his 35-year
career with the Florida State Forest Service. He now
works as a forester and arborist for Natural Resources
Planning Services, the largest consulting forestry firm
based in Florida. He serves clients in North Florida and
surrounding states, while keeping close tabs on his
three adult daughters and two granddaughters.

Don Masterson (FRM) writes, “This has been a good
year for us both, Rob (Virginia Commonwealth
University) and Emily (James Madison University)
graduated and have been hired in their fields. Valery
continues working with Whole Foods and after receiv-
ing employee of the year for 2013, she was promoted
to full-time artist and sign maker. My wife Annabelle
and I are working on returning to technical translations
(Spanish and Portuguese to Spanish). In the meantime,
Annabelle continues her magic as a part-time Nanny/
Home Decorator/De-cluttering expert, while I’m still in
the Medicare health insurance market, helping take care
of my mom, and delving into social media.”

Jim Perry (FRM) tells us that he has been “semi-retired”
from the US Bureau of Land Management headquar-
ters office in Washington, DC. He now teleworks half-
time for the BLM from the mountains of Northwest
Massachusetts where he has traded a 2-hour commute
for a 2-second commute and manages his 65 acres of
forest land.

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Gary Couch (EFB) writes, “Retired and enjoying golf,
gardening and genealogy. Hope all are well and happy!”

Jonathan Kanter (LA) has moved from Ithaca, NY to the
Town of Fishkill, NY.

1981

Jennifer Windsus (EFB) retired from the Ohio
Department of Natural Resources in June of 2014 after
more than 31 years of service. She is now enjoying more
time at home with her husband and daughter (11 years
old) and expects to get back to doing rare plant surveys
and prairie restorations.

1982

Gregg Brown (LA), a Principal in DHM Design's Denver
studio, will soon be relocating to San Miguel de Allende,
Mexico. Gregg is responsible for helping grow DHM's
hospitality, resort and community planning practice.
He will continue to be closely affiliated with DHM as
Director of Special Projects pursuing new opportuni-
ties in Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean,
while continuing to work with existing clients world-
wide. Located in central Mexico, San Miguel de Allende
is a historic colonial city that has experienced signifi-
cant growth in tourism, second home, and retirement
communities in recent years. Gregg led a design team
that was part of the creative consultant group for the
new Rosewood Hotel and Artesana development in San
Miguel by Bald Mountain Development.

Gerard Reymore (FRM) writes, “Still teaching natural
resources at Tech High School in Vermont. Happy to
say kids are doing great. Megan (11, LA) is working in
Middlebury, VT and Doug (16, ERE) is now a Junior
and is being taught by Doug Daley! The full circle of
ESF life!”

1984

Jeanne Conde (FEG) writes, “Still here in central
Vermont. We ski most every weekend, so if any ESF or
FEG alumni are in the area, look us up.”

Brian Fitzgerald (EFB) writes, “I retired from the
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources on January 1, 2014.
I’m now working with state and regional environ-
mental groups on removing dams to restore Vermont’s
rivers. But I’m leaving plenty of time for us to enjoy hik-
ing, paddling and other backwoods adventures.”

Richard Zaluzki (ES) writes “Owner/operator of
Absolute Pest Control, Inc. in Latham, NY. Entering our
10th year of providing pest control and wildlife nuisance
control in the greater Capital District and Saratoga
Springs area.”

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Mark Lichtenstein (ES) was selected as a member of the
prestigious National Roster of Environmental Conflict
Resolution Professionals. He is one of only eight from
New York State.

John Cardin ‘79
B.S. Forest Biology

Family? Sue, my wonderful wife of 29 years. No
children. We divide our time between Colorado
and Texas. Career? I manage large privately
owned ranches in TX, CO, and NM, focusing
on conserving and enhancing fish and wildlife
habitats. Favorite course? Summer Session at
Cranberry Lake. Learning the ecology of wild-
life associated with a wide range of ecosystems
has always been an integral part of my life and
career. Favorite professor? Dr. Ketchledge. A
true “teaching professor.” Any course you wish
to you? To have taken?

Mark Ward (FEG) writes, “Owner/operator of
Miguel by Bald Mountain Development.
Walter Law (LA) retired from the Ohio
Department of Natural Resources on January 1,
1986

Harry Bailey (FEG) writes, “Many positive changes to
the Bailey household in the first half of 2014. Down-
sized and sold our old house in 8 days. Retired April 1st
and started a consulting firm, Private Water Solutions, LLC. Looking forward to having more time to golf, fish,
hunt, travel, etc….and honey-do’s!”

Photo: Don and Sue Cardin, June 2013, Zimbabwe, Africa.
On January 1, 2015, the University of Chicago Press announced the publication of Invasive Species in a Globalized World: Ecological, Social, and Legal Perspectives on Policy by Glenn Sandiford (FRM), Rueben Keller and Marc Cadotte. Glenn is an adjunct instructor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

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Steven Stein’s (ES) firm, Environmental Resources Planning, LLC (ER Planning), is completing a comprehensive technical assessment of California’sags, Maryland. This is the first statistically-based litter survey ever conducted. ER Planning also published a comprehensive technical assessment of California’s proposed statewide water control plan in August.

1991

In May 2014, Sheila Myers (ES) published a novel, Ephemerul Summer, available on Amazon.com. Set in the Finger Lakes, NY, this coming-of-age story follows the life of a college student as she navigates the death of her parents/suicide of her parents and finds her calling studying the natural world. Besides an entertaining examination of the ecology of the Finger Lakes region, the story also features the work of former graduate student Dale Garner (91, EFB) and his research on moose in the Algonquin Provincial Park back in 1991-92. Myers (‘89, EFB) and his research on moose in the 19th century.

Kristi Wiedemann (FFB) and Rob Feudenberg (98, EFB) were married on August 23, 2013 in San Francisco, CA. They reside in Princeton, NJ.

Tammy Hadlow (EnSci) writes, “I am currently serving my second year as a Peace Corps volunteer in the eastern Visayas region of the Philippines. I am assigned to the local government unit assisting with coastal resource management programs to improve and conserve the fragile coastal habitats in an effort to increase food security and preserve marine biodiversity. I was proud to read that ESF ranked number 2 for small schools in producing Peace Corps volunteers. It truly is the toughest job you’ll ever love! Mahalaba!”

1999

Stephen Brown (EnSci) writes, “Climbed the tallest mountain in Europe this summer...8,500 ft. Mt. Elbrus in Russia. It was my third continental summit behind Denali and Aconcagua.”

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2001
Sarah Collramer (FRM) writes, “In January 2014 I passed my CA Registered Professional Foresters Exam and became RPF # 2983. I was hired in March by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) on the San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit as a forester.”

2002
Collin Miller (FRM) writes, “After a five-year run with the Northern Forest Center as Director of Wood Products Initiatives, I’ve moved to a new position with New England Forest Products as a Procurement Forester. I’m very excited to get back to more ‘dirt forestry’ and I look forward to this next chapter of my career that began over 15 years ago in Wanakena.”

2003
Arlon Cushing (EFB) and his wife, Lisa, recently purchased a house and have settled down in Charlottesville, VA.

Adam T. Rohneko (EFB), Senior Extension Associate with Mississippi State University Extension Service, published his first book as senior editor and contributor entitled Fish and Wildlife Management: A Handbook for Mississippi Landowners in August 2014. The book was published by the University Press of Mississippi. The book includes information on Mississippi’s natural resource history, conservation planning, and ecology of the state’s fish and wildlife. Contributors detail management techniques and topics such as habitat management, farm pond management, creating backyard habitats, nuisance animal control, invasive species control, and management of specific game and non-game species of wildlife.”

2004
Jason Bajor (LA) writes, “I have been promoted to Associate at Disney Yung Schwalbe, LLP in White Plains, NY. The firm does Planning, Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Environmental Approvals, and Project Management.”

Jennifer Conrad (EFB) writes, “I have recently accepted a position at the Denver Aquarium as a Trainer 2. I will be working with Siberian Tigers, North American River Otters, 2-toed Sloths, African created porcupines and others. John Philipson (02, ES) and I will be moving to Denver shortly.”

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Rachel Mazur ’96
El Portal, California
M.S. Environmental and Forest Biology
Penn State (B.S.)
Syracuse University (M.P.A.)
U.C. Davis (Ph. D.)

Family? Husband: John Sturdevant; Kids: Max Orion and Wren Meadow, both age 2. Career? Chief of Wildlife, Visitor Use, and Social Science for Yosemite National Park. Favorite course? Biology and Management of Endangered Species. Dr. Rainer Brocke, who taught the course, took us on a trip around the northeast to visit endangered species management projects. It was tangible, applied, we got our hands dirty, and we had a lot of fun. Favorite professor? Dudley Raynal and Robin Kummerer. Any course you wish you had taken? I audited dendrology, but only attended about half the classes. If I were to do it all again, I would fully invest myself into that course. What better way to spend the day than to wander around a cemetery studying trees? Who would you like to hear from? Stella Hess, Amy Samuels, and Samara Trusso. At Yosemite, I work with Logan West (ESF, Class of 2014), who is lots of fun and a great employee: Hobbies? Anything related to my kids, hiking, camping, XC skiing, and writing. My first book, “If You Were a Bear,” is for kids. My latest, “Speaking of Bears,” a Falcon Guide, tells the history of bears and bear management in the Sierra. Why did you attended ESF? I attended ESF to shift my career from environmental education to wildlife management. What does ESF mean to you? Because of my time at ESF, I found my favorite word: fuguacious.”

2008
Pilar Lyons (FEG) writes, “Doug Mayer (EFEG) and I were married on August 2, 2014. In addition to us, there were at least eight other Stumpies in attendance, and we all had a great time!”

2010 • Reunion year!
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Seth Jones (Conservation Bio) writes, “On July 8, 2013 my friend and ESF classmate, Maegan Spindler (2010 Wildlife Science), died tragically while working for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by a drunk driver in Pickstown, SD. She was standing by a trailer boat in a parking lot after completing a 13-hour work day. Maegan was working on research and recovery of the endangered Pallid Sturgeon, a species in the Missouri River. In her memory, I have established a scholarship (Maegan E. Spindler Education Scholarship) with the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK). This scholarship will sponsor a high school and/or college student to participate in one of ADK’s education programs; backpacking courses, canoe trips, aquatic stewardship programs, skills workshops, first aid courses, etc. My hope is that this scholarship will help foster other youths to have the same love for the outdoors and natural resource protection that Maegan did. Having such a scholarship in Maegan’s memory is very appropriate; she did so many of her outdoor “firsts” in the Adirondacks – camping, hikes, mountain climbing, fishing, canoeing, and snowshoeing. She also had her first paid field biology job in the Adirondacks. If you would like to support this scholarship please make a contribution to ADK, identifying it for the Maegan E. Spindler Education Scholarship. If you have any questions about the scholarship feel free to contact me at progrants@adk.org.”

Erin Murphy (Nat. History & Interp.) writes, “After working a summer at YMCA Camp in Cape Cod as ‘Outdoor Guru,’ I am currently a first-year student at UR majoring in Higher Education/Student Affairs. The desire to work with students began when I was an OL for three years.”

2011
Andrew Dorr ’11 has been named interim town manager for Vinalhaven, Maine.
Congratulations to Class of 2014 December Graduates!

Joseph Cavender (LA) has joined QPK Design as an in-house landscape architect. Since 2010, he has also owned and operated C&C Land Design, a small construction company located in Baldwinsville, NY.

Andrew Dorr (EST) began work as the interim town manager for Vinalhaven on June 30. During his last year of studies at ESF, he was looking for a job and decided to apply to the Island Fellows Program at the Island Institute. In 2001 he became the Island Fellow for Vinalhaven. “I thought it would be a great opportunity to see a new place, meet some new people, and live in Maine,” Dorr said. “Despite only having visited Maine a handful of times before taking the job, it didn’t take long to feel like it is where I belonged.” During his two years serving the island, Andrew helped to draft a new town comprehensive plan. “The opportunity to work with the committees on this project was an invaluable experience,” he said. “I learned a lot about the town, its history, and how it functions, far more than I had ever experienced,” he said. “I learned a lot about the town, its history, and how it functions, far more than I had ever experienced.”

Caresse Fernandez (FCH) is a 6th Grade Science Teacher at Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School in Brooklyn, NY. She was recently sent ESF Bookstore memorabilia to display in her homeroom. She writes, “The students were so excited to walk into the classroom on the first day of school and see the room decorated in ESF swag. They were so excited about having an environmentally-themed homeroom, and wanted to adopt a secondary mascot of the wolf to represent our ‘wolf pack.’ The ESF values of ‘to learn, to serve, and to search’ constantly encourage the students to think of and exact ways to help their wolf pack be as successful as possible. It is tradition at our school to come up with a homeroom chant and compete against other homerooms for the ‘best chant.’ While the crowd loves a homeroom chant that incorporates a current song or nice dance moves, what wins the competition is the teamwork and community that is displayed when the students are on stage. I am happy to announce that our ESF homeroom won the competition against the rest of the 6th grade homerooms!”

2013

Bharvin Bhayani (FBE) and Krupa Dave (from Chicago, IL) were married on June 2, 2013.

Brendan Galloway (EST) writes, “Since graduating I have begun a Master’s of Climate Science Policy at the Australian National University in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory. My anticipated graduation date is December of 2015. Prior to this, I interned at the US Senate, focusing on energy and environmental issues. Looking forward to being a steward of environmental change.”

Robert Ross (LA) writes, “Though I am working in west Texas, the education that I received at ESF prepared me well for challenges that I experience every day in my internship. I am currently the nominated Chair-Elect for the American Society of Landscape Architects West Texas Chapter, and I am pursuing licensure in the State of Florida. Thank you to all the professors and staff at ESF who helped to make this possible!”

Tiforet Zimmern-Kahan (EFB) now works for Syracuse’s Museum of Science and Technology as an educator in the first year of an extended-day program at the middle schools in the city district. She is happy trying to forge an affinity for science and engineering among her students. She is also starting a small soap business, Barefoot Soaps.

2014 • Congratulations!

The ESF Alumni Association welcomes the December 2014 Graduates as alumni! We’d like to hear from you. Please send your photos and news!

Class Notes can be submitted online at www.esf.edu/forms/alumni/classnote.asp, via email to alumni@esf.edu, or mailed to:

ESF Alumni Office
1 Forestry Drive, 219 Bray Hall
Syracuse, NY 13210
Thanks to our generous sponsors, the ESF Golf Tournament raised over $12,000 for student scholarships. Loyal sponsors O’Brien and Gere sent these four golfers to the 2014 tournament.

The 2014 Golf Tournament featured new awards! Instead of the usual trophies, winners received beautiful baskets filled with SUNY-ESF treats from the “From the Forest” line including Heiberg Forest maple syrup, essential oils, wood discs, and signed copies of Dr. Wheeler’s book, What on Earth?

The Alumni Office has instituted a new program for Alumni Ambassadors. Volunteers from the alumni population train to attend college fairs in their regions to promote the College. Training sessions are held online and on campus. Here, alumni attend an on-campus training session led by Alumni Director Debbie Caviness and Admissions Advisor KC Rothwell.

Dr. Wheeler addresses the crowd at the Philadelphia-area “Meet the President” event in October at the City Tap House.

Director of Alumni Relations, Debbie Caviness (far left) hosted an Alumni Association Board Orientation in September. The half-day program’s purpose was to acclimate the newest Board Members to Association practices, and refresh incumbents about the Association’s Mission and goals.

Newly-elected Alumni Association Board Members are welcomed at the Annual Meeting held during Fall BBQ Weekend. Pictured from left to right: Cariann Quick ’09, Annalena Davis ’10, Bob Geraci ’73, Wendi Richards ’86, Tom Hughes ’06, Dr. Quentin Wheeler (Ex-Officio Member of the Board), and Past-President/Chair of the Elections Committee David Tessier ’68.

ESF alumni, students, and staff members attended a reception at The Wildlife Society’s National Conference in Pittsburgh, PA in late October.

The Alumni Association hosted a “Pizza Study Break” for students in Centennial Hall during December finals week. The students enjoyed free pizza and soda while they hit the books before exams. It was such a success that another one will be held during May finals!

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Central New York Alumni Dinner
April 16, 2015

Tour & Tasting
good nature Farm Brewery & Tap Room

Social Hour & Dinner
Colgate Inn, Hamilton NY

Please join us for the Central New York Alumni Dinner at the Colgate Inn in Hamilton, NY. This year’s event will feature a tour of Good Nature Brewing, New York State’s first-ever Farm Brewery. The tour will be followed by a tasting at Good Nature Brewing’s Tap Room at 5:00 pm. A social hour, with dinner immediately following, will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the historic Colgate Inn. The evening will include the presentation of the Alumni Memorial Scholarships to this year’s outstanding recipients, as well as a presentation from the Coordinator of College Athletics, Dan Ramin. You will also have a chance to meet representatives from our various athletic teams.

**2015 Central New York Alumni Dinner**

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Reservations for the Dinner: _____ space(s) at $40.00 per person.
Reservations for the Good Nature Brewery tour & tasting: _____ space(s) at $55.00 per person.
*Brewery tour & tasting limited to 30 people—first-come, first-served!*

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Inauguration of SUNY-ESF’s Fourth President

W H I L E D R . Q U E N T I N W H E E L E R j u s t recently completed his first year as the fourth president of SUNY-ESF, the official celebration of his inauguration took place this past September. The three-day event brought together students, faculty, alumni and members of the Syracuse community in a celebration of the environment and what the future may hold for the College.

The inauguration events kicked off with a campus-wide picnic on the ESF quad. Students, faculty and staff came together to celebrate the history of the College while looking forward to the future and what it will hold for students and alumni under this new era of leadership with President Wheeler at the helm.


The main goals of the symposium were to: (1) invite deeper reflection on the values, visions and strategies that have characterized environmentalism in the past, (2) lay the ground-work for a national conversation, informed by science and higher learning and discovery, to be the spark that ignited a revolution leading to a New and effective American Environmentalism, to be an inspiration to children and citizens as a bridge to Nature, and to be a national leader in environmental "biological diversity" served as the symposium keynote speaker. Topics included “Examining Environmental Values and the Relationships of Humans and Nature,” “Visions of the Future: What do we want and what is achievable?”, and “Systems-level thinking: Bringing Together Values, Visions, Process and Institutions.”

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