Alumni & Family FALL BARBECUE

October 4 & 5 will coincide with SU once again!

F or almost a decade, ESF has offered students a special weekend in the fall to come to Syracuse and get a taste of campus life. Mixing Homecoming with the traditional Parents Weekend, the College will once again offer alumni, students and their families an opportunity to mix and meet this fall. Happily, this is also the weekend Syracuse University welcomes back alumni for “Orange Central.” Plans for October 4 and 5 will put the Fall Barbecue Weekend at a delightful time of year as early October usually boasts cooler days. The weekend will include the spectacular fall foliage season that attracts visitors from many parts of the country.

However, there is a lot more to do than just look at leaves as the Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of Student Affairs have planned activities to offer the respective guests much more than either could do alone. On the back page of this issue is a list of events scheduled for alumni and parents, and it is hoped that everyone can find something of interest. For example, there is a reception planned for Friday night where alumni can get together with classmates, meet some students and their parents, and enjoy a beverage or two and then start celebrating their graduation anniversary. Or, they might want to take in some local talent at the Coffee Haus in the Alumni Lounge which has proven to be highly entertaining. Saturday, the Syracuse University football team hosts Clemson in the Dome in SU’s inaugural game in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Orange are guided by a new coach and with a lot of talent on the SU team, expectations are high. But enough of football, if it is a walk in the woods that you like, we suggest taking the Lafayette Road Experiment station tour instead of the game and see some of the young American Chestnut trees being tested there and demonstrations by the Woodsmen’s Team. You can also visit the wonderful Syracuse zoo or pick apples in the orchards south of Syracuse.

This weekend is also designed for alumni who graduated in a “3” or “8” year to get together for a reunion. Beginning on Thursday, October 3rd, alumni from the senior classes of ‘61, ‘58, ‘53, ‘48, and ‘43 will celebrate their reunions.

Syracuse offers numerous attractions such as the mammoth Destiny USA Mall, a nearby casino, quaint villages, and closer to campus, there are visits to familiar buildings and Marshall Street to spark some memories. New buildings at ESF worthy of a visit are the residence hall (Centennial Hall) and the fabulous GateWay Center with an exceptional display of the Roosevelt Wildlife Collection and the brand new College Bookstore. Downtown, Armory Square, an area of renovated buildings offers clubs, restaurants, and music for all tastes. It is an area the students and alumni love to visit.

Hotel guests have a way of filling up fast during football weekends, so alumni are advised to look at the back page and make reservations soon. And speaking of reservations, you may use the back page to send in yours for the package price covering most events. You may also use this form for football tickets. See you in the fall and get ready for a fun-filled weekend that will create new memories.

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Many faculty at ESF have come to Syracuse from other parts of the country. That is not surprising, but for Dr. Donald Koten, born in Normal, Illinois, what is surprising is that academic path that eventually led to a position in Forestry. His father was head of the chemistry department at North Central College in Naperville, IL where Don would earn a BA in physics. However, he is quick to add that his interest in forestry was sparked in 1953 to serve at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland as a Summer Science Scholar. Don was so important for a 65 million board feet are harvested annually due to changes in USDA policies. Instead of forestry, the Forest is now staffed by a wide variety of specialists. Again, how times have changed. After gaining four years of very practical experience, Don thinks that to some degree, due to his father’s vacation, there was a ‘pull towards higher education.’ Therefore, following the advice that if you get a degree in forestry in the West, it would be smart to get the next degree in the East, he began to apply to eastern forestry colleges. Dr. Paul Graves from ESF made it a point to visit Don when he was in Oregon and even offered him a part-time job back in Syracuse where he could continue his education. The plan had Don teaching surveying, an area he was familiar with and at summer camp on Cranberry Lake while pursuing a Master’s degree. Therefore, in 1961, with his wife, Margo, and their daughter, they moved across country to Syracuse and began a long-term relationship with the College of Forestry at Syracuse University (SUNY-ESF). For the next five years, Don worked at Dr. Graves had arranged while taking a heavy course load. He says these were interesting years as he was both a gradu- ate student and teacher. Bypassing the Master degree, he would earn his PhD in 1966. “I have great respect for Professor Charles Lee who was my major professor. His guidance and encouragement were so important to the completion of my PhD.” As a teacher, Don taught an impressive list of courses: surveying, forest operations, management and policy, management models, management of the forest enterprise, various undergraduate courses in forest management and even portions of wildlife management. He added, “I particularly enjoyed teaching a course in advanced forest management to a small number of students in the Master of Forestry program.” He was advisor to graduate students focusing on forest operations, foot annual timber harvesting program. He laments that on a recent visit to this very same District, “Less than 3 million board feet are harvested annually due to changes in USDA policies.” Instead of forestry, the Forest is now staffed by a wide variety of specialists. Again, how times have changed. After gaining four years of very practical experience, Don thinks that to some degree, due to his father’s vacation, there was a ‘pull towards higher education.’ Therefore, following the advice that if you get a degree in forestry in the West, it would be smart to get the next degree in the East, he began to apply to eastern forestry colleges. Dr. Paul Graves from ESF made it a point to visit Don when he was in Oregon and even offered him a part-time job back in Syracuse where he could continue his education. The plan had Don teaching surveying, an area he was familiar with and at summer camp on Cranberry Lake while pursuing a Master’s degree. Therefore, in 1961, with his wife, Margo, and their daughter, they moved across country to Syracuse and began a long-term relationship with the College of Forestry at Syracuse University (SUNY-ESF).

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The Alumni Association is more than just a connection to the College, the Association, and fellow alumni. The Association is a vehicle to connect us all as we do our important work. The world, the nation and the College have undergone immense change in the last 40 years; yet despite all the world upheaval there remains one constant: the leadership of ESF graduates in shaping the natural and built environment.

The College was created at the birth of the Conservation movement in the early part of the 20th Century when our soils and forests were at risk. Now we face complex issues of clean air, global warming, sprawl, urban and rural development, species decimation, resource depletion, habitat destruction by natural and man-made disasters, and a spate of other complex environmental issues. Yet despite the change in the issues and the change in technology and politics, ESF graduates and the College continue to provide strategic leadership.

So as a lifelong member of the “ESF Generation” classes of the late ’40s and ’50s move into the revered oldest alumni status, the classes of the late ’60s, ’70s and early ’80s are moving into the role of Senior Alumni. We call upon all of you in these classes to follow the leadership path that was set in motion by our revered “Greatest Generation” alumni peers.

We congratulate Dr. Frechet for his outstanding research and commitment to improving our world. In addition to all this good news, our graduates are finding admission to top graduate programs and employment in areas related to their course of study. Our recently published 2012 Graduating Student Survey showed 87% of our 2012 graduates had a full-time or part-time position related to their degree.

We have a very special guest to close our column this month: our 2012 College President, ex-officio, Dr. Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr.

How can you support ESF beyond giving money? Here are a few ways...

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Changes to the Construction Management curriculum were approved by the ESF faculty. The curriculum will add four business courses and make other course adjustments to align with the accreditation standards of the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE). The newly revised program met with SCME faculty in September and December, 2012 to discuss curriculum and accreditation details.

In November 2012 a team of construction management students, Cosmo Almeida, Erica Chapman, Danielle Liddle, Kevin Minderlein, Jessica Nicholas, and Shane Velle competed in the Associated Schools of Construction Regional Construction Management Competition in Morningside, New Jersey. They were accompanied by their advisor, Instructor William B. Smith.

The SCME Department hosted Dr. Stephen L. Tekpetey, Research Scientist, Forest and Natural Resources Management to speak on electron microscopy, fundamentals of electron microscopy Fiber Analysis Course (NIOSH 8816) and asbestos occupational testing. Dr. Tekpetey completed his term of service to the College as Chair of the College-wide Professional Development Office or electronically at this link: https://wwwinfo.esf.edu/scripts/giving/givingDonation.asp.

Dr. Robert Meyer, has served as Executive Secretary for the department Planning Committee of the Syracuse National Center for Occupational Safety and Health as an official testing lab for asbestos using the Fiber Counting method (NIOSH 7004), and is designated as NYS Lab ID No. 12002.

Dr. Donald J. Leopold has completed his term of service to the Center for the Northeastern US.

Dr. Mark Lomolino has served on a variety of stakeholders; she is continuing his research, Jim plans to spend more time fly-fishing. Jim Naughton will retire at the end of the spring semester after a combined 60 years of service.

Dr. Karin McCafferty, Professor received the 2013 Long Beach, CA, Frank Cean Researcher Building (student, faculty evaluation purposes. After many years of service, Dr. Robert Meyer has started work with a former graduate student.

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Dr. John Owens has written eight chapters (out of 12) for his new book, Renovation of the boathouse (including an advanced fish culture and building capabilities and a laboratory) and is presently involved in new roof on all buildings; a well and updated septic system are being installed this summer.

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BLACKMORE FOREST PROPERTY

➤ See page 27, Blackmore Forest Property Strengthens Investment, Education and Research to learn about the most recent addition to the Foundation’s holdings of nearly 1,000 acres, courtesy of a donation by Ron Blackmore ’79.
Environmental Science

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This marks my fourth year as Director of the Division of Environmental Science. It also marks the completion of one year for our new Professor and Chair, Cariann Linehan. Cariann has been a wonderful asset to the Division, managing the office, overseeing classes, and making sure that as instructors we like the forms and deal with logistical questions about the Division. As a team, we have been working diligently to make improvements and make appropriate adjustments to strengthen our program. The big news for 2013 is that SUNY and the State Education Department have approved our proposed B.S. program in Environmental Health, which integrates human health with Environmental Science. This program in Environmental Science, coupled with our proximity and faculty ties to SUNY Upstate and Syracuse University, position us well in exploring the new program. Dr. Sadie Ryan, cooperating faculty member in Environmental and Occupational Health, is currently navigating the approval process and continues to provide effective leadership for the Environmental Health program. We expect the final approval for Tim to be home and expect that he will be able to return to campus in the fall 2014 semester. We are excited to prepare to begin search for a new faculty member to teach foundational courses.

Three new areas of study have been added to the Graduate Program in Environmental Science. Biophysical Economics, Ecological Restoration, and Environmental Modeling and Monitoring. The new program in Ecological Restoration is led by Dr. Karin Limburg, who is taking the reins from Dr. Charlie Hall, who recently retired. Students obtain an understanding of environmental problems and solutions through analyses of the relations between the human economy of goods and services and the biophysical economy of networks of energy and material resource flows. Ecological Restoration, led by Dr. Stewart Dickerson, focuses on the technical, biogeochemical, and ecological aspects of rehabilitating and restoring degraded ecosystems, habitats, and landscapes. Environmental Modeling and Monitoring, led by Dr. Chuck Kroll, focuses on multi-disciplinary approaches to measuring and modeling environmental systems and processes.

One of the current issues for Environmental Science is the current state of the Division at ESF. As an interim Chair, I want to make sure that my assessment is correct in understanding the current state of the Division at ESF. The Division of Environmental Science has had the good fortune to utilize the talents of GES students enrolled in Dr. Andrea Parker’s graduate course in assessment of energy and material resource flows. The Division of Environmental Science is that the fields of communication and environmental studies—is highly interdisciplinary. Dr. Laura Rickard’s work has focused on development of the Environment and the Economy of Networks. Her current research focuses on attribution of responsibility for public safety in natural areas, and strategic communication about global climate change. We said good-bye to Professor Myrna Hall, who retired in May after 20 years at ESF. She started at ESF in 1991 and for 9 years was an instructor in the Division of Continuing Education and EBF. In 2001 she came to the Environmental Studies Department, first as a half-time Assistant Professor and then moved into a full time Research Associate position in 2007. In that time Myrna led the Urban Environment Center, and worked with faculty to develop and manage the minor. Her specialties in spatial modeling, data systems and natural resources were brought together in many scholarly activities and efforts for conservation in practice domestically here in Syracuse, the Catskills, Montana, Florida, Puerto Rico, and in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, and Bolivia. She has worked with numerous students and taught several courses over the years including Introduction to Geographic Information Techniques, Urban Environmental Communication, and Introduction to Geographic Modeling. This is just a bit of her work while here at ESF. Myrna has moved to Montana and expects to pursue adventures in Hawaii, Argentina and other global destinations. This year also brought many faculty accolades, including the granting of new publications as well as recognition of professional contributions in many forms. Dr. Richard Smart received the highest professorial rank in SUNY, Distin- guished Service Professor. He was also appointed as a member and Chair of the Prestigious Basin Boundary Commission the third time. This organization advises the Governor and NYS legislature on Great Lakes policy and issues and is a top priority for producing leafy greens, fish and mushrooms. We love to hear from alumni, so drop a note to envsty@esf.edu and let us know the latest about how you are putting your Environmental Studies degree to work to improve our world. 

Environmental Resources Engineering

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

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

ESF Alumni on SOCIAL MEDIA

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

On the business and networking side, join our LinkedIn group “ESF World,” which not only includes alumni, students and faculty of the College, but also academic and professional colleagues, leaders in business, government, hiring professionals, and others around the world. If you are looking to network, this is the place to be!
Since we have moved to our new location in the Gateway Center, the Bookstore has expanded its inventory, so be sure to check out all that we have to offer at www.esf.edu/bookstore.
Greetings to the alumni of Professor and Chair. This has been another outstanding year for the Department. This past year, we had the largest enrollment in recent memory with over 175 students. This was accomplished, in part, by the development of a new major in Sustainable Energy Management. The program was only approved by SUNY last August, and we already have 21 students enrolled in its first year. This month, Dr. Tim Volk and Mr. Mike Kelleher, has helped to broaden the management areas covered by the department. This past year, we graduated 36 undergraduate students and 15 Master’s and Ph.D. students. Our entering classes this coming fall continues our strong growth in the program with 71 students expected to enroll this on the main campus, and about 30 at the Ranger School. Once again, about 4% of the transfers students coming to the Syracuse campus are from the Ranger School. This highlights the effectiveness of our expanded 4-1-4 degree program, whereby students are able to obtain both the AAS and BS in 4 years. In addition, we had the largest number of students in years at our summer program at Wanakena for our undergraduates. As he has for the past 5 years, Dr. Chris Nowak was the director of the program.

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Forest and Natural Resources Management

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Landscape Architecture

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Professor and Chair

I am happy to announce that Dr. Douglas M. Johnston ’80 became the new Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture on July 1. I want to take this opportunity to introduce Doug to you. Doug received his BLA from ESF in 1980 and we enveloped during my first year of teaching. He went directly to Harvard Graduate School of Design where he earned a MLA in 1982 and then a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Washington in 1986. Doug then joined the LA faculty at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana rising through the ranks to full professor. While at the University of Illinois he held additional positions including Director of the Geospatial Modeling Systems Lab and Senior Research Scientist at the National Center for Super Computing Applications. In 2007, Doug was appointed Chair of the Department of Community and Regional Planning, Department of Landscape Architecture, College of Design, Iowa State University.

Doug has received numerous honors and awards from CELA, ASLA, and the U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Lab for his research, teaching and administration. He has been responsible for over 75 professional presentations, articles, book chapters and editorships. Doug has conducted millions of dollars of externally funded research in the areas of Landscape Modeling and Visualization, Geographic Information Systems and Development, and Ecological Design. I believe Doug is a fine choice for the Department. He has the administrative skills, leadership experience and management temperament to be an outstanding Chair. For those alumni attending the ASLA conference in Boston, you will have an opportunity to meet Doug at the alumni reunion on Friday, November 15th.

Finally, Doug’s doctoral thesis title “Multidisciplinary Decision Making Under Uncertainty: An Application of Fuzzy Set Theory” is wonderful preparation for the challenging times ahead. Please join me and the DLA faculty in welcoming Doug Johnston to the ESF community.

Dr. Douglas M. Johnston ’80 is the new Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture.

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The available volumes are listed below. We respectfully request $10.00 per book to cover the cost of shipping.

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Meet the Alumni Board

Members of the ESF Alumni Association Board of Directors

Sandy Bonanno BS ’89, MS ’92
Environmental Studies/Environmental and Forest Biology

Biography: I live near Fulton, NY on 13 acres of forest, a pond, and property, which I hike with my dog every day. I am a self-employed conservation ecologist. I work with the Finger Lakes Land Trust, documenting baseline conditions for properties on which conservation easements are being established. I am also happy to take contracts for invasive species management, habitat management, monitoring, and environmental education. And I still drive a school bus for the Phoenix School District! I also hike and canoe wherever and whenever I can and enjoy RVing with my husband Dick and visiting our four children and six grandchildren.

Personal goals on the Board: I would like to continue serving on the Memorial Scholarship Committee, as well as participating in the May and December tastings for graduates. I would also like to get involved in helping with the annual Golf Tournament.

Why should alumni support the Association/College: Alumni can support existing students by giving to Academic Scholarships, contacts in the professional world, and by sharing their experience. Alumni are also a source of political support for public funding of college priorities and for private funding.

Thomas J. Powers ’82
Environmental Studies

Biography: I’ve been a recycling professional for the last 30 years; currently Director of Recycling Operations Improvement for Waste Management. I returned to CNY in 2013 after 45 years in Houston as Director of Safety & Environmental Compliance for Waste Management. I am single and have 5 grandchildren. I enjoy the four seasons, SU basketball, spending time with my huge family/friends and much more. My daughter, Olivia, just completed her freshman year at ESF—in the Environmental Studies program.

Arnold Lancton ’61
Forestry Management

Biography: Arnold (Arnie) Lancton graduated from the Ranger School in 1957 and joined the United States Air Force as a Drill Instructor from Parris Island in 1958, he matriculated in forest management at the College of Forestry and received a Master of Science in 1962. Arnie was employed by the Air Force as a research engineer in Rome, NY for 40 years. During this time he was a lecturer at Syracuse University in geodetic surveying for 2 years and while on a sabatical from 1967 to 1968 he taught surveying and remote sensing as an Assistant Professor at the College of Environmental Science and Forest Science. After retirement from the Air Force he was employed as Vice President for Syndetics Corporation until his retirement in 1999. Arnie is active in Boy Scouts helping mentor leadership positions including council commissioner and is currently Vice President for administration. As a member of the Armed Service Communications and Electronics Association, Arnie coordinates an annual Air Force conference. He is also on the ESF Alumni Association’s Board of Trustees and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and Mayflower Society, and the American Society for Cybermetric Remote Sensing. During his professional career he published 11 technical papers and received two patents. Arnie is married to the former Linda Worden and they have three sons and three grandchildren.

Personal goals on the Board: My personal goal is to properly represent the classes that have been assigned to me. Second is to improve the Alumni Association so that the College of Environmental Science and Forestry and its off-campus Ranger School meet the educational needs of our youth. A third goal is to support the Association/College: It is the responsibility of everyone, and especially the alumni, of an educational institution to make sure that we have an educational system for our youth to improve the way we live. The College of Environmental Science and Forestry has probably the most important educational area: managing our environment for the benefit of mankind.

Gary A. Lipp ’86
Environmental and Forest Biology

Biography: I live and work in the northeast suburbs of Chicago (Lisle Village, North Syraucue) and teach biology to 7th graders in Niles District #112 public schools. I love golf, keeping active, and family.

Personal goals on the Board: Trying to help out as much as is possible to fulfill the President’s and Board’s agenda and goals. When I retire in a few years, I would like to be more involved.

Why should alumni support the Association/College: It is the ethical thing to do. We have grown so much and have given to so many people. The least we (alumni) can do is support the College, especially in this day of non-university/university, or non-public/private.

Gail Romano ’80
Environmental and Forest Biology

Biography: I am a stay at home mom living in Liverpool, NY with my husband and 2 of our 4 children. I was originally employed in Programs in the Arts for Children, HOPE Network (a support/network group for families of children with special needs), various church activities, caring for my elderly parents and my own family, and running a very busy household. I am continuing to grow and learn about the natural world, and time spent in parks and gardens is treasured. My personal goals on the Board include: to serve on the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Committee and helping with as many activities of the Association as possible would be my main goals. I would also like to work on encouraging involvement from alumni whose paths have taken them into areas other than environmental science.

Why should alumni support the Association/College: The College is broad both geographically and in the ways we look at the world and knowledge. I hope that alumni support the Association and help us. The College’s goal is to support each other and the mission of our college.

Erna Hamel Baumann ’68
Environmental and Forest Biology

Biography: I live half the year, each, in Central New York, and Beals, Maine. I am imperative that the college continues to support and promote the work that we do, and is still active in environmental activities, in the Town of Lee in NY, and in eastern Maine. I may become the site of floating wind turbines, and I am interested in the impact on the College as a whole. It is the source for nearly everyone’s livelihood. I am happily educating myself about wild things to eat, both from the sea, and the shore, and if it’s raining. I am cooking or reading!

Personal goals on the Board: I hope to continue the efforts of the alumni, as a body, to support the growth and evolution of the Alumni’s mission. The Alumni Association, through the efforts of its Board, plays the leadership role in continuing this effort. Keeping Alumni informed and engaged, and working towards the next two years of our college, is important. I think it would be most determined if we truly value our time and experiences, and in whatever way that presents itself, I hope to serve the Alumni Association, and help to keep Alumni informed and engaged. Through the Alumni Association I hope to keep Alumni informed and engaged. Through the Alumni Association.

Laura DeJongh McArthur
SUNY ESF Internship Coordinator

The IDEA of starting a career can be quite intimidating. Remember that it is okay to be inexperienced and eager to embark on your new path!

Imagine what it would have been like to have a professional to engage you as you entered the professional world. Or perhaps you were lucky enough to have such a supporter. Now imagine providing that kind of support to others.

According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, 83% of students are completing undergraduate internships: experiential learning opportunities that allow students to demonstrate their classroom knowledge through practical experiences. Internships have become increasingly important for ESF students in their specialized fields. While many ESF students find life-long opportunities, many are interested in applying their classroom knowledge to real-world experiences. Our partnerships with organizations and alumni are very important in providing these opportunities. When hosting a SUNY-ESF intern, you will expose students to projects in the field, and advise them on how to be a professional.

Internships typically take place over the summer months, although some students complete internships during the fall or spring semesters as well. A typical summer internship is around 150 hours spread over the summer semester. Students must work 40 hours per week (or less) to fulfill these hours. Other opportunities are simply for part-time work.

Supervisors of interns will typically identify projects for the student, have ongoing educational discussions, as well as complete evaluations sent by the student’s academic department to assess their success and progress. Internships can be paid or unpaid, and can be completed for credit toward the student’s ESF degree.

Job Shadow & Mentorship

If developing an internship at your company is too challenging, you may like to consider hosting a job shadowing opportunity for a student. Instead of providing paid work opportunities, students will visit you for a few hours or a few days during their summer, winter or spring breaks. During this time, students would conduct an informational interview with you, asking questions about your career path, current position, and professional advice. The rest of the time, students would involve the student observing and engaging with you in your day-to-day setting. Your opportunity will be beneficial for students as an option. If a student is placed with you, you will be notified by the Career Services Office, or the student will introduce themselves to you. Additional details for shadowing opportunities are available on our website. It is essential that you ensure that students have the necessary details for their shadow experience (times, locations, directions, etc.).

Are you interested?

If you would like to do a job shadowing experience or host an ESF intern, please contact Laura DeJongh McArthur, Internship Coordinator at laura.mcarthur@esf.edu or phone at 315-470-4903. We look forward to working with you!
The Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered in Moon Library for their spring meeting in June. This dedicated group of alumni volunteers meets twice a year, and generously gives their time to alumni events and committees. Front Row (left to right): Arnie Lanckton ‘61, Gary Lipp ‘86, Ken Hart ‘82, David Tessier ‘68, Thayer Miller ‘71, Sandy Bonanno ‘92, Kelly Reinhardt ‘95, Tom Powers ‘82, Mary Clements ‘82, Mike Dugan ‘00. Back Row (left to right): Ed Neuhauser ‘73 (guest of the Board), Bob Schug ‘85, Norman Roth ‘74, Gail Romano ‘80, Peg Coleman ‘79, Walt Neuhauser ‘71, Arthur Eschner ‘50, Stu Hosler ‘52, George Treier ‘58, Preston Gilbert ‘73, Terry Bluhm ‘70, Frank Moses ‘01.

At the June meeting of the Alumni Association Board, Past-President David Tessier ‘68 challenged the group to identify the plant seen here. The winner was Laura Eiselen Nelson ‘96, who correctly identified the plant and took it home with her as a prize! Can you identify it?

Alumni Director Justin Culkowski ‘73 is honored at the June meeting of the Alumni Association Board. Justin retired on June 30th after more than 30 years as Director of Alumni Relations at SUNY-ESF.

Get your 2013 Alumni & Family Fall BBQ T-Shirts Now and Tie-Dye Them on Saturday of Fall BBQ Weekend!

Shirts are available through pre-order only!

White shirt with Forest Green silk-screening.
Available in sizes S-XXL. See back page to order your shirts and for a complete registration form for the Alumni & Family Fall BBQ weekend.
The following short descriptions of the work of College graduate students is being shared with alumni and other readers to provide some insight into the diverse research conducted at ESF. There are approximately 600 graduate students at the College, and the following is just a small sample. These particular profiles are the result of an invitation sent to graduate students requesting highlights of their work. More will be shared in future issues of the Alumni News.

**Fred Owusu Agyeman**

**Degree Sought:** Master of Professional Studies in Environmental Management

**Degrees Earned:** University for Development Studies, Tamale (Ghana)

**Major Professor:** Charles N. Kroll and Wendong Tao

**Research:** Effects of Particle Size of Food Waste on Methane Gas Production and Dewaterability of Digestate in Co-Digestion with Dairy Manure

**BIOGAS TECHNOLOGY could potentially transform vast amounts of bio-waste into renewable energy and replace unsustainable fossil energy sources. Co-digestion of food waste and dairy manure has been predicted as the most efficient approach to making economic use of cattle slurry. Higher organic loading and process stability was achieved through co-digestion. Three 2-L, complete-mix anaerobic digesters were operated for co-digestion of domestic food waste and dairy manure (50%: 50% by VS) at mesophilic temperature range (36 ± 1°C). The food waste was shredded through cutting plates with different diameters (2.5, 4 and 8 mm) for the three digesters respectively. The digesters were seeded with municipal anaerobic digestor sludge and anaerobically digested dairy manure. Total solids in the substrates were 11.3% in the dairy manure and, 30.4–32.1% in the food waste. Reduced particle size of food waste caused a corresponding increase in biogas production and biogas yield. The average biogas production rate was 1.85, 1.82 and 1.78 L/1/d in the digesters with fine, medium and coarse particle size of food waste, respectively. The biogas was composed of 72, 68 to 67% of methane in the three digesters, respectively. Time-to-filter of the digestate decreased gradually, indicating improved dewaterability with time. Time-to-filter was longer and ammonium concentration was higher in the digestate with coarse food waste. The study is intended to advance feasibility of co-digesting food waste and dairy manure as a sustainable waste management strategy.**

**Amanda Sopchak**

**Degree Recently Completed:** Master of Science in Environmental Studies

**Degrees Earned:** Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, SUNY Geneseo

**Major Professor:** Theresa Sella

**Research:** Participating in Agricultural Environmental Management Practices: A Study of Central New York Farmers

**ECOSYSTEM WATER QUALITY is a public good, it is important for farmers to participate in various environmental management practices and comply with regulations to decrease the amount of pollutants caused by agricultural activities. However, this is not always the case and this study seeks to understand why compliance varies and why some farmers are more willing than others to participate in certain environmental management practices. The first paper in this thesis addresses the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations regulations in the context of New York State. This paper examines whether or not CAFO farmers’ perceptions of the regulations affect compliance. The second paper in this thesis examines how farmers’ attitudes relate to their decision to/not to participate in environmental management practices in Central New York. It compares voluntary and involuntary environmental management and discuses barriers to implementing more agricultural environmental management practices. This project has recently been finished, approved, and uploaded to ProQuest in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Science degree.**

**ESF Graduate Student Research**

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**Alumni & Family Fall BBQ Weekend**

**Tentative Schedule of Events**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

- **9:00 am to 10:00 am**
  - ESF College Bookstore | Main Floor, Gateway Center
  - College sweatshirts, T-shirts, and mugs will be available for sale at the bookstore.
- **12:00 pm to 6:00 pm**
  - ESF Alumni Association Annual Meeting | 315 Bray Hall
  - Join the Alumni Association Board and other alumni. We will review the past year and see what’s next for the Association. All are welcome to attend.
- **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
  - Alumni and Family Reception & Class Reunions | Gateway Center
  - Mix and mingle with alumni, faculty, students and parents during our reception in the new Gateway Center. Heavy hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine, assorted juices and soda will be served. There will also be a presentation of the Class of 1958 gift to the College.
  - **ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED**
  - **Coffee Haus and Campus Talent Show | Alumni Lounge**
  - Great fun to attend the “Facebook House” in the Alumni Lounge. Be entertained by the many talents of ESF students, faculty and staff. Coffee and munchies will be served. Families and alumni are encouraged to participate.
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**
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- **10:00 am**
  - 1st Barbecue Session | Gateway Center
  - Lunch will be served in two seatings and will feature barbecue chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salt potatoes, salads and dessert. **ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED**
- **11:00 am**
  - **Guided Tours** | Front steps of Bray Hall
  - Join our student tour guides for a tour of our campus buildings and facilities.
- **12:00 pm**
  - Student Affairs Meet and Greet | Marshall Auditorium
  - Join the Student Affairs staff and the Dean of Students for a discussion of the resources and services available to assist students. Q&A session will follow.

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- **12:00 pm**
  - **Football Game** | Tentatively Scheduled for noon
  - See SU take on the Clemson Tigers in the Carrier Dome. **ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED**
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- **13:00 pm**
  - Composting 101 Tour | College Centers Room
  - Hear about ESF’s aerated composting system. Short informational session followed by a tour of the system.
- **13:00 pm**
  - Lafayette Road Experiment Station Tour and Woodsmen Team Demonstration
  - Drive yourself, maps provided—located approximately 10 minutes from campus. Take a tour of the Lafayette Road Experiment Station. It’s a beautiful time of year to take a walk in the woods!
  - **ADVANCED TICKETS REQUIRED**
- **2:00 pm**
  - Soccer Game | ESF Quad
  - A Taste of Central New York | Gateway Center Concourse
  - Wind down the weekend with us as we sample the many varieties of wine that are locally grown and produced. While enjoying the panoramic view from the Gateway Center, you can savor the flavor of great wines and cheeses from the Central New York region. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be served.
1. Seniors Drew Gamills and Frannie Monasterio present their “Bike Library Program” at the Spotlight on Research Poster Session in April. Their project was awarded 2nd Place. Awards for the Poster Session are funded by the Alumni Association.

2. These alumni generously volunteered their time to judge student posters at the 2013 Spotlight on Research Poster Session. (Left to right): Karl Strause ’89, Gian Dodici ’93, Ed Henry ’94, Peg Coleman ’79, David Tessier ’68, and Matt Smith ’09.

3. ESF student Dara Salley studied the presence of atrazine in the drinking water at the College using equipment in Jahn Laboratory. Her research and results (prints are very tiny) were presented at the Spotlight on Research Poster Session.

4. Mary Blumber ’83 (left) chats with Stacy McNulty ’97 at the NYSAF alumna reception in Saratoga Springs. Stacy is a Research Associate at ESF’s Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb.

5. At the NYSAF/ESF alumna reception in January, these classmates from ’73 made plans for a reunion in the fall. Standing (L to R): Justin Culkowski, Tom Lynch, Tony Harvish; Seated (L to R): Ron Johnson, Robert Noble, John Kohn.


8. Karen and Don Schaufler ’74 had a good time with fellow alum Art Brooks ’82 at the NYSAF/ESF Saratoga Reception in January at “The Parting Glass.”

9. In March, a group of alumni and guests were treated to a private tour of the Syracuse War Memorial where they saw the many new ‘green’ initiatives being instituted there. Afterwards, they stayed for a Syracuse Crunch hockey game!

10. Alumni Office staff members Debbie Caviness (left) and Jennifer Palladino work at the Alumni Association’s table at the ESF Career Fair. Debbie took the reins from Justin Culkowski ’73 as Director of Alumni Relations in July.

11. Representing Bernier, Carr & Associates at the ESF Career Fair are alumni Michael Altieri ’09 and Alumni Association Board Member Kelly Reinhardt ’91.

12. At the Career Fair, Don Miller (l) and Bob Sabatini ’79, both of SUNY-ESF’s Adirondack Forest Properties.

13. Dave Ennis ’98 and Corey Brant ’91 represented O’Connell Electric Co. at the ESF Career Fair in February.

14. The Audubon Center, represented here by Frank Merzheiser ’61, was one of the many organizations that participated in the ESF Career Fair.
Record Crowd Attends 2013 Central NY Alumni Dinner

On April 25, 2013, a record number of alumni and their guests came to campus for the annual Central New York Alumni Dinner. The event was held in the beautiful new Gateway Center, offering most of the attendees their first glimpse of this innovative addition to the ESF landscape. The 220 alumni and guests had the opportunity to go on tours of the Gateway Center led by Michael Kelleher, ESF’s Director of Energy & Sustainability, and Andrea Webster, an ESF graduate student.

The Gateway Center serves as the “entrance” to campus, and houses the Admissions Office, the Outreach Office, the ESF College Bookstore, exhibition space for the Roosevelt Wildlife Collection, conference rooms, and the Trailhead Café. The combined heat & power system with electricity and heat to itself plus four combined heat & power systems included with Alumni Association President Preston Gilbert ’73.

The evening was filled with “little touches” honoring Justin. During dinner, a slideshow was played highlighting photos spanning from when Justin arrived at ESF as a freshman, to the present. The centerpieces at each table marked one of the many milestones throughout Justin’s career, and for several months prior to the CNY Dinner celebration, notes of remembrance and good wishes were collected by the Alumni Office and compiled into a “Memory Book” for Justin. He was clearly touched by the words that were spoken about him, and by all of the efforts that were made to pay tribute to his many years of service. In his address to the crowd, Justin specifically thanked his office staff, College President Dr. Neil Murphy, and his wife, Margie (Gaylord) ’74, whom he met while a student leader at ESF.

Thank you, Justin, and happy retirement!

Alumni Association President Preston Gilbert ’73 congratulates his dear friend Justin Culkowski ’73 on his retirement after over 30 years as Director of Alumni Relations at ESF.
Hello, Hope’s Energy & Sustainability, leads a tour of alumni through the Gateway Center at the Central New York Alumni Dinner in April.

2. The 2013 Central New York Alumni Dinner was held in the brand new Gateway Center on the ESF campus. The main floor of the Gateway Center is home to the Trailhead Café, the ESF College Bookstore, conference rooms, and exhibition space for the Roosevelt Wildlife Collection.

3. Alumni Association Secretary-Treasurer Norman Roth ’74 visits the pasta station at the Central New York Alumni Dinner. The dinner, which featured a variety of food “stations,” was held in the conference room space in the new Gateway Center.

4. The Class of 2013 gathers for a group photo at the Champagne Toast. Welcome to our newest group of alumni!

5. These Class of ’13 graduates celebrated at the Champagne Toast with ESF Admissions Advisor Rocky Feola. From left, Hillary Streit, Tiffany DellaVentura, Mary Donnelly, and Kaley Day.

6. ESF Senior and Undergraduate Student Association President Aislinn Brackman (right) won this beautiful frame for her diploma, courtesy of the Alumni Association. Here, she celebrates her graduation at the Champagne Toast with Director of Student Activities, Laura Crandall ’05.

7. College President Neil Murphy, Alumni Board Members, and ESF faculty raise their glasses as they toast the Class of 2013!

8. Seniors Dani Chen and Camille T. Marrete pose in their caps and gowns prior to the 2013 ESF Commencement in May.

9. These undergrads from the Forest & Natural Resources Management curriculum received their degrees at the 2013 ESF Commencement exercises in May.

10. Graduate students from the Forest & Natural Resources Management department prepare to receive their degrees at the 2013 ESF Commencement, which was held at the OnCenter in downtown Syracuse.


12. At the January NYSAPLS reception: George Butts ’51 (right) greets the current student recipient of the Butts Scholarship, Gary Jessmer ’13.

13. Representing two generations of ESF alumni, from left: Larry Russo ’74, Adam Storino ’03, Sue Storino, and Tom Storino ’71 visit at the NYSAPLS reception in January.
Shop the SUNY-ESF College Bookstore

1. Germ T-Shirt
   This unique heavyweight, 100% cotton JanSport t-shirt will be a conversation piece! Incorporating a “germ” pattern within the SUNY-ESF letters, this t-shirt is available in XS through 3XL.
   Pink: S–XXL
   Green: S–XXL
   Black: S–3XL
   $16.00

2. Windfall 1/4 Zip Sweatshirt
   The women’s Windfall 1/4 Zip Sweater, made of 55% cotton/45% polyester, has a stand up collar, straight bottom and a two location print: a subtle shadow design on the front and the letters “ESF” on the left sleeve. Available in gray and dark green. Sizes S–XL
   $42.00

3. Mighty Oaks Decal
   Our athletic team logo comes in a vibrant 4-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. Let everyone know that ESF athletics are as strong as the mighty oak! Measures 3.5 x 4.25 in.
   $4.50

4. Stainless Bottle
   Take our stainless steel bottle anywhere you go. This 24 oz. bottle includes a loop-cap that will attach to any backpack. Each bottle comes individually boxed for a great gift.
   $13.50

5. Reusable Grocery Tote
   Our reusable grocery bag tote is made of heavy, non-woven polypropylene and has a removable plastic base for additional support. Measures 12 in. wide, 13 in. high, and 8 in. deep.
   $3.00

6. Water Bottle Pen
   This unique pen is made from 100% recycled water bottles. Pen writes with black ink.
   $2.00/pen

7. Student Made Paper
   Produced by the Paper Engineering students on campus, our ESF logo watermarked paper is made with 20% cotton fiber. Approximately 30 sheets. Laser and inkjet compatible. Please specify size.
   Small pad (5 ½ x 8 ½ in.): $2.50
   Large pad (8 ½ x 11 in.): $4.50

8. Rival 1/4 Zip Sweatshirt
   Our best-selling sweatshirt is finally back! A 55% cotton/45% polyester pullover hooded sweatshirt with a 1/4 zip and front pocket. Available in gray and navy with a screen printed oak tree logo over the left chest. Sizes: S–XXL
   $40.00

9. Kids “Go Nuts” T-Shirt
   “Go Nuts!” show your love for everything ESF! Available in 100% polyester—light blue, red and dark green. Children’s sizes: S (6/8), M (10/12), L (14/16) and XL (18/20)
   $14.00

10. Boreas T-Shirt
   This has the most amazing feel! Made of 100% polyester, the Boreas moisture-wick performance t-shirt has a slight stretch and is super lightweight! Perfect for any workout. Available in navy blue, dark green and oxford gray. Sizes: S–XXL
   $24.00

11. ESF Logo Hat
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1937

W. Leslie Robinette (FORZOO) writes, “I'm now 98 years old and still married. I don't see much wrong with being 98 years old; while I live alone and can still drive, my son looks after me. I had a career in wildlife research and management with the U.S. Forest Service (7 years in Utah) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (11 years on a mule deer research project in Utah; 5 years as a supervisor of a dozen biologists working on wildlife projects throughout the U.S. and Canada). I worked at Harvard as an instructor at a wildlife college in Africa with wildlife details in Mexico, Alaska and Nigeria.”

1940

Maurice Alexander (FORO) passed away March 25, 2013. He served in the European theatre of World War II, receiving the Bronze Medal. He served as a local scout leader and a member and a lay leader of the South Ondonga Methodist Church in Namibia. Maurice's career joined the SUNY-ESF as a wildlife biologist in 1974, becoming the Chairman of the Department of Forest Zoology and the Director of the Roosevelt Forest Wildlife Research Station. He taught various courses in vertebrate zoology and ecology, specializing in wetland habitat ecology. He authored many scientific and professional publications. An annual Maurice M. and Annette B. Alexander Wetland Research Award at SUNY-ESF honors his work in that area of study. He was a founding member of the New York Chapter of The Wildlife Society, serving at one time as its president. He was a member of the Society for the Study of the Sigma Xi as a life member of the American Society of Mammalogists, chairing national committees, as a member of the New York State Freshwater Wetland Appeal Board. He retired in 1983 and was awarded the W. Leslie Robinette Illustrious Emeritus Professor by his peers. He was predeceased by his wife, Annette, in 2003 and son, Ralph, in the spring of 2011. He is survived by two sons, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Maurice M. and Annette B. Alexander Wetland Research Fund, c/o SUNY-ESF.

Frank Barick (FORW) writes, “94 years old and still moving. Have stopped planting Christmas trees because they take six years to attain merchantable size and I expect to be pushing up daisies then.

1942

Robert Rising Mormon (FORO) passed away on July 25, 2013. Bob was born in Vermont in 1920, the oldest of five sib- lings, and learned the hard work of farm- ing during the Depression. He was sent to the 6th grade school just outside of Redmond, Washington. Robert and his wife went out west in June 1964 and a one-way bus ticket. He worked his way through school, obtaining his B.A. and then, at the onset of World War II joined the U.S. Navy. He attended midshipmen's school, becoming one of the sorely needed “90 Day Wonders” officers. He served as the firing officer on the US Brooklyn, supporting the Allied invasions of Sicily, France and Southern France. Following the war, Bob re- turned to Syracuse to marry his sweetheart, Betty Tracy. He obtained his PhD in 1950 from the College of Forestry, Syracuse University. He then went on to teach at Cornell University's Department of Natural Resources, where he instructed over 1,000 students in good forestry practices. He taught and practiced environmental- ically. Additionally, he worked to develop the rural maple syrup industry and in 1986, was inducted into the American Maple Museum Hall of Fame for his contribu- tions. Cornell's Arnot Sugar House was named in his honor during retirement ceremonies in 1983. Bob and Betty encouraged lifelong learning, in their family and others', establishing scholarships at Syracuse University for deserving students and Betty active in their community of Newfield. They were the primary instiga- tors and contributors to building the Methodist Sunday school, which serves as a focal point in the community. Active in various local groups, coaching several summer teams. They were also strong supporters of both the United Way and Habitat for Humanity. Bob spon- sored a Habitat house in honor of Betty following her death in 1991. Bob and Betty were survived by four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. After thirty-four years at Cornell, he retired to Easley, South Carolina, where he and Betty spent winters and enjoyed visiting local lakes. They developed a hobby of hiking to local waterfalls. This mirrored his interest in natural beauty found through travels around the world.\n
1943 | REUNION YEAR |

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George Prokopéck (PSE) writes, “On June 21, 2012, my wife and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary. For my 90th birthday on August 11, 2012, my three children and their spouses held a family reunion at Old Orchard Beach, ME, where we were in from in Florida, VA, Annopolis, MD, and New Orleans, LA.

1947

George A. Oechsle Jr. (PSE) passed away after a brief ill- ness on December 15, 2012. He was 89 years old. George is survived by his nine children, and by his loving and devoted wife, Betty, a native of Philadelphia, PA, where he graduated from Frankford High School. At Syracuse, George was a three- year starter and letter winner for the Syracuse University football team. He was active in youth athletic leagues, coaching several winning atelases and rho- do-dendrons and enjoying boating on local lakes. He developed a hobby of hiking to local waterfalls. This mirrored his interest in natural beauty found through travels around the world.
grateful for the life he had, and was fond of saying that he was the luckiest man in the world. He was a father of nine children and a teacher and mentor to all, a leader in the business world and in civic affairs, and an inspiration from his first to his very last day to all who knew and loved him. George asked those interested in making contributions in his name consider doing so to the scholarship he endowed at SUNY-ESF. Contributions should be addressed to the Syracuse Pulp & Paper Foundation (SPPF), George A. Dechle Scholarship Fund, SUNY-ESF, One Forestry Dr., Syracuse, NY 13210-2778.

48 | REUNION YEAR!

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BRITTANY LAXTON
Senior from Camillus, NY

THOMAS DECKER
Junior from Wyoming, PA

MEGAN WHITE
Senior from Omaha, CA

JOSPEH O’REILLY
Sophomore from Pottsville, PA

Peggy for 61 years in residence in the Villages, FL, since 2008. Still active in Democrats for America and play golf. Have six children and four grandchildren.

90 | REUNION YEAR!

Donald had the ability to build, fix and make anything. In his youth he worked for his father as a construction worker and gained a knack for solving problems. Upon his marriage to his first wife, he purchased a block of land on the Shores in Myrtle Beach, SC. It was there that he became a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, headquartered in Ft. Bragg, NC. During the next four years, he saw action at Normandy, Holland, Sicily, North Africa and the Battle of the Bulge. When the war ended, he married Veronica Maria Tabaczyk. Soon after graduating from the College of Forestry, the Korean War began and he found himself back himself in the 82nd Airborne Division fighting in Korea. Once he completed his tour in Korea, Bill started his career with the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, where he worked as a Soil Scientist in various locations throughout New York State, retiring in 1975. Bill’s long and active retirement included farming, in various places and working in his back lots. He became a regular at the Vernon Downs horse track and The Turning Stone Casino where he could be found playing his Black Jack tables. He continued working for many years as a consultant Soil Scientist. His first wife, Veronica, died in 1976, and he married Norah Fellows in 1985. Bill remained active in veterans’ groups nearby to his home. He is survived by his wife, Norah, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bill was predeceased by his first wife and a grandson.

Robert A. Negaard (PSE) a chemical engineer of St. Regis Paper Company and inventor of the wing-rigger for rowing, died Nov. 26, 2012. He was 89. Born in Stillwater, MN Jan 6, 1923 Bob formed his lifelong passions: family, singing, & outdoor activities. During WWII, he earned 3 stars, was part of the Battle of the Bulge and worked logistics. He served honorably for many years as a consultant Soil Scientist. His first wife, Veronica, died in 1976, and he married Norah Fellows in 1985. Bill remained active in veterans’ groups nearby to his home. He is survived by his wife, Norah, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bill was predeceased by his first wife and a grandson.

Back by popular demand in this issue is our latest feature, “Everyone Has a Story.” We have selected several alumni at random from among those who paid their alumni dues or are Life Members and asked them to fill us in on their lives since graduation as well as their favorite memories of ESF. The idea behind this series is to show the great diversity of our classmates and to share their stories, what they do, where they live, their opinions are, etc. We hope that you enjoy reading the following alumni stories! The following questions were posed to participating alumni:

1. What was your favorite class (ESF) Degree(s) and year of graduation from ESF? Did you attend any other colleges or receive any additional degrees? Why?
2. What was your favorite or most helpful course at ESF? Who was your favorite or most memorable professor?
3. What was your major at ESF? Degree(s) and year of graduation from ESF? Did you attend any other colleges or receive any additional degrees? Where?
4. Where do you currently reside (city, state or country)?
5. Current family, divorced, children, spouse, partner, etc. What do you like to do?
6. Hobbies? What did you do? What did you do when you were a student at ESF? What were your favorite courses or professors? What did you like best about ESF?
7. What did you do: a) After you graduated from ESF? b) After you left ESF?
8. What do you do now (see bullet 5)?
9. Where do you live now?
10. What do you do now (see bullet 5)?

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Class of 2013 Scholarship Recipients

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Not pictured are Maureen Bishop, Senior from Deerfield, NY and Denna Lucas, Sophomore from Pikesville, MD.


1951

Alexander Coutts (FRM) passed away on November 24, 2012. He was born in New York, NY in 1929. He married Lu Telesh in 1953. He worked as a chemist for Weyerhaeuser Company in Market Research until he retired. Al and Lu were married for 59 years and their home produced three wonderful children. He is survived by his wife, Lu, two sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Don Cilmore (PSE) writes, “Just finished and mailed the annual 1951 Pulp & Paper Newsletter to the remaining dozen Beater Rats. It was conceived by Frank Lorey and I edited it for five years until he passed away and I inherited that job. Now it’s the privilege of the task! We have only missed one year in 32 years! All well is all well in the Sunshine State. All the best to all!”

1952

Ira Bray (FRM) writes, “The Class reunion which included on campus alumni was well planned, and the tour of new facilities was remarkable. I was delighted to see the school keeping up with the demands of the times. Please invite me again next Reunion!”

Ed Kimball (FRM) reports that his bride of 62 years broke her hip in November of 2011. He writes, “I’ve learned what the gals do while we are out earning the ‘bread’ as vocalist (note what the gals do while we are out earning the ‘bread’).”

1953

Edward Liszewski (WPE) writes, “A day does not go by that I do not thank the people of NY for the wonderful education they gave me—as a result I have my 3rd legal/technical book out by John Wiley. Had a nice visit with John Porter ’52 and e-mails from Stan Becker ’52 were great. Very sad to read about ‘Smoky Stover’ death—I visited just months before his death. Each month I read with nostalgia about those who made our past great memories.”

David Wood (FRM) writes, “We are well and enjoying the ‘later’ years! Still investigating two introduced tree patho- genic insects: the bark beetles associated with these diseased trees. We are also spraying trees from the air with ‘anti-attackants’ to prevent pine mortality caused by bark beetles. Former students and post-docs keep me in the game. We are fortunate to have children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren nearby.”

1953 | REUNION YEAR!

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Stanley Marks ’53
Poulsbo, Washington
BS 1953
Family? Mooneye, stepdaughter Elizabeth (Candy), son Robert, son Colin. Career? Retired. Favorite course/Professor? Chemistry. Favorite memory? Inspiration for clear communication. Hobbies? Golf! Why did you attend ESF? Cost was a major factor. What does ESF mean to you? ‘53 was great. I received a degree; I had joined the US Navy Submarine Reserve in Brooklyn, NY. After graduation from ESF I attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. After commissioning I received assignment to USS Pommert (SS391). I enjoyed the submarine service and decided to make it my career. When I was commanding a group of US destroyers during peace time, I immediately knew that the whole world had changed since 1953. And it is a remarkable number of years!”

Edmond Kagi (LA) writes, “My first comment is two-fold: first, how incredibly the world has changed since 1953, mostly in technology of every sort. Balancing these unforeseen and unprecedented changes are the fact that basic human nature/behavior hasn’t changed at all. This duality has served many of us born in America in the early 1950’s very, very well. It has NOT, however, served us well when it comes to our fellow global populations nearly as well. For many it has been an ongoing disaster. And this is a formidable challenge for all of us, young and old, educated or not educated. These thoughts lead to my second point. I have in recent years been more interested in my personal well being—especially the health of my wife, Sarah. I keep a very high school prep was barely good enough to get a regents degree enabling me to apply to the College and barely make it through the first year while discovering, entering, and then finishing the ESF program which any graduate will agree was the best decision ever to enter. And all this without one penny of tuition! I feel sorry for all those students racking up many thousands in debt, some even for degrees that, unlike mine, aren’t worth the pa- per (so I hear they are printed). On my part, my personal life, familial and professional, has been richly blessed. With grandchildren now entering college and Alice and Pat living in DC and my retirement a few blocks north of the Rice University campus in a tree-filled very walk-able neighborhood in Houston, Texas (of all places), where I have lived for 33 years. Longer than I spent generating plans up in Onondaga Co.!! I still have a desk and phone at the Houston SWA office I helped open in 1978 where I tell stories to all the young professionals about the days when the mainframe computers they are all sitting in front of even existed! Good fortune indeed!!!”

Edward Kohler (FRM) writes, “Still able to take care of my five acres of Christmas trees, along with putting up 100 plus pounds of fried fish, still enjoy fishing trips to Quebec and Labrador. Confined to a wheelchair in November of 2011. He writes, “I’ve learned that job...no, the privilege of the task! We have only mattered Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI. When the Engineer Support Battalion. When the Mountain Division Association reunion, I brought a copy of my book, A Retrospective of the Professional Career and Published Papers of myself. It was delivered to Dr. David Newman, Chair, FNR Management. It was donated to the Peter Loom Library. Robert Quinn ’54, former ESF Development Office, spent most of the day escorting my wife and I self throughout the campus. I have also known him for a number of years.”

Deane Brink (WPE) writes, “Still living in my hometown. Still married to the same wonderful girl—Antonia Maria —you know her as Toni. We have three grandchildren: Samantha, Teresa, and Hannah and two grandsons—Benjamin and Alexander. We are a member of the Original Plywood Corporation—after a brief stint with Raygill Corporation—purchased by Bose Cascade. I’ve been on dialysis in the past five years so...fewer and fewer things that ‘killed down’. Now work for Bob MacLea ’56 once in a while. We’re going to try some short trips this summer. Best wishes to all.

Tom Luche (FRM) writes, “We keep on truckin’ and look forward to our next Class Reunion.”

William Trice (PSE) writes, “Sandy and I are still enjoying retirement on the Landings on Skidaway Island, GA. Come visit us.”

1954

Lowell Robinson (LA) writes, “Bill Belden (LA) and Roger Baker (LA) are accomplished artists. Bill exhibits caps on Comic and Roy specializes in spectacular paintings of steam trains. I was out of touch with Rog for 3 weeks this summer as he and Sarah were on a Mediterranean cruise.”

P. “Stan” Stanzielle (WPE) writes, “Summer and retirement brings time for travel and relaxation. (My wife and I) will be spending the month of July in Europe—Italy and Germany. Returning to see relatives and friends we made while living in Europe with IBM for many years. In October we will travel to Las Vegas again in Jan. and Feb. to get away from the cold at home. Fortunately we are in good health and can handle the rigors of travel. We welcome classmates in our area to stop by.

1958 | REUNION YEAR!

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Raymond Edwards (Kent) ’59
Port Orchard, Washington
BS in Landscape Architecture
Family? Barbara, wife of 40 years on May 15. Career? Retired from the US Forest Service in 2003. Favorite course? Plant Materials. We did a lot of planting at DOT. Favorite professor? George Earle. He was the most helpful. I had never had any art course before. Who would you like to hear from? I still keep in touch with Jan Vroman and Lance Thores. Hobbies? Gardening! Why did you at- tend ESF? Reason #1 is they would have me and in 1955 the price was right. What does ESF mean to you? I had no goals when I started at ESF, but going there gave me my whole career.
Richard Patrick (FRM) passed away on April 27, 2013 at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter’s Hospital. Born on Valentine’s Day and raised in Oneonta, he was the son of a policeman and a second grade parochial school teacher and the oldest of five brothers and one sister. While at ESF, he was a 1954 member of the SU boxing team, and a Sixknyon National Forest fire lookout in 1955. He designed the circle of flags around the Washington Monument in 1957 while working for the U.S. Department of the Interior and served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1964, active duty 1958–59. City planner for the City of Albany under Mayor Corning and Deputy Parks Commissioner under Mayor Whalen. Acted at the Park Playhouse, Albany Civic Theatre, SUNY Albany and Russell Sage. He was an Eagle Scout, a lifetime member of YMCA, a lifetime admirer and friend of wonderful women and was secretary of the Western New York Valley Fish and Game Club from 2002 to 2013. Confirmed at St. Matthew’s R.C. Church of University of Missouri keep me busy: fraternity advisor, RLA, a Lifetime Achievement award at the chapter’s L. Travis Lecture Series. The first was well-attended in HS lacrosse in the spring. Jan & I both healthy and active.”

Erika Bonn. She was made in Germany, but has been in the US since 1956. She is 79 years old, I am presently 76. Married 54 years to Patsy Patrick “the best thing by far that ever happened to me!” Father of two great sons and grandfather of two super grandchildren. Father-in-law to three fine women and mothers.

Timothy Smith (WPE) writes, “I continue to represent three veneer meetings and two custom panel meetings and work on custom meeting panel projects in the northeast.”

Nick Tippie (PSE) writes, “On October 27, 2012 I married Erika. She was made in Germany, but has been in the US since 1956. She is 79 years old, I am presently 76. I will be 77 toward the end of March, God willing and the creek don’t rise.”

John Dean (PSE) writes, “Spending as much time as possible in the woods and on the water. Took nice coastal brown bear on Alaska peninsula hunt. Activities at University of Missouri keep me busy: fraternity advisor, Engineering Science Advisory board, VA Hospital board. Age seems to bring requests for free advice! Coaching HS lacrosse in the spring. Jan & I both healthy and active.”

Dale Travis (WPE) writes, “Recently established the Dale L. Travis Lecture Series. The first was well-attended in the new Gateway Center. Dr. William Powell will present ESF’s efforts in developing a bight resistant American Chestnut. Everyone is welcome. ESF’s efforts in so many fields deserve a public exposure. We can all feel proud!”

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Chad Covey (FRM) writes, “Judy and I are still enjoying retirement on Lake Hickory in Hickory, NC. In the past few years we have been active in the Veterans of the First Engineer Combat Battalion organization, the unit I served with in Vietnam. We are the newsletter editor and publisher, and help to support the active battalion which is presently in Afghanistan. We look forward to the 50th class reunion in 2014 which will also be our 50th wedding anniversary.”

JesseDubin (EFB) writes, “All is well with the Dubin family in Maryland. We are grandparents now and the kids live in MA. We recently visited Ed and Diane Kilduff for a nice fishing and family get together. Tom Greene and wife Barbara came and put Kruger capped by en route to an Elder Hostel tour. It was a wonderful time and great to see the old Kappa Phi brothers. I am happy to report that our Endowed Peace Corps Scholarship has reached the minimum to start funding this year. Thank you to the ESF-RPCVs who donated. More funds can be given to increase the scholarship so we urge RPCVs or others to donate if you can. It is a significant and tangible way we can show our support for the College and the Peace Corps.”

Dietrich Gruenewoldt (LA) writes, “Tom Rogers, Cogy Gifford and I, all former NYS Ranger School graduates (from the Class of 1966) had a very memorable get-together for the 50th anniversary of the Ranger School. It’s always nice to stay in touch with former classmates. Otherwise, retirement is much better than previously anticipated. We send our best regards to all of my former LA classmates. I hope that all is well with everyone.”

Paul aka Leslie west of the Rockies Haggard (FRM) writes, “Awakened this AM by the white noise with occasional thump and bump of the restless Pacific a mile away, tent-camping on the Oregon Dunes. Coming to realize yesterday just why I’ve migrated to the NW (Oregon, and Portland in particular)...I’m beginning my mission, hopefully with the help of the progressive Oregon Senators and Congressmen, to reinvigorate the flaccid USFS. Maybe some NW Syracuse Foresters and others will join me in the fray to come. Naive, quixotic, maybe, but it’s time for me to get back to my profession and kick the hornet’s nest, or stir the timber sale pot a bit. I hope to meet a County Forestier today as a start. I’m in Coos Co, now, heading to Curry soon to visit Jim “Buck” Rogers (the current John Muir), and to Cave Jct. and George Shook. If you haven’t checked out OPB Episode 3439, Cloud-Cap/Jim Rogers, you have a surprise coming!”

Robert Kon (FRM) writes, “Retired in May, 2012 after 35 years with Michigan State University, most of that with the IR-4 program, a national competitive grant funded through the USDA.”

Robert Ungeer (CHE) writes, “I visited with Bob Haskins (PSE), his wife, Marilyn, and their friends from Denmark when they stayed a week on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institute this past July. We attended lectures featuring water conservation and sea exploration.”

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Mike Birmingham (FRM) writes, “In retirement I find time to garden, birding and other hobbies long neglected during years of work life.”

Douglas Brackett (LA) continues to practice landscape architecture as the Vice President of edr Companies which has offices in Syracuse and Rochester, NY. He lives in Cazenovia with his wife of 48 years, Leslie. He teaches one course at ESF to LA graduate students. He writes, “Retirement does not seem to be in the foreseeable future!”

Peter Wallace (WPE) writes, “I retired from the chemical industry in January after a happy and fulfilling career working with resins for forest products, paper and non-woven materials. My whole career was an outgrowth of a resin course at the College of Forestry—WPE 132, taught by Dr. Len Smith. In the end, I was made a TAPPI Fellow and received a few awards. Recently I received a Lifetime Service Award from INDA, the nonwovens trade association. Thank you to ESF for what it allowed me to become.”

Jean Frechet (CHE) was a recipient of the 2013 Japan Prize, one of the most prestigious international awards in science and technology. Frechet was honored for outstanding achievement in “the development of chemically amplified resist polymer materials for innovative semi-conductor manufacturing processes.” Frechet is 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.

Teresa L. Nyman (EFB) died on February 3, 2012. Terry was kind, gentle and his first interest was to make you comfortable and happy. He was an outstanding conservationist. Our thoughts are with his family and friends who were so fortunate to have known Terry."
Laughter. He loved to sing with his guitar on his knee. He graduated from West Genesee High School before attending SUNY ESF. He worked for the YMCA, Vanderkamp Center, and as Inside Sales for Northern Nurseries. Terry enjoyed spending leisure hours brewing Lake Effect Beer and for more than 20 years he coached and refereed soccer. He was a beloved member of the Kappa Community for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two grandchildren, a brother, and a sister.

1973 | REUNION YEAR!

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Justin Cullowsky writes, “Interest in a 40 year reunion is growing. Please plan on coming back to Syracuse at a great time of the year: October 4 and 5, 2013. In addition to a great reception on Friday, SU football on Saturday afternoon, we are working on an informal dinner/picnic on Saturday late afternoon and evening. Another mailing will be sent as plans firm up. Interested? Contact me via email: jcullow@esf.edu. Thanks!”

Thomas Fike (LA) writes, “I recently retired from the National Park Service in Hawaii after 40 years of service. My career included over 36 years in Hawaii working in National Parks in the Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Saipan. My last assignment was Project Manager of the construction of the new Pearl Harbor Visitor Center.”

James Gerringer (EFB) died on November 27, 2012, following a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Jane, two sons, his mother, two sisters, and four nieces. Jim, originally from Rush, NY, worked as a manager at Arrow International for 27 years. He taught evening classes in forestry at Rosh-John Community College for ten years. Jim also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and gardening.

Albert Comolka (FRM) writes, “First, let me congratulate my fellow classmate Justin Cullowsky on his retirement! (It is grand!) Justin has done a marvelous job for our college and all its alumni as our Alumni Director. Enjoy and cherish your retirement for a long time! I am looking forward to attending after having worked for 37 years with the New Jersey State Parks and Forestry Service. Looks like I will be visiting campus a lot in the next 4 years as my son Jacob is going to attend Syracuse University starting this fall. Life is good!”

Jonathan Hescock (FEG) passed away on January 1, 2013. He was raised in Mamaroneck, NY and attended Stony Brook School and the University of Maine before ESF. He was an accomplished prep and college track athlete, a Vietnam War veteran, and enjoyed sailing, scuba diving and the outdoor life. His career in photogrammetry, imaging and technology advanced through a corporate career to establish his own company, SISAT, Inc. For the past 16 years, Jon and his wife, Pat, shared their love for each other and the equestrian farm life, in North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, one son, and family cousins.

Douglas Northrup (FRM) passed away October 20, 2012, at his home after a courageous battle with acute myelogenous leukemia. Mr. Northrup was born November 30, 1951, in Fayetteville, NY. In addition to his father, Doug is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Susan Mary, and son, a brother, and a sister. He was the owner and operator of Custom Services Group, Syracuse, NY. In 1994 he moved his family in the Charlotte, NC area where he was most recently employed with Ballyou Beauty Corporation.

Michael Fullam (FRM) writes, “Hello to Warren Knapp and Terry Steinn Knap and Dr. Larry VanDuff. More biochemistry & some more environmental science/ecology classes. Who would like to hear from?”

Everyone has a story!
1977

Gary Ott (EFB) tells us that a grandson, Isaac Daniel Ott, was born in July of 2012.

Rick Sohn (EFB) writes, “Hugh Wilcox, Professor of Forest Botany in the 1960s and 70s, and my Master’s degree major professor, passed away this year. I used to visit him in Ashland, Oregon, as recently as Christmas, and he still had his strong spirit and enthusiasm in life, especially for forest botany. His keen and inquiring mind will be missed by those of us who had the opportunity to know him.”

Barg Coffin Lewis & Trapp, LLP partner Marc Zeppelotto (FRM) has been elected secretary of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco’s (Bay Area) Environmental Law Section. In 2013, the mission of the BASF’s Environmental Law Section is to serve and educate attorneys and the general public about environmental law. Throughout the year, the section presents substantive educational programs, both in person and via webcast, that are eligible for MCLE credit. Zeppelotto has extensive experience with counseling and litigation related to federal and state environmental laws, 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 has served on the executive committee for the past two years. In addition to SUNY-ESF, he is the graduate of the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (J.D., 1985).

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Tisha Drozdowski Morrell (FRM) and Jeff Morrell (77/80) were awarded the Mary Kellar Forestry Education award from the Department of Forestry and ONREP for their work with the Oregon Wood Magic Program. Wood Magic is an interactive 1-hour program to educate 3rd and 4th graders about the wonders of the wood!

1979

Walter Nestler (LA) kicked off his campaign for election to the New York City Council in May.

1980

Ray Burger (FRM) writes, “After 32 years in Alaska, working for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, I am returning to Central New York to raise my two little boys closer to family.”

Betsy Kaemmerlen (LA) writes, “Currently serving on the ESF Development Review Commission which reviews proposals in Columbia’s historic districts. Very interesting!”

Michael Long (LA) writes, “Selected as the first ‘City Manager’ in the city of Oneonta, NY.”

Bob Spencer (FRM) is Executive Director of the Windham Solid Waste Management District, Brattleboro, VT. He is also continuing his consulting business specializing in the composting of organic waste.

Stuart Weiremb (LA) will be awarded the LaGasse Medal from the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) at their Annual Meeting in November.

1981

Stephen Miller (ERE) writes, “I am participating in the Ontonagon Lake cleanup as a Parsons Construction Management Engineer for HolmesDow Corp. Dredging started in 2012 and will continue for the next three years along with a number of other projects along the wastebeds. ESF is a partner organization in this program that is changing the look of five miles of shoreline and the Nine Mile Creek corridor. A new Visitor’s Center is open to group bookings. Feel free to contact me to facilitate a visit by your organization: Steve.Miller@parsons.com.”

1982

David Bryan (WPE) wrote to say, “I started my own consulting company, Xcensell. The marketing classes and 5 public speaking classes I took at SU/ESF still impact what I do. I now consult with US companies who have overseas operations. I help them with how to design their employee benefit plans in most any country you can think of I have been doing this in one form or another since ’82. I have been fortunate enough to have traveled to 31 countries and now am off to #54 and #55—Indonesia and Thailand—next month. I am on a bit of a speaking tour of Asia.”

Robert Fischer (EFB) writes, “Hello to all the 1982 graduates. I wish I could have joined you for the 30th reunion. The big change this year has been the fact that I have become the Dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences at Middle Tennessee State University. So if you happen to be in the Nashville area, please contact me and we can get together and talk about the good old days at ESF!”

Dan Robison (FRM) reports that he’s now been at West Virginia University for a full year, since leaving NC State after 32 years. He works on the Energy/Gas/Coal program. He says, “The guys are good in West Virginia and wonderful West Virginia—come visit the Mountain State. And there are several other stumpies here as well.”

Ruth Sundstrom (ES) writes, “After graduation I began a career with N.Y.S. Parks and in April of this year, I retired after 32 years. I finished my career as a senior detective with the N.Y.S. Park Police and now look forward to the ease of retirement.”

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Craig Miller (FRM) writes, “At the start of this year I was appointed Disaster Response Coordinator for the Metropolitan New York Synod—ELCA. I work with our Lutheran churches as we respond to and recover from Hurricane Sandy in the metropolitan New York area.”

John Scanlon (FRM) writes, “2012 was a busy year. I was deployed as part of a 20-person fire crew to Montana in August and fought two fires: the West Burnace Fire on tribal lands, and the Felson Gulch Fire. We had a good crew and there were no mishaps or injuries. In October and November I went to Nassau County, Long Island as part of an Incident Management team to assist with Hurricane/Superstorm Sandy emergency response. On January 21, I completed 25 years of service with the NYS Forest Rangers. It is 19 below zero this morning as I write...time to put some hard maple in the fire box!”

1985

Deborah Ballin-Schwartz (EnSci) writes, “Still Vice Chair of the Environmental Commission of Voorhees, NJ. Co-Chair of “Sustainable Voorhees,” working on getting the town certified with ‘Sustainable Jersey,’ a state program.”

Neil Nowak (EFG) writes, “I am still in Denver, Colorado after 16 years and enjoying the Rocky Mountains—skiing, fishing, and overall great lifestyle. I get together with other ESF alumni at our annual golf outing—going on 16 years next year (except BPW’).”

Barbara Skye Siegel (LA) writes, “Since October 2012, I have been enjoying a new job involving community
outreach on public health issues concerning air and water quality issues for Pina County/Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Also, for the past decade, I have been an Ecbroker for Tierra Antigua Realty in Tucson, Az for clients who enjoy properties with wildlife habitats and energy efficient homes.

1987

Janet Rith-Najarian (EFB) writes, “I have lived in Bemidji, Minnesota, for many years now, where I work as a professional biographer and educator. My town is the first town on the Mississippi River, and the Headwaters in a wilderness location at Itasca State Park, about 30 miles from my home. I am currently working on a film project sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance for Geographic Education and the Minnesota Historical Society, about the different 19th century explorers who came to northern Minnesota searching for the source of the mighty Mississippi River. In the course of my research, I interviewed Art Keenan (Class of 49), retired 3R/CWA state biologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, who surveyed the river in the mid-1960’s and established the recreational Headwaters Canoe Trail for modern-day river explorers. Each trip to my delight turned out to be a Stumpy just like me, though he graduated 40 years before me! (See accompanying photo). Art provided valuable historical information for this film project, so we were glad to have him involved. In addition, his son Chris played the role of William Glazier for historical reenactments in our film, and his grandson Casey portrayed Zebulon Pike’s sidekick Stumpy. Sigm. Kimmerer.

For more info, visit our film project website at http://veritascaput.homestead.com, and follow the latest updates on our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/VeritasCaput.

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Paul Stevenson (ES) died suddenly at home on April 16, 2013. Born on April 4, 1961, in Watertown, New York to George and Teresa Stevenson, he was the eldest of their two children. Paul attended General Brown schools as a child. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY in 1984. He earned dual Master’s degrees from Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Public Administration and from SUNY-ESF. Paul was proud of his service in the United States Peace Corps where he served as a fisheries extension officer in rural Kenya. It was here that Paul developed a lifelong love for Africa. For the last 25 years, Paul served his community and nation working in increasingly responsible positions with the City of Syracuse’s Department of Community Development, the St. Lawrence County Planning Office, and the Village of Potsdam. He organized the Village’s community forestry program after the 7th anniversary as CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association in Washington, D.C. We have worked with New York Governor Cuomo to create the ‘NYSUN’ initiative that will make New York one of the largest solar markets in the country! Go solar!  

Jeffrey Speich (FRM) writes, “Continuing to manage state lands for the DEC. Recently completed a Conservation Easement with the BSA. Volunteer with the BSA in several lapses including: Army Conservation Advocate, Council Maintenance & Conservation Committee Chair, teacher at National Camp School. Secretary of the Ranger School Alumni Association.”

1990

Christopher J. Kameide (PSE) died on April 16, 2013, in the State Department of the United States. Paul was a community builder who easily built networks of friends across the globe. He labored tirelessly to make every community, especially Potsdam, a better place for all. Among his many nature accomplishments in Potsdam and St. Lawrence County included the start up of the North Country HOME Consortium, a housing effort that has brought millions of federal dollars to St. Lawrence, Jefferson and Lewis Counties over the last 15 years. He led the reconstruction of a landmark block of Potsdam’s downtown historic preservation district that had been nearly destroyed in a fire, creating new doorways and storefronts. Paul also organized the Village’s community forestry project after the 1998 Ice Storm that planted hundreds of street trees throughout the community to replace those lost. Perhaps his proudest moment during his diplomatic career was being an election monitor in Uganda’s first democratic elections in decades; he watched as Uganda’s hand counted ballots from their Kampala voting precinct by the headlights of his Jeep. His intellectual curiosity was shared by all the Ugandan comedians he met in town. Paul was an avid outdoorsman; he especially loved to hike in the Adirondacks but found interesting hikes across the U.S. and those African nations he visited. While Paul traveled far and wide in many respects, a world citizen, he never far from his North Country roots and the values that he learned from his Mom and Dad. Paul is survived by his parents, a brother and sister-in-law, a niece and two nephews. Paul also led behind many true friends and colleagues around the world that will miss him sorely.

1991

Richard C. Collins (LA) of Rochester NY passed away suddenly on January 16, 2013. Richard received both a Bachelors and a Masters of Landscape Architecture from SUNY-ESF. Soon after, he was hired by Bergmann Associates in Rochester, NY. While at Bergmann, Richard worked on a number of significant projects, naming the Rt. 27 Horseheads, NY By-Pass and the West Ridge Road Pedestrian Overpass and Roadway Improvements in Rochester, NY. Rich also worked for Kelco Consultants on Long Island where he managed several high profile park construction projects including Michael Van Valkenburgh’s Teardrop Park in Manhattan. Rich was a talented Landscape Architect and able to portray his design ideas in beautiful sketches. He leaves his wife and high school sweetheart, Gina; three children, mother, three sisters, and many nieces and nephews. Rich will be remembered for his quick wit, skillful hand, and meaningful contributions to our built environment in the daily work that Landscape Architects do.

Eric Wiberg Gerber (ENSC) writes, “Moving the family to Kalispell, MT where I will be teaching Biology and Earth Science.”

1992

Rhone Resch (EnSci) writes, “Recently celebrated my 7th anniversary as CEO of the Solar Energy Industries Association in Washington, D.C. We worked with New York Governor Cuomo to create the ‘NYSUN’ initiative that will make New York one of the largest solar markets in the country! Go solar!”

Everyone Has A Story

James Ganter ’90

Clayton, NY

BS in Paper Chemistry and Minor in Mechanical Jefferson Community College

Family: Wife – Terry Ganter, son – Jeremy Ganter, son – Matthew Ganter Career? Executive VP + COO/Partner-Knowlton Technologies LLC Favorite course? Chemistry – KT is a higher technical company producing products with multiple materials and frictions modifiers which requires knowledge of chemicals and their changes in order to keep materials uniform in the z-direction. Favorite professor? Mr. Bill Hoffman Courser(s)? More about technical papers, specialty papers, composites and media. More about dealing with people’s personalities, or managing people. Hobbies: Boating, fishing, hunting, sports. Why did you attend ESF? I was working in a paper mill and decided to broaden my education in this field. ESF was a well-known paper school. Their aid also impacted my decision. What does ESF mean to you? ESF allowed me to gain knowledge in preparation of a rewarding career in composites and media manufacturing. It gave me the engineering background to attack problems and come up with solutions for our customers in a defined approach. It allowed me the opportunity to start as a young process engineer and grow to become a partner in a business that supports sustainability and the community.

Anthony (Tony) Galbra ‘90 is a principal in PwC’s Capital Projects & Infrastructure (CP&I) Advisory practice.
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2001

Heather (Whittier) Luczak (EFB/FOR) writes, “From Syracuse, NY and the halls of SUNY-ESF, six alumni have found their way to the National Forests in North Carolina. We don’t all work together daily, but we reminisce about our days at ESF every chance we get. Kimberly (Miller) Ruel (USFS) and Theresa (Stevens) Savory (USFS) both work on the Uwharrie National Forest in Troy, NC and Jason Rodrigue ’97, Lynn Hicks ’77, Dan Belanger ’92 and I work at the Supervisor’s Office in Asheville, NC. We were recently all in the same office at the same time and we took the opportunity to get a photo of the National Forests in NC ES Alumni.”

2002

Maren Grunert Roman (CHE) and her husband, Paul, are now the proud parents of Sophie Joy. Maren is a tenured Associate Professor at Virginia Tech. Her husband also has Syracuse connections in Physics and Engineering. (EFB) was named the 2012 Conservation Educator of the year by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. ‘Angel is a well respected leader in Mississippi’s Conservation Community,’ said MS Wildlife Federation President Rick Dillard. In January of 2013, Angel was promoted to Assistant Museum Director of the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science in Jackson, MS.

2006

Kayla Ryan (EFB) and Gregory Cogciyot ’07 were married on September 14, 2012 in Big Moose, NY.

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2010

Maegan Spindler (EFB), 25, was tragically killed (along with a co-worker) by a drunk driver while at work for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in South Dakota on the evening of July 8. She was a beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter and friend. Maegan’s love of the natural environment and animal life had led her to the beginnings of a career in Fisheries biology and was working seasonally for USEFWS on endangered species recovery of sturgeon in the Missouri River. She was based out of Pierre, SD. The prior two years she worked for Wyoming Game and Fish in Pinedale, WY as a fisheries technician. After graduating from ESF, she received a Fisheries diploma in 2011 from Vancouver Island University. She was planning to start graduate school in 2014 to continue work on native fish species. In addition to her love of the environment, she was an artist and enjoyed print making, painting and photography. She loved to cook and had a wonderful vegetable garden. And she was an accomplished fisherman, having earned a “Cut Slam” certificate from catching all four native species of cutthroat trout in Wyoming. She hiked, camped, backpacked and traveled. She was full of joy and brought it to everyone she knew. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her and will always be remembered.

2011

Elizabeth Murphy (EnSci) writes, “Post graduation I had the opportunity to develop and implement an integrated environmental science curriculum for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students in Morristown, NJ. We use a local lake as our classroom. The curriculum I’ve designed has not only won grants from the William E. Simon Foundation and Provident Bank Foundation, but also led to my students being featured in the Sunday edition of the Star-Ledger! I am so pleased to be inspiring a future generation of environmental leaders and hopefully, future SUNY-ESF students!”

The ESF Alumni Association welcomes the Class of 2013 as alumni! We’d like to hear from you… send in a Class Note!
Graduating Student Survey

Congratulations to our newest group of alumni!

EACH SPRING as Commencement approaches, we ask our graduating students to reflect on their experiences at ESF, as well as speculate about their futures. We contacted the entire Senior Class and posed the following questions: 1. Name? 2. Hometown? 3. Major? 4. How did you learn about ESF? 5. What are your plans for the next year? 6. What course or professor stands out as you approach graduation? Why? 7. Where do you hope to be 10 years from now? Doing what? 8. Who has influenced you the most in your years at ESF? 9. If you had to do it over again, would you go to ESF? 10. Same major? 11. What surprised you the most after becoming a student at ESF? 12. If you had some advice for incoming students, what would it be? 13. What would you like alumni to know about the College in 2013? 14. Anything else?

Published here is just a sample of the various responses that we received. Congratulations to our newest group of alumni!

Megan Reymore
Hometown: Randolph, VT
Major: Landscape Architecture

How did you learn about ESF? My mom and dad met here! Environmental Studies ’84 and Forestry ’82, respectively. What are your plans for the next year? I will be working in Nantucket, MA as an Aquarum Intern at the Marine Mitchell Association for the summer, then hopefully, a large aquarium! What course or professor stands out as you approach graduation? The course that stands out the most is ichthyology. I loved being out in the field catching fish and getting hands-on experience and having a lot of fun! Where do you hope to be 10 years? I hope to be working on coral reefs or a large scale aquarium. I want to go to Australia again after studying abroad my junior year. Who has influenced you the most in your years at ESF? There are two people who have influenced me the most at ESF. Dr. Mark Teree and Dr. Kim Schulze have been amazing mentors and have really helped me succeed and excel in school and in skills. If you had to do it over again, would you go to ESF? Yes. My experience is in marine biology but I had a wonderful time and learned a variety of things that I probably wouldn’t have learned by going to another school. I love the size of the classrooms, the professors are amazing, and the people here are great. This is a wonderful community and I feel lucky to call SUNY-ESF my alumni home.

Tiffany DellaVentura
Hometown: Cranston, RI
Major: Conservation Biology

How did you learn about ESF? I got a pamphlet in the mail and came to check it out. What are your plans for the next year? I will be traveling in my junior year. If you had to do it over again, would you go to ESF? Yes. My concentration is in marine biology but I had what would it be? My advice would be to get to know your professors and make the most of your experience here at ESF. This school offers so much and if you don’t take advantage of it you’re really missing out! What would you like alumni to know about the College in 2013? This school is full of inspiring, dedicated, and thoughtful students. I feel lucky to be a part of this class. Anything else? I will miss SUNY-ESF so much and I cannot believe my undergraduate career is already over!

Amelia Marple
Hometown: Fairfax, VA
Major: Environmental Resource Engineering

How did you learn about ESF? I was at a career fair in Southern Virginia and was looking for a school with not just a Civil Engineering degree with a focus in Environmental Engineering, but an explicitly Environmental Engineering degree and we bumped into a woman who I actually exactly know: SUNY-ESF. We visited once and the rest was history. What are your plans for the next year? I plan to get a summer job and then travel to India and do some volunteer work and some self-discovery. What was your professor and what sort of approach graduation? The most touching professor I had at SUNY-ESF was Kris Lin, the fresman year 101 professor. She changed the way I approached writing and was a radiant professor with compassion and care that welcomed me into the ESF family for life. Where do you hope to be 10 years? In 10 years I hope to have a Master’s degree from an Ivy League or international school. I will be, at least, bilingual. I plan to have traveled to 5 new countries, as well as rock climbing in Colorado. I will be in a steady relationship and be a successful, compassionate, and contribut ing member of society. Who has influenced you the most in your years at ESF? The most profound person who has influenced me in my 4 years at ESF was my freshman year roommate. The second greatest influence has been my advisor, Stew Diermont, who has always constructively questioned my goals and direction.

Rigoberto (Rigo) Melgar
Hometown: Fort Worth, TX
Major: Environmental Studies Policy.
Planning and Law
Minor: Renewable Energy

How did you learn about ESF? Representatives from ESF visited my high school the Junior year. I went to the presentation that attracted me to the ESF table was the picture of the planet and the words “improve your world.” At that moment, I realized that it was possible for me to dedicate my life to the protection of the environment for present and future generations. What are your plans for the next year? SUNY-ESF for graduate school in Environmental Science with a focus in Biophysical and Ecological Economics (BEE). What course or professor stands out as you approach graduation? I loved most of the courses (29 at ESF and 3 at SU) that I took, but the one that stands out the most and the one that has changed my life is a BEE class taught by the Professors of ESF taught by the great, and only, Dr. Charles Hall. Biophysical Economics provides a natural science-based alternative to the current unsustainable neo-classical economic system that is leading us to planetary collapse because it does not acknowledge limits to growth and is based on unsustainable consumerism.

At ESF, small world, so many of our classmates and faculty are from outside the United States. In our small, but diverse, community, we need alternatives from ESF. Who has influenced you the most in your years at ESF? Dr. Manno, Dr. Luzadis, Dr. Hirsch, Prof. Stanko, President Murphy, Vice-President Rigoberto (Rigo) Melgar

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would like alumni to know that Alumni Weekend needs them! I have been to the event three years and the alumni are the true stars. Come back and see the programs and activities we will have. Peace, effec tiveness. Anything else? I love ESF. I hope this campus revolutionizes some college campus function. As well as become carbon neutral and sustainable in every way the students can imagine. Keep the fire of passion alive ESF!”

Please see STUDENT SURVEY. Page 26
Hometown: Medway, ME
Major: Biotechnology, Chemistry minor

Diana Dunn

How did you learn about ESF? My cousin in Cheryl Ritz (Kirst), who graduated from ESF. What are your plans for the next year? Attend graduate school at SUNY Upstate Medical University to start working on my PhD in Microbiology and Immunology. What course or professor stands out as you approach graduation? The Health Science courses taught by Dr. Sadie Ryan. These courses made me realize that I love diseases and made me decide what I wanted to study at the grad school. Also my laboratory mentor, Dr. Christopher Nomura, who gave me a chance to work in his lab as a freshman. He taught me the basics I needed to know in the laboratory and was extremely enthusiastic about this course.

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Josh Mahoney

Hometown: Old Forge, NY
Major: Construction Management

What are your plans for the next year? Moving back to Binghamton to start working on my PhD in Environmental Engineering. If you had to do it over again, would you go to ESF? Yes.

How much ESF had to offer at ESF? Yes.

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Scott Austin

Hometown: Madison, ME
Major: Forest Engineering

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ESF College Bookstore Expands

This is a very exciting time for the Bookstore and your Alumni Association.

In April of this year, the ESF College Bookstore moved up—literally! We have come a long way from the cramped basement of Marshall Hall and are now located on the main floor of the beautiful new Gateway Center. This is a very exciting time for the Bookstore and your Alumni Association as we expand to meet the growing needs of our students and alumni.

You may have noticed that we changed our name as well as our location. We are no longer “Small Stores,” but the ESF College Bookstore. We can now rightfully claim this name since our expansion efforts also include the launch of on-line textbook sales at the end of July. We are working with Follett’s to bring a service to our students that is long overdue, the ESF Virtual Bookstore. While we will not physically carry textbooks in the Store, students will be able to order all of their course requirements through the Virtual Bookstore and have them shipped directly to their home or to the Bookstore itself.

Additionally, the College Bookstore entered into a partnership with the College’s Forest Properties Division to start a new line of products called “From the Forest.” All “From the Forest” products will be produced at the 4,000-acre Svend O. Heiberg Memorial Forest in Tully and will be available for sale through the Bookstore. Our first product, 100% pure maple syrup, is painstakingly crafted from the sap produced by some 2,000 sugar (and a few red) maple trees. It takes 40–50 gallons of sap to make just one gallon of pure maple syrup that is then bottled and shipped to the Bookstore where it is available in decorative glass containers and plastic jugs. There is nothing quite like the taste of pure maple syrup, and it tastes even sweeter knowing the profit from the sale goes toward funding student scholarships. Syrup is available for purchase in the Bookstore on campus, or on-line at www.esf.edu/bookstore. In the near future, the “From the Forest” line will also include bottled water and concentrated essential oils from Scotch Pine, Yellow Birch, Balsam Fir and White Cedar.

The Alumni Association is proud to serve the alumni and student population through the goods and services provided by the ESF College Bookstore. As we continue to expand, we welcome any comments or suggestions you may have for further improvements. »

In April of this year, the ESF College Foundation has acquired forest properties—mostly by donation from alumni—to diversify scholarship investments and to support teaching and research at the College. The most recent addition to the Foundation holdings of nearly 1,000 acres is a woodlot of a little more than 50 acres in the Town of Madison, donated by Ron Blackmore ’79. This property meets priorities for the Foundation’s forest property program—good potential to generate revenue for scholarships through sustainable timber management, and a location that allows easy access for ESF classes and researchers from the main campus in Syracuse.

With a soil science master’s degree from ESF, Blackmore has carefully managed the property for years under a State-approved plan that allows a property tax reduction. The College Foundation will continue to carefully manage the woodlot, while providing real-world learning opportunities for ESF students. In recent years, Foundation forest properties have allowed students to see the economics of good, long-term forest management and the positive impacts of careful “shelter wood” harvesting.

Donors of forest parcels can realize a significant income tax benefit for their contribution as a charitable gift, but to many the prospect of their land being well managed and utilized by ESF faculty and students is an even bigger incentive. Some donors retain some interest in their land. In Blackmore’s case, he will retain hunting and firewood gathering rights for his lifetime. »

Ron Blackmore ’79 and ESF Director of Forest Properties Bob Davis with the beautiful sugar maple stand on Blackmore’s woodlot in Madison, New York, utilizing an hour of the ESF main campus in Syracuse.
Alumni & Family

FALL BARBECUE

OCTOBER 4–5, 2013 :: RESERVATION FORM

Please complete the reservation form and mail it, along with a check (payable to ESF Alumni Association) to ESF Alumni Office, 1 Forestry Drive, 219 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210-2785. Questions? Please visit www.esf.edu/alumni/fallBBQ or call the Alumni Office at 315-470-6632. Advance sale tickets are required for ALL events.

Reservation Deadline Friday, September 13, 2013

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SU vs. Clemson Football Game (Tentatively Scheduled for Noon)

At the time of this mailing, Syracuse University still has not set their ticket prices for the football game during Alumni & Family Fall BBQ Weekend. We will be reserving a block of tickets as soon as they become available. In the meantime, if you are interested in purchasing tickets to the game, please indicate the quantity below along with your email address. Once the price has been finalized, we will email you the information and ask that you contact the Alumni Office to finalize your football ticket purchase via credit card. Typically prices in the past have been in the range of $30.

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Coffee with the President includes refreshments and light breakfast

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Total Amount Due: $8

Method of Payment
Please make checks payable to ESF Alumni Association and mail it with this completed form to:
ESF Alumni Office, SUNY ESF
1 Forestry Drive
219 Bray Hall
Syracuse, NY 13210-2785

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

Parking Passes
YES! Please send me a parking pass (at no extra cost), if available.
Please note that you may receive two parking passes—one for Friday after 4:00 p.m. and one for all-day Saturday. On Friday, passes will only be given to those attending the reception and will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis. On Saturday, if you are attending just the football game you are encouraged to park at Skytop on SU’s South Campus and take the shuttle to and from the game.

Questions::
Please visit www.esf.edu/alumni/fallBBQ for additional information or call the Alumni Office at 315-470-6632.

Lodging Suggestions
Make your hotel reservations for Alumni & Family Fall BBQ & Reunions 2013 soon!

Below is a list of hotels at which we reserved a block of rooms. This is an extremely busy weekend in the Syracuse area so you are encouraged to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible as hotels in the area may sell out. In order to receive the discounted price listed, you must mention the group name associated with your hotel choice.

DEWITT AREA / CARRIER CIRCLE

- Embassy Suites Syracuse : : 315-446-3200
  4466 Old Collamer Road South;
  Rooms reserved at $119/Suites with two double beds—includes full cooked-to-order breakfast
  Group Name: SUNY-ESF
  Reservation Deadline: September 19, 2013
- Super 8 Motoel : : 315-451-8888
  421 Seventh North Street, Liverpool
  Rooms reserved at $59 per night
  Group Name: SUNY-ESF
  Reservation Deadline: August 1, 2013
- Maplewood Inn : : 866-318-9937 or 315-451-1511
  400 Seventh North Street, Liverpool
  Rooms reserved at $94 per room
  Group Name: SUNY-ESF
  Reservation Deadline: September 9, 2013

7TH NORTH STREET AREA

- Hampton Inn Airport : : 315-457-9900
  400 Seventh North Street, Liverpool
  Rooms reserved at $109 per room
  Group Name: SUNY-ESF
  Reservation Deadline: September 10, 2013
- Candlewood Suites : : 315-454-8999
  434 Smith Road, North Syracuse
  Rooms reserved at a rate of $99 per night
  Group Name: SUNY-ESF
  Reservation Deadline: September 4, 2013

- Candlewood Suites : : 315-454-8999
  343 Old Collamer Road, South
  Rooms reserved at a rate of $109 per room
  Group Name: SUNY-ESF
  Reservation Deadline: September 4, 2013

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