2020 Senior Reunion Weekend

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 1st

Senior Reunion Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
A time to reminisce and relax over cocktails and dinner with fellow alumni and hear the latest news about the College.

Friday, October 2nd

Morning Check-In: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Welcome to campus! Pick up your informational packet, final schedule of events, and “Swag Bag!”

“What’s New on Campus?” Walking Tour: 10:00 a.m.
Has it been awhile since you’ve visited campus? Join our student guides for a tour of ESF’s buildings and facilities.

Roosevelt Wildlife Collections and Classroom: 10:00 a.m.
Gateway Center – meet near the Musk Ox at the northern end of the building
Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the new world-class Roosevelt Wild Life Collection facility in the basement of the Gateway Center with Collection Manager Ron Giegerich ’78.

Class Observations: Varying Times
Refer to sheet included in “Swag Bag” upon check-in!
Experience what it is like to be a student at ESF in 2020! We will have a selection of classes that you are welcome to observe throughout the day on Friday.

Lunch & Learn - Research at ESF: 11:30 a.m.
Join other Senior Reunion attendees for a special lunch featuring an update by Vice President for Research, Dr. Christopher Nomura. Learn all about the groundbreaking research that ESF faculty and students are collaborating on all over the globe!

Special Presentation with Dr. Jerry Belant: 2:00 p.m.
Learn a little about modern-day conservation efforts from world-renowned expert Dr. Jerry Belant. Dr. Belant is the College’s Camp Fire Conservation Fund Professor (of Wildlife Conservation). His expertise lies in the ecology, conservation and management of the world’s large mammals.

Afternoon Check-In: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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ESF Alumni Association Annual Meeting: 4:00 p.m.
Join the Alumni Association Board of Directors and other alumni. We will review the past year, and see what’s next for the Association. All are welcome to attend.

Alumni Reception & Class Reunions: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Gateway Center
This is a chance for alumni from all class years to meet up and mingle. Programming will include the 2nd annual induction ceremony of the ESF Athletic Hall of Fame. Reception will feature a variety of favorite foods from the Central New York region. Class photos will be taken starting at 6:30 p.m.

“What's New in Downtown Syracuse” Informal Pub Crawl: 8:00 p.m.
Check out the nightlife in Downtown Syracuse! Annotated map will be provided. This activity is self-guided, although we encourage you to gather a group of alumni and head down together! The group that “checks in” on social media to the most places on our list and takes photos with the ESF flag will receive a special prize from the Bookstore! *Please don’t drink & drive…both Uber and Lyft are available in Syracuse.*

**Saturday, October 3**

Coffee and Conversation: 9:30 a.m.
*Alumni (Nifkin) Lounge*
Join us for an informal conversation about the College and grab a bite to eat with your fellow alumni.

Trees and Shrubs Walking Tour with Dr. Don Leopold: 10:00 a.m.
*Starts from Marshall Hall steps*
Join Dr. Don Leopold, Environmental & Forest Biology Professor, as he takes you on a walk around campus and Oakwood Cemetery for a quick dendrology (tree identification) lesson.

Alumni Soccer Game: 11:00 a.m.
*Tully Athletics Field*

Panel on Campus Sustainability Efforts: 11:00 a.m.
Join Mark Lichtenstein ’85 (*Chief Sustainability Officer and Chief of Staff*) to learn about our on-going sustainability efforts on campus, including the College’s admirable goal to achieve near zero waste generation.

“Drop In”: Greenhouses: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Explore the teaching and research greenhouse complex on the roof of Illick Hall. Greenhouse Manager and “Going Green” expert Terry Ettinger will be on hand for all of your questions!

“Drop In”: Moon Library: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Stop in any time and chat with the Moon Library staff, or take a tour of the building!

Roosevelt Wildlife Collections and Classroom: 11:30 a.m.
*Gateway Center – meet near the Musk Ox at the northern end of the building*
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BBQ Lunch: 12:00 p.m.
*Tent on the ESF Quad*
Featuring a buffet from the famed Dinosaur BBQ. Includes a beer, wine, and soda bar! **Advance tickets required!**

ESF Athletics: Women’s Soccer vs. Five Townes College: 1:00 p.m.
*Tully Athletics Field*
Special Presentation: Return of the American Chestnut with Dr. William Powell: 1:30 p.m.
*Lafayette Road Experiment Station (10 minute drive from campus)*

A little over a century ago, the American chestnut tree, once one of the most abundant trees in the eastern forests of the United States, was devastated by the chestnut blight. After 25 years of research at ESF, American chestnut trees with enhanced blight resistance have been developed using the tools of biotechnology. Take this very special opportunity to hear from one of the pioneering scientists who developed the blight-resistant tree, ESF’s own Dr. William Powell. Thanks to a $3.2 million Templeton World Charity Foundation grant, the Lafayette Road Experiment Station is undergoing exciting changes to promote research opportunities for this crucial project.

**Walking Tour of Oakwood Cemetery: 3:00 p.m.**
*Meet in the Gateway Center (outside the ESF College Bookstore); Oakwood Cemetery*
Join members of the Morningside Cultural Trails and Historic Oakwood Cemetery Preservation Association groups for an informative walking tour of Oakwood Cemetery. The walk will culminate with a brief dedication ceremony at the “Moon Tomb,” burial site of Dean Franklin Moon. *Rain or shine! Dress accordingly.*

**ESF Athletics: Men’s Soccer vs. Five Townes College: 3:00 p.m.**
*Tully Athletics Field*

**Football Game: Syracuse University vs. Louisville: TIME TBD**
*Carrier Dome*
Experience the excitement of an SU football game in the newly-renovated Dome! *Please note that Syracuse University has not yet finalized or announced any formal decisions in regards to the 2020 football season, nor any safety measures that will instituted as a result of the pandemic. If group ticket sales are permitted, we will have a block of tickets for this game. We will keep attendees posted on any updates.*

**Alumni Soccer Reception: 7:00 p.m.**
*Wolff’s Biergarten*

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**ESF College Bookstore**
*Gateway Center*
College sweatshirts, t-shirts, mugs, maple syrup and more will be available for sale at the ESF College Bookstore.

**Friday:** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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**Parking Information:** There is one pass (BLUE) for the entire weekend. This will allow you to park in any available spot on campus throughout your stay. On Friday morning, 10/2, parking on campus will be limited so we ask that you please park in Lot P22. We will have a shuttle available from P22 to campus beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 11:15 a.m. If you need a ride back to your car later in the afternoon (to move up to the main campus for parking after 4:00 p.m.), we will be happy to arrange that for you. Please note that Saturday will be an extremely busy day in the area due to ESF’s activities and the SU/Louisville football game. Please plan your arrival accordingly – the earlier, the better. Syracuse City Police will set up barricades around campus approximately 2-3 hours prior to kick-off. If you do not have an ESF parking pass, you will not be permitted to pass through the barricades and will not be able to access campus.