

The 2017 Alumni Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Sophomore Class

Rachel Czerwinski

- Rachel is majoring in Chemistry and is currently working with ESF professor Dr. John Hassett analyzing foam samples collected from the Finger Lakes. She also served as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for General Chemistry last fall. Last summer, she worked as a researcher at Merrimack College where she was responsible for the majority of the lab work on the project she was working on.

- She plays baritone horn for the SU Marching Band and Concert Band, and has been a part of ESF's "Ecotones" a cappella group since 2015.

- Rachel is highly involved in campus activities such as the ESF/SU Food Recovery Network, Active Minds, Alpha Xi Sigma Honor Society, and SU Campus Cursive, to name only a few.

Hannah Noll

- Hannah is a Landscape Architecture major and is a transfer student from Orange County Community College. At OCCC, Hannah was a member of the Honors Program and completed a number of community service projects at places like the Pocono Environmental Education Center, Habitat for Humanity and Shehaqua Family Camp.

- In Syracuse, Hannah is part of CRU, a non-denominational Christian club in which she foresees herself taking on a leadership role in the future. She has also previously participated in Math Team and Rowing Club.

- She has held a number of jobs, including Trader Joe's, the New York Renaissance Faire, Nature Walk, Inc., and she has volunteered at Red Truck Homestead, an urban, organic farm in Portland, OR.

Junior Class

Alyssa Dugan

- Alyssa is a transfer student from Monroe Community College and is a Conservation Biology major. Although she has only been on campus for a semester-and-a-half, she has already become engaged with several clubs and volunteer opportunities.

- She is a member of the Herpetology Club, the ESF Society for Conservation Biology, and she participated in the Saturday of Service volunteer clean-up. Prior to coming to Syracuse, Alyssa volunteered for "A Horse's Friend" outreach program, the Rochester Clean Sweep, where she helped to clean parts of her community, and "Spruce Up Greece."

- Alyssa has held numerous jobs during her college years, including working at Tuxedo Junction, Ridgemont Animal Hospital, Seabreeze Amusement Park, and Pita Pit on Marshall Street.

Hailey Smalley

- Hailey is an Environmental Studies major as well as a student athlete. She is a member of both the Cross Country and Track & Field teams at ESF.
- She is Vice President of The Knothole Campus Literary Magazine where she contributes articles, edits, and organizes each issue for publication. She is also responsible for organizing Knothole club events and fundraisers.
- As part of the Student Environmental Education Coalition, Hailey volunteers weekly in a third-grade classroom at Dr. King Elementary School in Syracuse. She is also a Student Ambassador who assists the Admissions Office with tours to prospective students.
- Hailey is an Exhibit Educator at the MOST in Syracuse, and volunteered as an intern last summer at the Mitchell Lake Audubon Center.

Senior Class

Kaitlyn Cambell

- Kaitlyn is a Landscape Architecture major and is currently working part-time as a Planning Intern at the Town of Dewitt Planning and Zoning Department.
- One of Kaitlyn's design studio projects was chosen by the LA Department to be one of only two student projects featured at the American Society of Landscape Architects Upstate Chapter Awards night. She is Co-Chair of the Landscape Architecture Department's Student Board, and a Member of the LandSCAPE Club.
- Kaitlyn is an active volunteer with the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York and spent many summers working at residential Girl Scout Camp, Hidden Lake, in Lake George, NY. Last summer, she was Program Director and Archery Instructor.
- While in Syracuse, she is employed part-time at Upstate Medical University as a Student Manager at the information desk.

Pamella Selby

- Pamella is another Landscape Architecture major. In addition to being an Orientation Leader, she is a member of Sigma Lambda Alpha Landscape Architecture Honor Society, Alpha Xi Sigma Honor Society, and a Student Member of the American Society of Landscape Architects. She is also a graphic design volunteer intern with the Smithsonian Libraries.

- She is a Research Assistant at ESF's Center for Cultural Landscape Preservation – a position during which she has contributed to the Cultural Landscape Report for Soldier's National Cemetery in Gettysburg.

- In the summer of 2015, Pamella was chosen as one of only 7 students to participate in a “field school” at Acadia National Park where she worked with National Park Service staff to learn about topics related to cultural preservation. The information she learned contributed to a Cultural Landscape Inventory of Acadia's hiking trails.

Graduate Students

Amanda Gabryszak

- Amanda is working towards her M.S. degree in Environmental Science. She is studying the relationship between climate change variables and wildlife disease range. Amanda received her BS in Environmental Studies and Journalism Cum Laude from Canisius College in 2014. Her goal is to get into a DVM/PhD program so that she can become a wildlife veterinarian.

- Some of her past positions have included Intern Naturalist at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone, MT, an Intern Wildlife Rehabilitator in York, Maine, a Wildlife Assistant at the Erie County SPCA, and a Wildlife Transporter for Kindred Kingdoms Wildlife.

- In addition to her research, Amanda is a Graduate Assistant and was also the teaching assistant for Cultural Ecology last fall.

- She is the Sustainability Division Intern at Syracuse University, and a member of both the ESF chapter of the Wildlife Society and the Graduate Student Association.

Samantha Mello

- Samantha is pursuing her M.S. degree in Environmental and Forest Biology, and expects to graduate in the Fall of 2017. Her thesis focuses on the effects of parasite-mediated competition between native New England Cottontails and non-native eastern Cottontails.

- She is an engaged member of the campus community: she is the EFB representative to the Graduate Student Association, volunteers at ClearPath for Veterans, and is a member of the SU Outing Club, the American Society of Mammologists, and the Wildlife Society.

- Samantha has presented the preliminary results of her master's research at the New England Cottontail Technical Committee Meeting, and at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammologists.

- She has held a number of positions during her undergraduate and graduate studies, including at the Residence Education center at her undergraduate institution, at the Connecticut Department of

Energy and Environmental Protection Wildlife Division, and currently as an assistant coach for a recreational women's weightlifting group.

Carolyn Chang

- Carolyn Chang is a Canadian citizen and is currently a PhD candidate in Fish and Wildlife Biology and Management. Prior to attending ESF, she completed a Master of Science degree in Applied Science at St. Mary's University.
- Her doctoral thesis research involves enhancing the understanding of a prevalent pathogen in zebrafish research facilities. She presented this research at the 7th Aquatic Animal Models of Human Disease conference, the Zebrafish Husbandry Workshop at Aquaculture America 2016, and it has been published in various peer-reviewed journals.
- Carolyn has extensive teaching experience...she co-taught a graduate level seminar along with her advisor, Chris Whipps. She has co-supervised laboratory volunteers, interns, research assistants and senior thesis students.
- She is a dedicated volunteer for organizations that help to promote STEM fields to school-aged girls. Carolyn was selected as a Mentor with the Global STEM Alliance 1000 Girls, 1000 Futures program where she volunteers her time with a high-school student, as well as participates in online discussion forums.

Xue Dong

- Xue Dong is originally from China and is pursuing a PhD in Environmental and Forest Biology with an expected graduation date of 2019.
- Xue has a great deal of research, teaching and conference experience. She was a Teaching Assistant at Beijing Normal University. In addition, she has published academic articles and has one publication in press. Xue presented her research on EE-Based Interpretation Planning for World Heritage Sites at the North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference in Madison, WI.
- When Xue worked as Extracurricular Instructor at Roots & Shoots Beijing Office of the Jane Goodall Institute, she designed and organized five environmental education activities for students from elementary schools and schools for the deaf. She organized the 45th annual Earth Day activities sponsored by Beijing Municipal Bureau of Land.