2012 Graduates of Distinction

Meet the Awardees:
Douglas Dellmore ’68
Robert Hargrove ’78
Richard Ahearn ’74

Robert Hargrove (B.S. ’74 in Resource Management) recently retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where he had risen through the ranks to the position of Director, NEPA Compliance Division at the EPA. He is known for his development of policy and guidance for not only the EPA, but for other agencies to avoid conflict, duplication and most importantly, compliance with regulations.

Richard Ahearn (B.S. ‘74, Wood Products Engineering) is the president of a family-owned construction business that has helped reduce the “carbon footprint” of his clients’ structures via careful environmental considerations. He has also been a financial supporter at ESF, most notably in the Wood Products arena.

The Graduates of Distinction Awards are presented in two categories:
1. “Lifetime Achievement,” which is reserved for alumni who have or will soon end their active careers, and
2. “Notable Achievement,” which is for alumni who graduated more recently and are in the early to mid-points of their careers, in addition to receiving an individual plaque noting their award, each Graduate of Distinction has their name inscribed on a permanent plaque located inside the Alumni Lounge in Marshall Hall.

Although the 2012 awards were only recently presented, the Selection Committee would like to encourage nominations for 2013. Nominations may be received from alumni or anyone who would like to see an alumnus receive this award. All nominations should be sent to the Graduates 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 such as address, phone, and/or e-mail address.
2. The name of the person making the nomination along with their current contact information, as above.

Over the years, I had a lot of great and successful students. Prior to coming to ESF in 1967 where he worked for 35 years and was able to share his passion with others. “The chance to work with Professor Bruce Stanton to establish a program in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing at ESF was a great opportunity for me,” explained Brock. “It gave me an opportunity to do what I love to do.” During his tenure, Brock taught Analytic and Instrumental Photogrammetry, Surveying, Remote Sensing, Error Analysis, and Global Positioning Systems as well as conducting sponsored research in the subject area. “Even if I was teaching several classes at a time, it was wonderful teaching because I was sharing my love of the subject,” he said.

Brock said the great thing about teaching was getting students who were fresh out of high school and watching them change after four years in college. “There was a total transformation in them,” he said. “You were able to achieve their achievements with them and their parents.” Brock said that each graduation was special because he got to see the joy and satisfaction in the students and their families as they completed their studies. “Over the years, I had a lot of great and successful students. You look at the body of knowledge you helped them gain, and it was fulfilling to know you were a part of that. Other memorable moments included being part of the establishment of an accredited engineering department at ESF that was exceedingly important to the graduates in that program. “When I first came to the department in 1967, there were really trying to advance themselves in engineering. There was a long period of time when the entire faculty worked very hard to achieve. It was wonderful to be a part of that effort.” Brock explained that being a graduate of an accredited school puts the students in a different category. “In a few years they can become a professional engineer. Employment opportunities in the engineering field are greatly enhanced for these students. ” Brock feels that ESF is well-placed for the challenges of the future and that there is a good balance between academics, research, and public service. “ESF is ahead of the curve in dealing with national and global issues. ” Brock is a top college in every respect. Students get a great education at a very reasonable price in careers that are very important to the future of the country. My hope is that the institution will stick to good science and not be influenced by the politics of the many issues we are facing in the world.”

When he retired, Brock decided he wanted to sharpen his skills as a photographer. An advocate of life-long learning, he earned another master’s degree—this time in Photography from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication. Fifty years after receiving his first degree in Forestry, he nurtured his new passion. “I spend a lot of time now as a photographer, but I’m a bit selective of what, when, and where I shoot.”
College President’s Message | Dr. Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr.

“Happy New Year.”

I wish you and yours a prosperous and successful new year. With the near completion of the December Convocation, I hope that you will enjoy the satisfaction of celebrating as much as I did writing them. Our students and graduates are key to living up to our heritage and demonstrating sustainable development. As you work through some of the most austere budget cycles that we have known, you should remain focused on your studies and future career goals.

To our graduates, you have worked very hard to achieve the recognition that you receive today. You have studied hard, spent countless hours in the laboratories or studies—often times late into the evening. You have worked your way through countless exams, papers and finals, and now you can enjoy the culmination of your labor.

I hope that you will appreciate reading these words as much as I did writing them. Our members have shaped the environment in the state and nation for 100 years, leaving their imprint on environmental issues at all levels. Our membership counts on our leaders to work with our network of professionals. This Association is critically important.

If you can learn to do the best job that you can every day, leave the frustrations behind, and wipe the slate clean before the start of a new day, you will be able to go through life serenely and with a high spirit. No problem will be too large and frustration will not impede you.

I would also like to remember and honor a friend, mentor and distinguished faculty member, Dr. Gay Baldassarre who passed away this past August with a favor- ite Irish blessing: May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields, and the clouds meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Go forth and make us proud.”

Let’s all have a good year. ♦

Recently, College Provost Dr. Bruce Bongarten ’73 reminded us of our heritage by noting our connection to a great conservation leader, Teddy Roosevelt. We were there modestly with TR at the birth of environmentalism in the nation. In the 100 years since those heady times we have grown to a position of state and national environmental leadership.

We are the stewards of ESF’s heritage. Our members have shaped the environment in the state and nation for 100 years, leaving their imprint on environmental issues at all levels. Our membership consists of the most diverse array of practitioners in environmental professions in the USA. We are the largest multidisciplinary professional environmental network in the nation.

You are the ambassadors of this heritage and connection to our vast national network of professionals. This Association exists as a vehicle to serve the College and as means for the College to work with our alumni. The Association also provides a resource for our members to work with each other.

Be mindful of our rich traditions and heritage as you look to the future. Remember that heritage and demonstrate it in your own leadership; remember you are a part of the ESF Family. You are our past, but you are also integral to our future. You are part of a great cycle that is ESF. ♦

1 Alumni Association President’s Message | Preston Gilbert ’73
In response to the article, “Hey, All You Old Woodsmen” from Pete Buist ’72

I, EA, enjoyed your little tale in the Summer 2012 Alumni News. I graduated in ’72 and thus was a member of the first class to graduate from the Forestry Club and Captain of the A Team for 2 or 3 years prior to that.

From the tone of your story, you might appreciate knowing that although I moved to Alaska soon after graduation (and still live there), I am retired from the Alaska Div of Environmental Science and Forestry Alumni Association proudly presents the 2012 Graduate of Distinction—Notable Achievement Award to Robert J. Hargrove ’74.

Robert W. Hargrove ’78

Notable Achievement Award

Hargrove is a driving force in protecting the environment. A 1978 graduate of ESF, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in resources management. He began his career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s EPA Region 2 Office in New York as an environmental reviewer for a project managing the Waste Treatment Construction Grants Program in the Environmental Impacts Branch.

In this capacity, he was responsible for coordinating the Region’s federal facilities compliance, and Native American-related coordination programs. He was also responsible for programs promoting numerous times and, in 1996, he assumed responsibility for the Region’s strategic planning, risk assessment, and pollution prevention efforts.

In 2004, Hargrove assumed the position of director of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance Division in EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he was responsible for overseeing the implementation of the EPA’s NEPA Compliance Program and the review of other agencies’ environmental impact statements in relation to the NEPA and the Clean Air Act.

Hargrove has served on several national workgroups tasked with developing policy and recommendations for a variety of hazardous waste areas. Among these was the development of a comprehensive analysis of the Agency’s NEPA compliance program that established guidelines to ensure that the EPA hazard-
Supporting Today’s Students for a Better Tomorrow

When you support the ESF Annual Fund, you help to provide students with the knowledge, tools and technologies they need to provide a better world in the future. The ESF Annual Fund is the backbone of the College’s fund-raising efforts, providing structure and flexibility in the college’s finances. A strong Annual Fund is crucial in sustaining the quality of the teaching and learning at ESF.

Your Gift to the ESF Annual Fund

• Helps many bright and deserving students get the scholarship aid they need
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• Provides the funds needed to continue and expand special programs around campus and on all of ESF’s properties
• Makes you feel good about giving back to a place that was an important part of your life not too long ago

An envelope has been included in this publication for your convenience.

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Sweet News :: Maple Syrup Expansion Planned at ESF

Alumni Association working to sell maple syrup produced at the College’s Heiberg Forest

As most alumni know, about 20 years ago the Alumni Association started selling t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and similar memorabilia to alumni who, in many cases, were located in remote parts of the world. The College had no Bookstore to handle these requests, and so the Alumni Association, to better serve its members, started an enterprise that is now known as the ESF College Bookstore.

The Bookstore sells a variety of items that are enjoyed by students, parents, staff, and, of course, alumni. This past year, the College’s Forest Properties Office, under the direction of Bob Davis ’85, approached the Alumni Association with a unique offer. He wanted the Alumni Association to sell the maple syrup that is produced on the College’s Heiberg Forest in Tully, NY. The concept made all kinds of sense as the Bookstore is in the retail business, and the Forest Properties Office is not equipped to sell maple syrup in large quantities.

Part of the proposition involved an expansion of the sugar making operation on the Heiberg Forest, south of Syracuse, to produce as much as 500 or even 1,000 gallons of maple syrup. Of course, this all depends on cooperation from Mother Nature! The Alumni Association has said it would like to be the exclusive retailer for these sales. Therefore, in the spring of 2013, look for advertisements about the availability of 100% ESF Maple Syrup via the Alumni Association-run ESF College Bookstore.

This commodity is one that is coveted by many as its unique taste is hard to duplicate. It is a natural product and can only be produced in certain parts of the country, and in limited quantities, which makes it quite valuable. Nevertheless, the goal is to produce and market this syrup at very competitive rates. A key component of the sales will involve the ability to process mail orders which is currently a challenge as shipments of liquids is a bit different than shipping a shirt. This issue is being addressed and with just a little luck, the right weather, and some good packaging, ESF may soon become a center for the production and sale of delicious New York State maple syrup. We’ll keep you up to date as the sap begins to flow in the spring.

GREENLINK

GreenLink is the primary way to access job and internship opportunities through the ESF Office of Career Services. The best part, it is a FREE service to ESF Alumni.

— What can GreenLink do for you? —

1. Allow you to search for jobs and internships available both in New York state and around the country.
2. Provide you the opportunity to post your resume and participate in our resume referral programs.
3. Review upcoming career events at ESF and SU as well as surrounding areas.
4. Allow you to maintain an active profile which will keep you connected to the career activities at ESF.

To sign-up for a GreenLink account, please visit the website and follow the onscreen instructions http://esf.experience.com/er/security/login.jsp.

2013 CAREER FAIR

12th Annual Environmental Career Fair
February 27, 2013 from 10:30–3 p.m.
in the newly designed 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 http://www.esf.edu/career/ecf.htm

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The Alumni Association Executive Committee

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Frank Moses ’01
Environmental Studies
Member-At-Large

Meet the Alumni Board

President: Preston Gilbert ’73
Associate Director for Community Development, SUNY-ESF. Frank is a recipient of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s “Operation Green Eyes” award for his efforts in the 2010 Audubon Cares about Excellence “ACE” award for individual achievement. My goal for the next two years is to support other alumni and current students to the fullest extent through my professional capacity and through personal experiences. In addition, I wish to use my knowledge and skills as alum of the Alumni Association in support of SUNY-ESF. Lastly, I hope to continue more controls for communication, and/or management skills to human health and the environment.

Keylos should support the Association/collage: The main reasons I support the Alumni Association with my time, talent, and treasure are my beliefs in this regard. I invite you to support this great organization, as you are able this year, and in the future, to give back some of the resources invested in you during your time at ESF.

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“Cloning old trees is becoming extremely popular...”

The Robin Hood Oak is a living monument on the ESF campus, situated between Bray and Walters Hall. As of 2009, the ESF sports teams are known as the “Mighty Oaks” in honor, as well as the ESF mascots, “Oakie the Acorn.” The origin of this massive 86-year old tree is part of ESF folklore, having been brought as an acorn from the Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, England by Dr. Nelson C. Brown in 1926.

The Robin Hood Oak is the offspring of an even more famous tree, the Major Oak. Both are English or pedunculate oaks (Quercus robur). The Major Oak is estimated to be 800 to 1000 years old, weighs 23 tons, and is over 33 feet in diameter. This massive tree was said to have sheltered Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men in the 12th or 13th centuries. The name Major Oak came from a book, “Descriptions and sketches of some remarkable oaks” which was written by Major Hayman Rooke. Consequently, the tree came to be known as “the Major’s Oak” which became simplified to “Major Oak.” Before then, in the mid 1700s, it was known as the “Queen Oak,” and also the “Cockpen Tree,” since its hollow interior was used to contain cockerels used for illegal bird fights.

Cloning old trees is becoming extremely popular; the idea being that a tree that has lived for thousands of years is very well adapted and successful. The Archangel Ancient Tree Archive is currently propagating old growth trees across the country in order to reforest with prime genetic stock. In Michigan, the largest American elm in the United States was cloned so that it would not be lost to a Dutch Elm disease infection. A 3,500-year old cypress tree, the oldest tree east of the Mississippi river, is being considered for cloning after it was struck by lightning and partially burnt.

Very old trees can be difficult to propagate. Although the Robin Hood Oak spreads acorns liberally on the ground every year, every seed is different from its parent, and may be a hybrid of another oak species. Oak tree pollen is very light and is spread by the wind, traveling great distances to other trees, so the Robin Hood Oak is likely producing offspring with the many oaks in nearby Oakwood Cemetery. The Robin Hook Oak can also pollinate itself, but these inbred seedlings will be weak and grow slowly. A tree breeder’s goal is to conserve the particular characteristics of a special tree so they will clone the tree of choice by taking cuttings and inducing those cuttings to root. Most oak species are difficult to root under any circumstances, and as trees become older, the cuttings become more difficult to root.

The Tree Improvement Laboratory at ESF has a potential solution to this problem: micropropagation, otherwise known as tissue culture. In micropropagation, surface sterilized plant tissues, such as shoot tips or germinating seeds, are grown in small tubes or jars containing a nutrient and sugar-rich medium. When the shoots grow large enough, they can be cut into several pieces and placed into fresh medium. Each piece will regenerate, and the cycle can be repeated over and over to produce an infinite supply of tiny trees. Once in continuous culture, the multiplying plant tissue often reverts to a juvenile state, which means the shoots root better and faster than cuttings from the original trees.

The Robin Hood Oak was successfully put into culture this summer by graduate student Allison Oakes with support from ESF’s American Chestnut Research and Restoration Program. These tiny shoots were grown from stump spouts growing from the base of the tree this past spring, so they are genetically identical clones of the Robin Hood Oak. The shoots are being multiplied carefully and examined frequently for potential contamination by bacteria or fungi. Once a sufficient amount of shoots are available, experiments will begin to determine an optimal rooting procedure. Clones of the Robin Hood Oak tree will hopefully be available within a year or two.

Clones of the Major oak tree in Sherwood Forest are currently available through an English micropropagation facility, British Heritage Trees, at the whopping price of 300£ or $476 each, and only 50 are available each year. A tree breeder’s goal is to conserve the particular characteristics of a special tree so they will clone the tree of choice by taking cuttings and inducing those cuttings to root. Most oak species are difficult to root under any circumstances, and as trees become older, the cuttings become more difficult to root.

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Welcome Class of 2016
Meet Some of ESF’s Freshman Class

Margaret Foley of Fredonia, NY
Environmental & Forest Biology

Margaret’s cousin, Andrew Sorel ’11, attended ESF and she had heard wonderful things about the College from him. She was interested in studying science, so it's a perfect fit! Margaret anticipates getting involved, achieving academic success, and becoming a part of the ESF community. She is excited at the notion that her future begins here at ESF. In the years that she is here, Margaret will receive a great education and be well-prepared for her future. Margaret has a brother who was born on the same day as her, only 2 years apart. They refer to themselves as “Born Apart Twins!”

Austin Nojaim of Chittenango, NY
Biotechnology

Austin was exposed to the College while still in high school through his involvement in the “ESF in the Classroom” opportunity offered through the Outreach Office. After Dr. Nick Beale spoke to the “ESF in the Classroom” participants, Austin was inspired to apply to the College. Austin’s expectations include graduating in four years, getting involved, joining clubs, and making new friends. He is most excited at the freedom offered by college life! He looks forward to living in Centennial Hall, meeting new people, and experiencing “the college lifestyle.” Austin originally planned to study foreign languages in college.

Save the Date :: August 8, 2013
ESF Golf Tournament
Benefits Alumni Association Scholarships

The Alumni News asked some incoming students what was on their minds as they look ahead to their academic careers at ESF. These students were chosen randomly at the annual “Welcome to ESF” ice cream social hosted by the Alumni Association. This event has become a tradition every August as the Freshman Class concludes their orientation to ESF. The Alumni Association hopes the students will feel a warm welcome from the Board Members who are present and will get to know the Alumni Association long before they graduate. We posed the following questions to the students: 1. Name; 2. Hometown; 3. Intended Major (if known); 4. Why did you decide to attend ESF? 5. What are your expectations for your college years? 6. What are you most excited about as you begin your college career? 7. What is one interesting thing about yourself that sets you apart from others?
Here are their responses:

Margaret Foley of Fredonia, NY
Environmental & Forest Biology

Rhea Joseph of Danbury, CT
Environmental Chemistry

Kevin Griffith of Syracuse, NY
Paper & Bioprocess Engineering

Save the Date :: August 9–11, 2013
Cranberry Lake Reunion
Family Friendly Reunion Planned

Since 1999, every odd numbered year has been a time for a reunion at Cranberry Lake. Alumni who experienced an Adirondack summer have often said it was the best time they spent at College. So why not go back? Here’s your chance!

New for 2013 are changes to make the reunion more “Family Friendly.” For the first time, alumni may bring tents and “camp out” in and around the CLBS quad. For the first time, children will be permitted to attend. A “scavenger hunt” is anticipated to get everyone involved.

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The cost structure and necessary restrictions are being developed but if you are interested in the Cranberry Lake Reunion. We also plan to have a reservation form on-line by the end of May.

Rhea was attracted to ESF because of it’s small size and dedication science. At the same time she liked its association and proximity to SU. She was also drawn to the small class sizes ESF offers. Rhea expects to study hard, but also to have fun, to get to know herself better, and to learn all she can do with her degree. She is looking forward to the on-campus environment, which she has found to be friendly, welcoming, and open. Rhea has assisted with research for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service under Dr. Mamie Parker.

Kevin took part in the “ESF in the Classroom” opportunity through his high school and became interested in attending the College. As a local resident, he wasn’t sure if he’d end up attending ESF, but he was drawn to the campus and new dormitory. Kevin expects to maintain a good academic average through hard study, but also finding time to have fun. He is looking forward to the independence that college offers, having responsibilities, and living on his own. Kevin notes that he has changed a great deal and feels like a completely different person than he used to be. He has battled asthma and as a result, couldn’t play sports, so he took the initiative to make physical and social changes that have benefitted him greatly.

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These class notes were received by the Alumni Office before December 31, 2012. The next issue of the Alumni News will have a deadline of June 30, 2013. Photos are always welcome. Please provide your 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.

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: name, class year, place of birth, a college attended, a brief military history (when applicable), a short description of career, any significant accomplishments, and a short personal summary. Obituaries are published at the discretion of the Alumni Office. As always, the editing of the Alumni News rests with the Alumni Office staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

See our website (www.esf.edu/alumni) or look at the Calendar of Events on our website (http://www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp). We are hoping to have this weekend coincide with Syracuse University’s Homecoming, which is now called “Orange Central.” We hope you will come to Syracuse to celebrate!

Herbert Seidel (WPE) writes, “ESF is a wonderful school. I affected my life tremendously.”

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Lawrence J. Borger (EFB), 97, died in New York City on July 30th. Larry had a life-long commitment to trees, the environment, social justice and to ESF. His support for the College took many forms, including regularly representing ESF at college fairs and recently sponsoring a dorm room in the new Centennial Hall. He would say that many of the skills he learned at the College included map reading, organizing and team work—come in use during the four years during which WWII was in progress as a chemical engineer with USDA at the Southern Regional Research Laboratory in New Orleans. During WWII he researched synthetic rubber as a crucial part of the war effort. He was part of an official scientific and technical liaison mission to China in 1980 as well as a technical advisor to Peru in 1979. He authored over 200 papers and was the holder of over 50 patents pertaining to oilseed products. After his retirement as a superintendent he helped establish Chefoo Farms. We are delighted and an arborist and a proud member of the R.O.B.’s. His greatest joy was spending time with his beloved family.

Darrell D. Temple (WPE) died on May 13, 2012. Darrell was born March 21, 1919 in Hamburg, N.Y. After graduating from ESF, he worked in related fields, including sales and distribution of wood products. As a ‘fifth generation’ forester, he served on the board, and taught pruning to people on welfare in the Syracuse, NY area. He enjoyed conquering crosswords puzzles. Darrell and Shirley Trump were married in 1945. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

1941

James J. Spadaro (PSE) passed away June 13, 2012. He was born April 26, 1915 in Albany, N.Y. The beloved husband of Catherine Corte Spadaro for 64 years, he is survived by a son, four daughters, one brother, two sisters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. James lived as a proud Navy veteran, was a dedicated employee of the then-named College of Forestry on the Hill. His career started as an English teacher in a small school in Wallingford, Pa. where Sergeant Lee served in the Army Air Corps in the Central Burma India-Burma China Offensive. During a leave from the military he was a teacher and princi- pal of Deerfield High School and worked as a forestry consultant for the Great Neck Estates. He was a retired arboreal and a proud member of the R.O.B.’s. His greatest joy was spending time with his beloved family.

1948

George was predeceased by his lifelong companion and partner, Janet Feld (nee Lee). He attended Nottingham High School and received a degree from Deering Academy in Derryfield, Massachusetts. Subsequently he enrolled in the then-named College of Forestry on the Hill. His career started as an English teacher in a small school in Wallingford, Pa. where Sergeant Lee served in the Army Air Corps in the Central Burma India-Burma China Offensive. During a leave from the military he was a teacher and principal of Deerfield High School and worked as a forestry consultant for the Great Neck Estates. He was a retired arboreal and a proud member of the R.O.B.’s. His greatest joy was spending time with his beloved family.

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The College will send your class all of the details by late April. Feel free to contact the Alumni Office (315-470-6632; alumni@esf.edu) or look at the Calendar of Events on our website (http://www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp). We are hoping to have this weekend coincide with Syracuse University’s Homecoming, which is now called “Orange Central.” We hope you will come to Syracuse to celebrate!

Willard Fichtel (WPE) writes, “Still keep in touch with Tom Luddy so we can compare our golf scores.”

Bradford Monk (FRM) writes, “Have been retired 31 years at this stage. Have served in the U.S. Forest Service for over 40 years in the forest fire program and have had a natural experience for 40 years. Forestry has been my life, starting with 4-H youth in town forest. Forest Engineer for 30 years, working as a forest fire supervisor, and pulp production. U.S. Army Engineer - Forestry - company logging in New Guinea, Philippines, Leyte, Luzon. Back home to complete college, in 1948. Employed with sawmilling, lumber grading, and yard management. Consulting for- est work and the end career with postal service as Postmaster in Hammondsport, NY. Currently a member of the last 2012 Ranger School reunion. This was the School’s 100th anniversary. It was an event and really enjoyed it! Two of my daughters said, ‘Dad - you must go. We will take you.’ All went well seeing the new buildings, the tour of the for- est where there had been wind damage, and management work. The attendance was high, the weather was perfect and people cordial.”

Robert Paris (PSE) writes, “One year older since last year. Still have my income tax business (busy in March & April). I volunteer one day a week at ‘Doctor’s Hospital’ and really enjoy!”
Anthony Taormina (EFB) writes, “Originally in Class of 44. Because of 3 years in Army during WWII, did not gradu- ate until 1948. Member from 1948 thru 1994 “black” from NY’s DEC. Director of Marine Resources and joined environmental consult- ing firm, Dan Natzche & Associates, Mamaroneck, NY. George Katibah is the only classmate from ‘44 left to keep up with. Now living in Stuart, FL. Wife of 64 years died last year.”

1950

George Howard (FRM) writes, “Hard to believe that I have passed my 87th year and Jean (SU Class of ’50) and I have been married for 62 years. Still hunting New York deer and turkeys. Spending most of my time managing my family’s 500+ acres of woodland and farm land in Madison and Chenango counties, NY.”

Robert Lewis (PSE) writes, “My wife, Joan, and I con- tinue to live in a trailer near us. Retirement is great!”

Ken Watson (WPE) writes, “Still enjoy volunteering as a Docent in the Natural Science Department of the Oakland Museum of California. I deal mainly with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, drawing on knowledge of Ecology and Environmental Sciences from my ESF education (undergraduate and graduate).”

Raymond Smith (FRM), a tree expert who was named New York State Distinguished Arborist in 1988, died in September, 2012 after a long illness. He was 84. His niece, Patricia Kanick, said Mr. Smith died from a mysterious bacterial infection whose source was never pinpointed. She said it could have had some connection with a cruise on the Nile River he took in 2000, but that was never proven. Mr. Smith was born in Medina, NY and gradu- ated from Medina High School. He served in the Army during World War II and was trained as a paratrooper. He attained the rank of sergeant and became a member of the American Legion. He en- dowed a scholarship fund at SUNY-ESF in his name and that of his wife of 42 years, Rita J., who died in 1996. The fund primarily aids students from Western New York. Mr. Smith was a member of the ESF 1911 Society, the College’s society of donors. He worked for Davey Tree and Lawn Care for about 40 years, becoming a vice president and eastern regional manager. The New York chapter of the International Society of Arborists presented him with its 1988 distinguished arborist award, and he also was a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists. Mr. Smith was a longtime member of the Greater Buffalo Business and Advertising Club.

1951

October 26, 2012

Thank you for the Class of 1951

Dear Alumni,

I just wanted to take some time in order to say thank you for awarding me the Class of 1951 Schol- arship in the spring. The semester is already past the midpoint (I really can’t believe that!) and I am enjoying my semester thoroughly. With the scholar- ship I am able to get the education that I have always wanted, at one of the best institutions in the coun- try without the financial burden. I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for me. I may never be able to pay you back monetarily, but I will pay you back by using my education from ESF and using it to serve society, and one day I will contribute to help undergraduate students get their education, just as you did for me. Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Tim Callahan

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Alumni & Family Fall BBQ Weekend Attracts Hundreds

Students, Alumni and Parents share a great fall weekend.

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utumn, the traditional time of year for alumni to participate in "homecoming" activities on college campuses, is also a particularly beautiful time in Central New York. It is a perfect time for alumni to "come home" to visit their Alma Mater. Meanwhile, parents, who have left their children in August on college campuses, want to see their students after several weeks of college life. It just makes sense then for the Alumni Association to team up with the Office of Student Life to host* ESF Alumni, Family and Friends Weekend. This program features a barbecue and a series of events designed to bring groups together at this special time of year when the leaves put on a show and the air is crisp and clean. For 2012, the dates were October 4, 5, and 6, a nearly perfect time for this traditional autumn program.

The Alumni Association held reunions for those alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. This was in response to recent suggestions that all alumni would like to come back to campus when it is alive with activities and students. Of course the addition of a Syracuse University football game only enhances the program, so that is included as well. (This latter event, the football game, has caused some difficulties recently as the football schedule has dictated to some degree the possible dates for ESF's and Syracuse University's "Orange Central" celebrations. Due to conflicts this year, the ESF weekend could not be scheduled with the University's.) Nevertheless, the SU football team is doing quite well of late, and Coach Marrone's squad came away with a convincing victory over Pittsburgh. Approximately 350 spectators bought tickets for the game via the Alumni Association, which was a record!

Senior alumni started the weekend's events on a Thursday night when they came to reminisce at their celebration held in Bray Hall Rotunda on the second floor. A dinner was held in honor of the '50 year class, the Class of 1962, and alumni were asked to share some memories from their college years. It was amazing to hear from alumni who had not been back in 50 years. The one thing they kept commenting on was the growth on campus. Others who joined the celebration that night included members of the Classes of 1952 and 1957.

Friday morning, the alumni were treated to a breakfast in Baker Lab's lounge which is situated on the fourth floor and overlooks Hendrick's Field. College President Neil Murphy, provided a presentation on the College's growth and prospects for the future. Following this, alumni participated in guided tours of campus.

Friday's luncheon included a talk by the Vice Provost for Research, Dr. Neil Ringler, whose entertaining style was appreciated by the alumni. His talk covered the many research projects in which the faculty are engaged, and the millions of dollars that are realized. To lighten up his presentation, he sprinkled in references to inventions and popular items that existed in the years from which the alumni graduated. Many then took a trip to B and B Lumber in nearby Jamesville to tour a wood-based factory that is owned by ESF alumni. Late afternoon events that day included the Alumni Association Annual Meeting; and a special reception in Moon Library where junior alumni joined seniors as well as students and their families for one big celebration. Bob Unsworth ’54 and his wife, Lisa, formally dedicated a "quiet room of study" in the library which they had made possible via a very generous donation. Later in the evening, Ned Holmes ’57, presented a check to College President, Dr. Neil Murphy, for over $31,000 which was the total to date for their class gift. A check arrived just a few days later boosting this total to over $41,000. The Class of 1957 gift was a project initiated at their 50 year reunion in 2007, and will provide scholarships for needy students.

Saturday, there was a breakfast in the Alumni Lounge, followed by tours of campus as well as faculty and student presentations. A highlight of the tours this year was the almost-completed Gateway Center which sits just to the west of Moon Library. Of course this was followed by the Barbecue on campus where hundreds enjoyed chicken, hamburgers, salads and all the items you would expect at an ESF Barbecue. For the afternoon, the alumni took additional Dendro walks, toured the American Chestnut plantation at the Lafayette Road Experiment Station and even rode “Segways” on the campus side walks. The weekend for 2013 will be determined in late March or April when the SU Football schedule is announced so if you graduated in a class ending in “3” or “8”, 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.

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1. The 2nd Floor of Bray Hall make an elegant setting for the Senior Alumni Dinner.
2. John Pitcher ’57, Robert Levine ’52, and Bill Cowan ’52 in the Rotunda of Bray Hall during the Senior Alumni Reunion.
3. Alumni Association Past-President David Junior ’58 (right) and his wife, Linda, greet Ned Holmes ’57 (left) at the Senior Alumni Dinner.
5. Class of 1957: John Pitcher, Louise Holmes, Ned Holmes, Paul Avadh, Isabel Arnab, Jerry Klein
6. Class of 1962: Rear 1: Connie White, Dan Martin, Mardel Marlatt, Leo Dodge, Ulrich Murphy; Rear 2: Ed White, Damon McCarra; Tom and E-; Sue G-Odell, Mardel Marlatt, Dr.
7. Chuck Horton ’52 and Stu Heder ’52 look up the names of classmates in the 1952 Empire Foraker.
8. Taking a break during the Senior Alumni Reception are (from left): Joanne White (wife of the College President), Connie White (wife of Ed White ’52), and Marilyn Cooper (guest of Chuck Horton ’52).
Fall Weekend Photos FALL BBQ & SENIOR REUNION WEEKEND

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3. Dr. Rene Germain ’97 and Dr. William Smith ’76 share some key points with alumnus Chris Murphy ’62 at breakfast in Baker Lab. In the background, the Gateway Center is nearing completion.
4. Room 315 Bray was full for the Alumni Association’s 2012 Annual Meeting.
5. College President Dr. Neil Murphy traded a joke with an alumnus at the ESF Alumni Association Annual Meeting.
6. Dr. Rene Germain ’97 and Dr. William Smith ’76 address hundreds of guests in Moon Library at the Friday night Reception. He and his wife, Lisa, made a donation to the Library which created a “quiet room” for students. The Unsworths met as students in Moon Library!
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10. Ken Kogut ’77 (left) joins John ’82 and Janet Bartow at the Reception. John is an Alumni Association Board Member and heads the Tug Hill Commission, and Ken works for the NYSDEC. Ken’s father-in-law is Dr. Ed Ketchledge.
11. Josh Balisteri (wearing hat) is a current student at ESF. His family, from Orchard Park, NY, came to the weekend’s activities to join him.
12. Douglas Heath ’91 (right) and his family came to the Friday night Reception. His son, Nathan (center), is a current student at ESF.
14. Priscilla Carpenter and Dr. Russell Walters Ph.D. ’90 traveled from Vermont to enjoy the festivities of the BBQ Weekend.
15. Alumni Director Justin Culkowski ’73 is assisted by Alumni Association Vice President Thayer Miller ’71 with the traditional door prizes at the Friday night Reception.
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1. Alumni Board Member Mike Dugan ‘00 (left) says hello to the family of Amelia Marple during the Opening Reception.
2. Freshman Maggie McGuire is joined by her parents and chats with Landscape Architecture Department Chair Richard Hawks ’72. The McGuires are from Chicago, IL.
3. This sign on Moon Library says it all, as the College hosted nearly 700 guests in October.
4. Bill Gladstone ’52 (left) and Stu Hesler ’52 are greeted by Alumni Assistant Director Debbie Caviness as they board the bus for a tour of a local wood products firm.
5. Dr. Don Leopold leads his ever-popular “Dendro Walk” on Saturday morning during a light rain. By 11 a.m., the sun was shining!
6. Dr. Art Stipanovic ’74 of the Chemistry faculty presented a lecture about some exciting developments in the Chemistry Department.
7. Dr. Neil Ringler, Vice Provost for Research, gave a lunchtime talk detailing the millions of dollars the ESF faculty receives for research every year.
8. Dr. William Powell (center) explains part of his American Chestnut research in a grove at the Lafayette Road Experiment Station. Note the size of the young Chestnut trees.
9. Dr. William Smith ’76 shows senior alumni bats produced in New York of ash and maple. The College continues to serve as a consultant to this wood products industry.
10. Freshman Robert Hannon from Pittsford, NY, is joined by his mother, Gabrielle, at the ESF College Bookstore during Fall BBQ weekend.
11. Under sunny skies on Saturday, these students had an opportunity to ride a “Segway” around the campus quad.
12. The Class of 1982 at the Reception in Moon Library.
13. Brigitta Byrbyly ’82 (right) shares a snack with her daughter, Julia, who is a student at ESF during Fall Weekend.
14. Representing two generations from ESF: Gerry Reymore ’82, his son, freshman Doug Reymore, and Doug’s mother Jill Wenner ’82.
15. Ray Levesque (left) and Paul McCoy, both from the Class of ’82, drive in from Albany for the Reception in Moon Library during the Fall Weekend events.
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Shop the College Bookstore

1. Vertical Long-Sleeve T-Shirt
This 100% cotton heavyweight long sleeve t-shirt features graphics of the full College name, both horizontally and vertically. The New York State seal is placed on the upper left sleeve. Available in gray and green.
Sizes: S–XXXL
Price: $22.00

2. "Go Nuts" Youth T-Shirt
"Go Nuts" and show your love for everything ESF! Available in light blue, red and green.
Children’s sizes: S (6/8), M (10/12), L (14/16) and XL (18/20)
Price: $14.00

3. Wide-Mouth Nalgene Bottles
Why waste plastic bottles when you can reuse an ESF Nalgene bottle? All Nalgene bottles have the ESF logo in white. Available in Sage Green (left) and Lime Green (right).
Price: $14.00

4. Marshall Sweatshirt
This zip hooded sweatshirt has the full College name along with SUNY-ESF across the front zipper. The letters "ESF" are also printed in the left side of the hood. 55% cotton/45% polyester. Available in burgundy.
Price: $42.00

5. Men’s Gloves
Keep your hands warm in our fleece gloves with split leather palms. Available in blue and black. One size fits most.
Price: $15.00

6. Women's Phoenix Sweatshirt
A women’s relaxed fit sweatshirt with great details: pockets in the side seams, metal zipper, spandex reinforced trim, and jersey lined hood. 55% cotton/45% polyester. Available in green and black.
Sizes: S–XL
Price: $42.00

7. Plaid Pants
Made of 100% cotton flannel with SUNY-ESF on the left leg, these campus pants are so soft and comfortable! Perfect for lounging around on those cold winter days. Available in green/gray or black/gray.
Sizes: S–XL
Price: $22.00

8. Mighty Oaks Decal
Our athletic team logo now comes in a vibrant four-color decal! This weather and fade resistant decal will adhere to any smooth glass, metal or plastic surface and will remove with no residual effect. Why not let everyone know that ESF athletics are going as strong as the mighty oak?
Measures 3.5 x 4.25 in.
Price: $4.50

9. Knit Hat
Our Hand-Knit Hat from The Game is an ultra thick hat with soft, fleece lined ear flaps, embroidered with the ESF logo and long ties with pom poms. One size fits most.
Price: $28.00

10. Black Portfolio
This 6.5 x 9 in. black leather-look portfolio by Mundi encompasses the full College name embossed on the front with the College logo imprinted on a silver disc. There are various slots for credit cards or business cards, and a small legal pad is included. This portfolio will fit into any briefcase or tote bag. Makes a great gift!
Price: $14.00

11. Sentinel Sweatshirt
Felt letters and embroidery make this 1/4 zip sweatshirt a standout. Made of 55% cotton/45% polyester, the letters on this sweatshirt are raised with a fuzzy texture. The College’s founding year of 1911 is embroidered in the center chest oval. Available in green and gray.
Sizes: S–XXXL
Price: $44.00

12. Screwdriver Set
This metal screwdriver set is the perfect items to keep in your glove compartment. Includes 8 interchangeable bits inside.
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Ronald Holly (RS) passed away in July of 2011 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Following graduation from the Ranger School, he worked as a forest ranger in northern Arizona and a timber supervisor in northern New York. In 1955, he entered the Army as a private, qualified for OCS and retired in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel. During his military career he served in Korea, Southern California, and three tours in Vietnam. His medals and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Bronze Stars, the Silver Star, and a Purple Heart. Al also was a master parachutist and served with the 101st Airborne and the 82nd Airborne Divisions. Upon leaving the military, Ron opened a custom furniture company, eventually becoming Vice President. In 1987, he left Andrews to start Holly Business Services with his wife, Dorothy. Dorothy is survived by his wife, two daughters, two grandchildren, a great-grandson, a sister and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

David H. Kimbrell (FRM) died in June, 2012. He was a 1955 graduate of the US Military Academy and a Vietnam veteran. Mr. Kimbrell retired after 30 years as a chief land appraiser from the U.S. Forest Service. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, four nieces and three nephews.

Paul Stevens (FRM) writes, “We took our first cruise for our 49th anniversary but age didn’t allow a lot of shore visits. However, we are reasonably active. Like many, our social life is appointments. Has a limited ministry at the hospital for companions to patients. It is still a good life. Received a recent report on the dark side effects of fracking...scary. May make the January 31 reception in Saratoga.”

1955

James Brewer (FRM) writes, “I was there in the Academy and my schoolmates all knew I was going to be a forester, and indeed I stuck with it. I have an MS in forest science, from UAF. I was a member of the US Forestry Service for 33 years, working in various locations: Alaska, the Carolinas, Northern Idaho, New Mexico, and Arizona. I retired in 1991, was awarded the Civilian Life Medal for my 33 years of service. I had a teaching career. When Prof. Stegeman turned his degree over to me, I learned so much from him, inside and outside of the classroom. I also enjoyed the Pacific NW weather. Do not miss the summer humidity and heat. I’m still able to take care of my 5 acres of Christmas trees, along with putting up 100+ face cords of wood firewood. Will continue to enjoy hiking, fishing, and trapper.”

Edward Kohler (FRM) writes, “Still able to take care of my 5 acres of Christmas trees, along with putting up 100+ face cords of wood firewood. Will continue to enjoy hiking, fishing, and trapping. I’m now retired and enjoy a 16+ week horseback pitching league. We have fun there.”

Edgar Kupillas (FRM) writes, “I still see Wilson Edinger ’50 and John Dutcher ’59. Ernie Schub ‘54 and ‘1 e-mail once a month. “I still live in the ‘Sub on 123rd, grate of a timber and cattle ranch, having sold another parcel of 532 acres earlier this year. There are two Sequoia gigantea among other things in my yard that are 53' and 44' dbh, planted in 1971 (a little trivia). The federal forests near my place are not well managed, in my opinion.”

Lawrence Wilke (WPE) writes, “My wife, Sally, and I just moved to the South and decided it was time to plan the succession of our recreational woods to our descendents. Our four children have produced eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and still counting. They feel this home with 31 acres of woods is where they want to gather to celebrate family into the distant future, and our plan will allow that to happen here in Wilkes’ Woods. It’s never too early.”

We’d like to hear from you...in a Class Note for the summer issue!

The next issue of the Alumni News will have a deadline of June 30, 2013. 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.

Everyone has a story.

Charles L. Mahoney ’55/65 Fort Collins, CO

RS Capitol Ave. Apt. 515, 1953

MS in Forest Zoology, 1955

PhD, 1965

Family: Married Helen Chamberlain in 1952 Children Carolyn and Dave, and five grandchil

ders. Co-Ranger Prof. of Biology, 1955 and 1956 at SUNY Geneseo State. Seasonal Ranger/Naturalist at Mount Rainier, Lassen, Dinosaur, Acadia, Olympic, and Yellowstone National Parks. Professor of Resource Conservation for 20 years at Colorado State University. Member: Campus Director; instructor in summer program; numerous overseas educat

tional assignments; Elderhostel instructor; faculty for Semester at Sea; volunteer. Favorite course? Many, but probably Dendrology with Prof. Harlow. Favorite professor? Several knowledgeable, car

ing, and accessible pros, but Prof. Stegeman gets the nod. I learned so much from him, inside and outside of the classroom, and know his family well. Prof. Stegeman changed the course of my life from aspiri
ging to a national park service career to a teaching career. When Prof. Stegeman turned 90, I was there with him and his family. He was so please... If I may offer some advice, drop a note or personally thank that professor who made a great difference in your life. Course(s) you wish you had taken? As a returning vet, I was very busy with the required courses. What would you like to hear from? Fellow vets Gary Schumelin and Bob Lyon. Always considered myself a member of the Class of ’53 and followed the careers of those classmates through the College Newsletter. Hobbies? Mountaineering: most major peaks of the PAC NW, many Colorado 14ers, Kilimanjaro. Travel (about 80 different coun
tries); reading, classical music; hiking, handbooking. Why did you attend ESF? As a teenager, I had hitch-hiked to all the original 48 states, especially visiting national parks. Later, with the GI Bill, I wanted a career with the NPS and applied to the College of Forestry. My high school grades were OK but minimal, and I was turned down. I accepted that decision, but a friend suggested I “visit someone at the College.” I relented and met with the Registrar, Ray Crossman, and Mrs. Carruthers, a remarkable lady who advised returning vets having a rough time getting back to studies. A few days later, a letter arrived— I was accepted. I will always be grate
ful to Prof. Crossman and others for their faith in me. With a NPS career in mind, I transferred to Colorado A&M, “The Ranger Factory” after my summer at Cranberry Lake. Upon graduation from Colo. A&M and no employment opportunities with the NPS, I applied to the College of Forestry and received a Research Assistantship which led to my MS and PhD. degrees. What does ESF mean to you? A very fulfilling career traces its origins to ESF. Outstanding profes

sors, rigorous courses, friendly atmosphere and much, much more are all the hallmarks of a great institution. I will always be indebted to so many at ESF who shaped my life and career in very positive directions.

Class of 1953: Reunion Year!

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C. Alan “Al” Baker (WPE) passed away on October 22, 2012. Al was born February 23, 1931, in Syracuse, NY. He resided his entire life in the ‘Sub, on 123rd, grate of the Baldwinsville Academy. After graduating from ESF, he served in the U.S. Navy. Al married Helen Schumm, the woman with whom he had four children. After Dorothy’s untimely death in 1976 he remarried Audrey Couell Watkins who passed away in 1998. Al enjoyed a distinguished 14-year career as editor of The Baldwinsville Messenger and vice president and news director for the Brown Newspapers, retiring in 1992. During his time at The Messenger, Al was recognized as Outstanding Weekly Editor of the Year by the New York Press Association, and was honored after his retirement with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Syracuse Press Club. An ardent outdoorsman, Al enjoyed trout fishing and bird watching. He was a founding member of Onondaga Nature Centers, the group that procured and founded Beaver Lake Nature Center. Al put his woodworking and artistic abilities to work to craft several of Beaver Lake's nature center signs. Al was a frequent presence in the community he loved. He was one of 10 founding members of the Baldwinsville Community School Foundation. In 1970, the Baldwinsville Chamber of Commerce named him its “Man of the Year.” He was a member of the Baldwinsville Yacques and, more recently, the Baldwinsville Rotary where he was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow. He was inducted into the Baldwinsville Athletic Hall of Fame for his support of Baldwinsville High School sports and was elected to the Baldwinsville ESF Alumni Association. Al is survived by four children, four stepchildren, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Al Baker '53 passed away in October of 2012.

Robert McKinley '54 Merrick, New York: “I am the ESF Alum I wear...
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William Maine (WP) writes, “Keeping busy in retirement; home repairs and improvements, two houses, family, Boy Scouts, church, and traveling.”

Richard Roberts (WP) passed away on June 18th from complications of a stroke. He attended the Ranger School in Wausau, WI. He died in Turner, NY on September 13, 2012, at age 76. He was born in Utica, NY on March 2, 1936. He is survived by his wife, the “love of his life” for 56 years, Rita, one son, and two grandchildren. Charles Miller (WP) states, “My thanks to each of you who helped bring us to the REUNION YEAR!”

Everyone has a story!

Peter T. Gregory ’58
Burnt Hills, NY
BS in Wood Products Engineering, 1958
SUNY Albany; Rockefeller Management Institute of Albany

Family? Married to Betty (J) Gregory, 53 years. Five sons: Andrew, David, Christopher, Daniel, Matthew. All are married with ten grandchildren ages 17 to 1 year old (five boys and five girls) and they’re all Great Career! Retired from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPHP) – Aust. Regional Director. One of three team members that organized a new Park Region in the Saratoga-Capital District Region that was established in 1969 by the NYS Legislature. Previously worked in Ohio, for private industry, and NY Southern Tier and the Adirondacks for the NYS DEC. Favorite course? Recall enjoying a challenging course in the identification of foreign woods with Harold Corn and Dr. Der Zeew. There were many courses that helped develop my cognitive abilities. Favorite professor? I remember enjoying a challenging course in the identification of foreign woods, with Harold Corn and Dr. Zeew. There were many courses that helped develop my cognitive abilities.

I’m a very lucky guy. During this year, I plan to attend our 55th college re-union...it may be one of the best family reunions I’ve attended. Everyone needs to remember we talked about this past 55th reunion...let’s make it happen.”

Dick Rouseville (FP) writes, “Yes, that is really Jackie and I in the canoe. We are pushing off on the first of September. We stay out for ten days each trip, but don’t have a lot of time for anything. We are willing to portage. Celebrate our 55th in the wilderness. Good news regarding our endowed scholarship. Bonuses generated by our gifts were used to fund scholarships awarded to two deserving seniors last April. My thanks to each of you who helped bring us to the point of actually helping students. The not so good news about student success. In the future, we will be seeing more and more of this.”
is that we have a long way to go to reach our $50,000 goal by the time we gather for our 55th in 2014. The number of class members donating has dropped since this time last year, and the pledges outstanding through 2014 are in the neighborhood of only an additional $3,000. Please remember, when sending donations to the school for our scholarship, you must indicate on the ‘For’ line of your check: Class of 1959 Fund. My best to all of you and your families for a very happy and healthy 2013. “

David White (FOR) writes, ‘After living in WV for nearly a half-century, I am about to move to a retirement community in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. As of December 1, 2012, my address will be 1046 Hickory Cove, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Hickory Cove seems a likely address for an old forested couple. Don’t you think? If you happen to pass through on 1.81, please look us up.’

Jack Winieski (FOR) writes, ‘Active in the Northern York Co. Historical Preservation Society, the PA Backyard Fruit Growers and PA Nut Growers grafting, Heritage apples and selected hickories, walnuts, persimmons, paw-paws. On my 83rd trip around the sun. Life is good!’

James Ackerman (FRM) writes, ‘Wife of almost 50 years, Diana, died of side complications associated with MS on June 10, 2011. Daughter Linda married Lewis Locke in a Scottish ceremony on June 2, 2012.’

William Dresser (WPE) writes, ‘Retirement is great. Claudia and I spend our winters in Florida and our summers in Maine. Our 4 daughters and our eight grandchildren enjoy visiting their grandpa’s New England roots.”

Edwin White (FRM) writes, ‘Still work a few days a week on bioenergy, biofuels, willow at ESF. 2 months in FL at Lake Placid, visit with Bill Burlingame 92’. Lots of fishing, hunting, and enjoy the cabin on Hickory Lake in northern NY.”

1961

Tom Ryan (PSE) writes, ‘Retired in 99, so thirteen years without catching up on all the honey-dos, etc. Used to do all these things on my days off. But when you are retired, you don’t get any days off. Turned 74 last February and enjoying reasonable health. I still appreciate the State of New York for my tuition-free education. Only had to pay student union fees and books.”

1962

William Dresser (FRM) writes, “All Stumpies are welcome to stay in a glass of wine or cup of coffee at my German home: Schulstrasse 36a, 55546 Pfaffen-Schwabenheim. Telephone (from US): 011-49-6701-20459. (From within Germany) 06701-20459. Fax is 205496.”

Stephen Weatherly (WPE) writes, ‘It has been unusually hot here on the Saint Lawrence River. I am always pleased that the logs in my home provide great insulation against both heat and cold. Along with the heat came lots of weeds in my fishing ponds. The weeds finally disappeared by mid-July and the bass fishing has been great!”

1963 | 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 early March. The Alumni Office will send your class all of the details by late April. Feel free to contact the Alumni Office (315-470-6632; alumni@esf.edu) or look at the Calendar of Events on our website (http://www.esf.edu/calendar/alumni.asp). We are hoping to have this weekend coincide with Syracuse University’s Homecoming, which is now called “Orange Central.” We hope you will come to Syracuse to celebrate!

H. Newton ‘News’ Baker (WPE) died on Oct. 07, 2012. He was born in Syracuse and spent summers as a young boy canoeing in the Adirondacks, camping with the Boy Scouts, and became an Eagle Scout. His first job upon graduation from ESF was with Georgia Pacific. His career in sales had begun. Over the next 15 years, Newt zig-zagged across the country with title of youngest sales manager on record for Hooker Chemicals. In 1972, Newt moved to Portland, OR. He loved the Northwest and wanted to plant roots. In 1977 he developed a business relationship with Stanley Bishopick and the two of them (with Stan’s capital) created a company known as Exterior Wood. Newt spent the next 20 years developing and implementing the marketing plan for Exterior Wood as Vice President of Sales. As the company quickly grew, Newt became profitable, Newt embarked on his next adventure, boy meets girl. Newt met Janet Cole Brown and they were married. Newt became an instant parent to Jennifer and Chris (with absolutely no experience). When Newt was forty, they had a daughter, Hilary. During this time, the two of them bought an early 20th century home in SW Portland and work began on this home where they lived for the remainder of Newt’s life. Newt retired from Exterior Wood in his mid-50s. Newt very much wanted to stop by for a glass of wine or cup of coffee at my German home: Schulstrasse 36a, 55546 Pfaffen-Schwabenheim. Telephone (from US): 011-49-6701-20459. (From within Germany) 06701-20459. Fax is 205496.”

Richard Dodge ’64, last all alumni at the Senior Dinner, had an opportunity to share recollections with the entire group.

1960

Bert Brun writes, “Over the years worked in woods in Norway and Indonesia (rubber plantation). Also as bio- logical oceanographer and estuarine biologist. Several published tech. papers. Currently retired and actively writing (8 published books, 3 produced plays, several short stories, and online travel articles).”

1961

Tom Ryan (PSE) writes, “Retired in ’99, so thirteen years without catching up on all the honey-dos, etc. Used to do all these things on my days off. But when you are retired, you don’t get any days off. Turned 74 last February and enjoying reasonable health. I still appreciate the State of New York for my tuition-free education. Only had to pay student union fees and books.”
1964

Neil Brownell (FRM) writes, “Great trip to Gettysburg!” John Ruhi (PSE) writes, “In my remaining retirement years, I am seeking opportunities to give back to our community. My current vehicle is to create family wage jobs in rural economies of eastern Washington State. Stay tuned...nothing worthwhile comes easy.”

Donald Kopf (FRM) writes, “Late August 50 years ago, Geoff Laidman, Herb Rupp and I were driving back to NY, having worked the summer in Oregon and Washington. At dusk in the Idaho Panhandle, we ran into a snowstorm. We took the long way (5,000 miles) getting to the West Coast and a bit less to get back. Had great times with good friends. Hope all is well with all the members.”

Ernest Paskey (LA) writes, “Hanging up the triangles after 48 years of LA. Time to start writing mystery tales of Florida and Puget Sound and Pacific Northwest Prairie.”

Gary Quigley (CHM) writes, “After 6 years plus a replacement 6 months, I will retire as Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Hunter College in January.”

Donald Wirth (LA) writes, “On a recent trip to Hawaii, we tried to find where Chris Hart was located, but without any luck. We live 1/2 the year in CT and 1/2 in an unorganized territory in western Maine, where we have built a real ‘log cabin’ in the woods...no electric, phone, TV, services, etc. Very quiet, clean air and lots of forested space.”

1965

Norman Bell (PSE) writes, “Retired. Enjoying family time, volunteering, and learning to golf!”

Richard Cunningham (FRM) writes, “Still basking in Arizona sunshine and cheering for the Syracuse Orange with good friends. Hope all is well with all the members.”

John Slater (LA) writes, “I’ve gone bionic - received a new left hip! Ready for another 30 years!”

1966

Editor’s note: The passing of Ralph Alexander was noted in the previous issue of the Alumni News but the following information was not included at that time. Ralph J. Alexander (LA) was born June 3, 1944 to Maurice and Annette Alexander and was raised in South Onondaga, NY. Growing up, Ralph developed a respect for the outdoors, which he ran successfully for over 30 years. He was active in many local communities and became well-known in the area. Ralph had many passions in life, and became a master at each and every one of them. In his early teens, Ralph developed a passion for high-speed driving. He eventually learned to keep the car straight, and on the road. He went on to become a champion international race car driver, drove professionally for several years and later dedicated his time teaching new drivers as the Chief Driving Instructor at the National Auto Sport Association. Ralph continued to pursue his love for the outdoors, and eventually settled into a weekend home in Redding, CA, where he spent many long weekends with his wife, family, and friends. There, he loved passing the time fishing, watching game and birds and sitting on the porch at night listening to bullfrogs and coyotes, while telling exaggerated stories about the past. Ralph passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 7, 2001 in the presence of his wife and two children after a short battle with cancer. He was 67. Ralph is survived by his wife, Bonnie, two sons, four grandchildren, his father, ESF Professor Emeritus Maurice Alexander ’40, and two brothers.

John Reynolds (LA) writes, “My son, Michael T. Reynolds, is the third generation in the Service. He is Regional Director, Midwest Region responsible for over 55 units of the National Park System in thirteen states.”

Walter Sall (WPE) writes, “I have retired and we have moved to 35 Club Road, Riverside, CT 06878.”

1967

Frank Bowers (UND) writes, “Retired for last 5 years. However, still active on numerous boards and continue to pass for several decades on the state and federal level. I am also involved as an Executive Partner in the College of William and Mary MBA program.”

Thomas Catterson (EFB) writes, “I have finally retired...or sort of. Still doing an occasional consultancy where needed, mostly in Africa. We are home in Clinton, sum- mers in the Adirondacks, winters in Florida...catch us if you can! Retired and never busier! Also selling vintage books online.”

Max Deutch (WPE) writes, “We moved to Florida...semi-retired. Spending lots of time at federal and state parks. Saw Cypress forest in National Wildlife Refuge, Loxahatchee Park.”

John “Jack” Fritz (LA) passed away on June 7, 2012. He served his country for seven years in the Air National Guard, 99th Airlift Wing as a communicant specialist in Schenectady, NY. Employed as a Landscape Architect for the State of New York (OGS), Jack worked until his retire- ment in 2003. In his spare time he served as chairman for both the town of Charleston (NY) and the Montgomery County (NY) Planning Boards for many years. Jack is survived by his wife of 37 years, Janet, three children, a sister, and a brother in law. Rest In Peace, Jack.”

Richard Gray (WPE) writes, “The grandchildren continue to be a blessing and retirement is good!”

Jeffrey Lincer (EFO) and Judie are setting up new ventures: a non-profit (Researchers Implementing Conservation Action) and a woman-owned business (Lincer and Associates). Jeff will be going to Nepal in the fall of 2012 to help establish a Raptor Research Program and if he gets a Fulbright Scholarship, and Judie will be heading for Africa to study the Batéleur Eagle. Jeff tells us, “Life is good!”

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Douglas L. Bartow, Jr. ’63
East Syracuse, NY (summer: Newcomb, NY)
BS in Landscape Architecture, 1963
CCBI (Central City Business Institute, Syracuse, NY), 2 Year degree in Executive Business Management, 1976


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Jared Kennish ’67
New Bern, NC
BS in Forest Land Management, 1967
Air Force SOS, ASCS and Air War College

Family? Divorced with Son, Jared, 41 and Daughter, Jamie, 39. Career? Retired USAF Brig Gen. Favorite course? The whole curriculum which prepared me for my Air Force career. Favorite professor? Edwin Ketchledge Course(s) you wish you had taken? Public Speaking Who would you like to hear from? All of my classmates. Hobbies? Tennis, hunting, fishing, cycling, and just about any outdoor activity. Why did you attend ESF? Love of the outdoors and a science oriented course of study. What does ESF mean to you? First rate education from a first rate institution. Comments? Career notes: I would have been drafted immediately after graduation so I looked at various services and chose the USAF. I qualified for pilot training. After UPT, I was stationed at CCK Taiwan flying missions into and throughout Southeast Asia, mainly in Viet Nam. I continued my flying Air Force career in both the Active duty and Air National Guard rising in rank to Brig Gen. My last duty assignment was commanding a multinational force (8 different nations) at Ganci AB Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Retiring from the AF, I started my own business working mainly inside the Washington DC beltway. Since I served in Central Asia, the State Department got in touch and asked me if I would run their Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT’s) in Iraq which I did for a year out of Baghdad. Now I am enjoying retirement along the Crystal Coast here in North Carolina. Please feel free to “Google” Jared Kennish for additional background information.
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Russell Breiner (LA) writes, “Finally sold one of my two golf courses with the result being workout cut in half. My partner and I are now working 3 months on, and 3 months off. Plenty of time to spend with my 5-year-old granddaughter Mercedes and learn how to be a better golfer. Love playing the Millard Fillmore course at Dryden Golf.”

Earle Layser (EFB) recently published his third book. His titles include: I Always Did Like Horses and Women: Chestnut (Sept. 2011) in NYS High Tor Wildlife Management area, I’ve continued to search and found two or three dozen more including a 15-inch beauty.”

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Peter Breuer (FRM) writes, “I retired in February of 2010 and keep busy raising our 13-year old grandson and managing our property. Janet has her BSN and works at the local hospital.”

Albert Gomolka (FRM) writes, “I’m looking forward to our upcoming 40th class reunion. After having worked for 37 years with the NJ State Park Service, I am now retired and enjoying the easier pace of life. I keep active as a part time dealer in the collectibles field (sport cards, comics, work cards, etc.). Enjoyment of family and friends is the best. Thanks, Justin, for the great job that you do!”

Robert Smith (CHE) writes, “After 2½ years being retired on a disability, I returned to the real world late last year. I had enough of that retired crap. No one should retire! Also, moved back to the great RED state of Ohio!”

Craig Kominoski (FRM) writes, “My son Trent Kominoski graduated from Clinton Community College in the Wind Energy Program, and is working for a wind energy company.”

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

ESF QUIZ

Can you identify these faculty from 1972?

Answer key on bottom of page 23.
1975

Steven Asdian (LA) is Director of Business Development for Technology Inc. and has recently traveled to Afghanistan and Haiti on recovery missions.

John Ferrell (FOR) is the recipient of the 2012 Raphael Katzner Award. This Award recognizes organizations or individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward the advancement of cultural-based biofuels a sustainable business. After a number of other ESF grads who have been CLARB, I chose ESF because of its reputation as a first rate school, and as state college, the ESF placement office provided my contacts I made all played a direct role in the direction my life took. ESF is a great school and I hope it's pretty safe to say that I wouldn't be where I am today without it.

1976

Henry Binser (PSE) writes, “My wife Nancy and I moved from Oregon to Virginia 4 years ago to participate in a start-up biofuel company. After building one very robust facility, our million dollar investment firm decided there was insufficient support in the US to make agricultural-based biofuels a sustainable business. After an 6-month sabbatical, we are both back to working building ‘forestry based’ biofuel facilities.”

Douglas Gillard (CHE) passed away on February 7, 2012. He was 64. He was born in Batavia and graduated from Batavia High School and Utica College. After graduating from SUNY-ESF, he was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Mr. Gillard was most recently employed by the Research Foundation in the Toxicology Department at the University of Buffalo. He was married to Mary, his wife of 38 years, survivors include two sons, and a sister.

Robert Stoval (CR) writes, “Ed Frankowski, Don Baker and I are up to these days, and a shout out to Andrea Martin who planted the seed for the cross country bike trip. Hobbies? Why did you attend ESF? Growing up in rural OR. The high desert was a completely new and thoroughly enjoyable experience. That class made me determined to eventually move west, which led to my most notable accomplishment: After graduation Mike Kenny (79) and I rode our 8 speed bikes from Syracuse to the Oregon coast with the idea of looking for careers in the PNW. I’m glad we did it then, because it probably would not have happened at any other time. It was a once in a lifetime experience, and great way to lose weight. Favorite professor? I have to give that nod to Dr. Jim Griss. He was always good for a laugh and was one of the few professors who actually attended student events. Course(s) you wish you had taken? Based on my career, I wish I had taken more entomology and plant pathology. Who would you like to hear from? I still keep in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF. Recently Facebook has put me in touch with, and attend events with, alumni from the SU rugby club, many of whom are from ESF.

Mike Ministe '53, John Gibb '83, and Calvin Hutzinger '83 at John's wedding to Mary Kenney Binder '83 in August of 2012.
1980

Larry Hronowycz (FRM) writes, “Hello everyone from 1980. I have been with the fire department for the last 22 years, the last five as an Assistant Chief. Love my job.”

Doug began his 30-year career in arboriculture at Alpine Tree Service in Norwalk, CT. He then moved into a management position with ACRT, and for the last 14 years, he has been feral for half a century, she accepted his proposal. John had 30 years at Huntington Forest as a graduate student. After Mary’s husband passed away, John asked her and her two sons to go fishing on Lake Ontario. It was a rough, chummy trip. They started in August...fun was had by all!”

1981

Louis F主持 (LA) wrote, “I am still at Seven Island Land Company - 18 years now. Peter and I are ‘empty-nesters’ with both daughters away at college. This year our lives continue to be busy and interesting - I hope the same is true for our classmates.”

Class of 1982 Reunion at Doug Oakley’s home. From left: Gary Wilson, Gary Konoreau, Doug Oakley, Susan Cru, Jill Winter, Dave Mahoney, and Dan Lowenthal.

Class of 1981 Alumni at Steve’s ‘retreat’ in Warrensburg (FRM) writes, “Our oldest daughter, Jennifer, graduated in August...fun was had by all!”

Rich Weber (FRM), Anthony Esposito (FRM), and Chuck Cranston (EFB) all write, “Our oldest daughter, Jennifer, graduated in August...fun was had by all!”

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Mary (Kenney) Binder (FRM) and John Gibbs (FRM/FRM) are happy to say they got married on August 30, 2012. Mary and John got 31 years ago at Huntington Forest as work-study students. John took them to opposite corners of the country, but they kept in touch over the years through alumni functions. After Mary’s husband passed away, John asked her and her two sons to go fishing on Lake Ontario. It was a rough, chummy trip. They started a long distance romance after meeting at an alumni reunion/ SU basketball game. Even though Mary was warned by fellow alumna William Meehan that John had been feral for half a century, she accepted his proposal. They now reside in Prattsburgh NY and both work for NYSDEC. They extend greetings to fellow woodsmen and women friends.

1984

Daron Tracy (WPE) writes, “I recently received my professional engineering license. It only took me 28 years after graduation!”

John Haas (FRM) writes, “2012 was an eventful year for our family as we were blessed with the domestic adoption of our newborn baby girl in April. After several years of trying unsuccessfully to get pregnant, we realized that adoption was the route we were meant to follow. Our daughter, Kayla, is such a blessing and provides us with great happiness.”

Christine (Barnard) Neal (EFB) writes, “I’m enrolled in a certification program to become a secondary school science teacher, graduating in May of 2013. I hope to teach either middle school science or high school Biology/Chemistry/Environmental Science/Ecology & Wildlife Conservation. It’s exciting to be embarking on a new career path!”

Andrew Pittner (LA) writes, “Celebrated 25th wedding anniversary August 1. Daughter Kaila was married July 14. Celebrated 10 year anniversary at City of Roswell on September 9.”

Timothy Smides (FRM) writes, “I pray that the joy and peace of the Christmas season will last throughout the new year for my classmates and all the alumni and students.”

Gail (Quetschenbach) Thiel (EFB), “I am enjoying raising Alpine goats and making goat’s milk soap. My daughter is currently attending ESF as well!”

1985

Lance Johnson (FRM) writes, “I recently moved to the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration. It has been a busy year as we set up the new nationwide public safety Broadband wireless network called FirstNet.”

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1986

William Janowsky (ES) writes, “I recently returned from a successful Alaskan fishing trip with fellow 1989 alumnus Rob Wellner. Rob caught the big fish of the trip with a 150 lb. halibut!”

Steven Stein’s (ES) firm (Environmental Resources Planning, LLC) was recently awarded the contract to conduct a citywide litter audit for the City of Toronto. Steve has been project manager for many of the city and state-wide litter surveys conducted throughout North America since 2004. His firm has also been working with marine debris and stormwater management issues.
**1991**

Albert Pooth (EFB) writes, "With my wife, Donna Stevenson, I've written a book called Carr, Canoes and Hiking Boots. It's droll, airy, fun, and available at Amazon!"  

**1992**

In June of 2012, Scott Leroy (ES) attended the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He writes, "I recommend it to all! My wife, Susan, is working as an English teacher at Naugatuck Valley Community College and Adult Education, and my daughter, Payton, turned 2 in July!"

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**1999**

Zachary Felix (EFB) writes, "I am living in northern Georgia teaching at a small place called Reinhardt University. I married a wonderful Georgia native and we are expecting our second child in May. We would welcome any ESF visitor!"

Katherine (Haggrave) Perry (EFB/FRM) writes, "My husband, Justin, and I are enjoying parenthood. Our daughter, Veronica, was born in February and has been keeping us quite busy. I am back to work teaching K-8 science at the Robert C. Parker School, getting my students out and enjoying nature."

Matt Revenaugh (EFB/FRM) took over as head of the DEC's environmental conservation officers staff for Region 7. He works out of the DEC's Syracuse office and oversees five investigators, an estimator, and 23 environmental conservation officers. Matt initially worked as an environmental conservation officer in Rockland, Herkimer, and Jefferson counties. In 2005, he was promoted to lieutenant, and in 2008, he was assigned to St. Lawrence County. In addition to his supervisory responsibilities, Revenaugh is also a Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) firearms instructor and police instructor, teaching a variety of topics, often through the DEC's training center in Pulaski, NY.

**2000**

Matthew Lieber (FRM) and Hope Lieber welcomed Julie Sloan Lieber into the world on January 5, 2012. Gregory, age 3, is very happy to be a big brother.

Bruce, Dana (Barbaraossa) Maikels (CHE), and big sister Liliana welcomed Harrison Gregori Maikels into the world on August 9, 2012.

Jamie Smith (LA) writes, "On September 9, 2012, we welcomed a new addition to our family...a baby girl...Harper Leona Smith. Her big brother Lincoln is adjusting to her arrival!"

**2002**

Felipe Oltmannari (ENSC) was appointed Director of the Genesee County Department of Planning by the Genesee County Legislature, effective June 18, 2012. He oversees five lieutenants, an investigator, and 23 environmental conservation officers. Matt initially worked as an environmental conservation officer in Rockland, Herkimer, and Jefferson counties. In 2005, he was promoted to lieutenant, and in 2008, he was assigned to St. Lawrence County. In addition to his supervisory responsibilities, Revenaugh is also a Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) firearms instructor and police instructor, teaching a variety of topics, often through the DEC's training center in Pulaski, NY.

James Young (EFB) writes, "In July of 2012, I moved to Memphis, TN and started a job at the Memphis Zoo as a Zookeeper for the Teton Trek and Northwest Passage areas. I am working with grizzly, polar, and black bears, grey wolves, elk, sea lions, Bald Eagles, ravens, Trumpeter Swans, Snow Geese, Skil Cranes, Canvas Back Ducks and Blue Wing Teals."

Angela (Eddy) Hartofilis (ES) writes, "Jonathan, Strove, CW and I welcomed the newest member of our family in April of 2012: Michael Thornell!"

Michael Joy (EFB) has written a novel titled "Moon and self-published the novel online. It is now available Amazon.com and at www.create.com/187088."

**2005**

Chad Wade (LA) writes, "My wife and I welcomed our first child, Matt Revenaugh, into the world on August 28, 2012 at 9:23 a.m. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 20.5 inches in length."

**2006**

Erik Nordman (EFB) was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant to teach and conduct research at Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya for the 2012-2013 school year. His wife, Jennifer, and two children will accompany him on the trip.

**2007**

Steven Behrma (EFB) writes, "A year ago, I was a Naturalist at the 3rd most visited place in the world, Niagara Falls. That was cool, but it hardly compares to The Great Land, Alaska, especially the Alaska North America, and I was thrilled to seize an opportunity to work at the Mendenhall glacier. On any given day I might be interpreting the movements of mountain goats, spawning salmon and black bears, or moving crowds fresh off the cruise ships away from the latter. It's a privilege to work here in Tongass National Forest!"

Melissa Henneman (EFB) writes, "Living and working in sunny Southwest FL, permanently hired with Big Cypress National Preserve after working seasonally for the past 3 winters. Alumnos are invited too! I correspond to www.alchemi.com."

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Frank Cetera (FRM) is teaching Permaculture Education in Syracuse. In partnership with the Finger Lakes Permaculture Association and The Alchemic Nursery (which Cetera Co-Founded in 2008), "Community Training in Ecological Design" is offered the second year running in February with a full weekend on the 2nd/3rd, continuing Thursday evenings into April. www.alchemi-cal.org

Carol Thomas (Natural History/Interpretation) and Glenn Hasbrouck '07 have announced their engagement six years after they met as students at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station. Carol is an Environmental Scientist with the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council, managing and implementing projects that focus on the effects of climate change on the Yukon River. Glenn is an Environmental Consultant/Scientist with Environmental
largest big cat conservation firm. Currently, Panthera is working with ESF’s very own Dr. James Gibbs. David has now moved onto solar energy in New York City, supplying the Northeast with solar power.

2011

Linnea D’Amico (EFB) writes, “After a matter of months, I accepted an amazing job working as an Aquatic Nuisance Species Ranger for Eleven Mile State Park in Lake George, CO. I am currently a supervisor of ten park employees and the overseer of the ANS program at Eleven Mile. It just goes to show how far a BS degree from ESF can get you. Thanks to my degree, I now have my foot in the door of CO Parks and Wildlife, with a world of opportunities ahead.”

Mark Gestwicki (EFB) is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Africa. He is living in a small village in northern Malawi and likens it to a 2 1/2-year long camping trip. Management, Inc., remediating contaminated sites throughout the state. Both are enjoying their time in Alaska, hunting, fishing, and camping. They plan a September wedding in Buffalo, NY.

2009

Matthew Thornton (EFB) departed for Ethiopia October 1 to begin training as a Conservation and Resource Management Peace Corps volunteer. Matthew will live and work in a community to provide technical assistance and training in natural resource conservation. During the first three months of his service, Matthew will live with a host family in Ethiopia to become fully immersed in the country’s language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist his community, he will be sworn into service and be assigned to a community in Ethiopia, where he will live and work for two years with the local people. Prior to joining the Peace Corps, Matthew worked in Belize, managing a program that worked with villages to study and conserve wild cats. Before Belize, he worked in Arizona with the National Park Service and U.S. Air Force to conserve endangered species.

2010

David Katz (EFB) graduated from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs with a Master’s degree in Public Administration in Environmental Policy. Before this he was working with Panthera, the world’s

2012

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Alumni Judges Needed for Student Poster Session

On April 10th or 12th (exact date TBD), we are looking for six or more alumni volunteers to judge the quality of scientific research as depicted on student posters. The number of judges 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.–2 p.m. and will be treated to lunch and an ESF logo memento.

To volunteer, please contact: Dr. Tim Volk at tvolk@esf.edu or 315-470-6774

Central New York Alumni Dinner

April 25, 2013

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