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The Robert M. Sand '50 Scholarship

“The Robert M. Sand ’50 Scholarship helped me instrumentally in my last semester of college,” said Taylor Della Rocco, a member of the ESF Class of 2016.

Della Rocco’s laptop computer broke at the start of his final semester, leaving him with the choice to “eat and pay rent or buy a new computer.” Deciding food and shelter were necessities, Della Rocco, an environmental science major with a focus in watershed science and a minor in forestry, tried to keep up with his schoolwork using public computers. However, since he was also a captain on the Syracuse University cheerleading squad, this proved difficult; access to computers while traveling to away games was limited.

At the suggestion of a friend, he asked the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships if there were funds available to help. It was there that he learned about the Sand Scholarship, established by Bob Sand, Class of 1950. The scholarship enabled Della Rocco to buy a new computer and complete his final semester.

“Without the scholarship I would’ve struggled heavily during my senior year,” he said. During his last semester, when he was applying for jobs and finishing his capstone, the new laptop enabled him to keep up with his coursework from the road as he traveled with the Cheer Team during the NCAA Division 1 “March Madness” basketball tournament.
ESF received a wonderful gift in 2015 when more than $800,000; the proceeds of the estate of Arthur Ashley were received by ESF College Foundation. “I knew ESF would be the beneficiary of Mr. Ashley’s estate, but I had no idea the gift would be so generous,” said Brenda Greenfield, executive director of ESF College Foundation.

Ashley graduated from ESF in 1954 with a degree in forest resource management. He was a lifelong resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts. His estate gift established the Arthur N. Ashley Scholarship Endowment that will benefit ESF students with financial need and academic promise.

“The Ashley Scholarship is one of an increasing number of endowed scholarship funds that are available for use in the financial aid process,” said Mark Hill, director of financial aid. “When the full spending power of this endowment is realized, up to 30 students per year will benefit from Mr. Ashley’s generosity. With college costs increasing significantly each year, endowed scholarships are increasingly important in our efforts to meet the financial needs of students.”

“Many of the largest gifts received by ESF have been through bequests,” said Greenfield. “Estate gifts are often a way for donors to make a more impactful gift than would be possible during their lifetime.” The College has created a recognition society for those special donors who have chosen to make a provision for ESF in their estate plan. Robin Hood Oak Society members help ensure that a high-quality education will be available to future generations of ESF students.
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New York State high school seniors with outstanding academic credentials can receive merit scholarships through ESF’s Presidential Scholarship Program. To be considered for an award, a student must have a combined SAT score of 1200 or higher and a minimum high school grade average of 90. ESF National Scholars is a similar merit-based award for out-of-state students.

In the last three years, more than 560 ESF students have received a Presidential or National award totaling over $2 million. “College costs are one of the most important factors considered by prospective students and their families when making a college selection,” said Mark Hill, Director of Financial Aid. “The various scholarship programs at ESF, of which the ESF Presidential and ESF National are some of the largest given, make up a significant piece of the overall financial aid process. These awards are crucial in the College’s efforts to recruit and retain the high-caliber students that enroll each year.”

Funding for these awards comes in part from the ESF Annual Fund. Over 50 percent of the dollars raised through the Annual Fund are given by members of the 1911 Society. Members of this Society are an elite group of donors who make annual unrestricted contributions of at least $1,911 in honor of the year of the College’s founding.

“Without the support of 1911 Society members, ESF would lose some of the best and brightest students to other institutions,” said Brenda Greenfield, executive director of ESF College Foundation. “1911 Society members have an immediate positive impact on ESF and the lives of our students.”
Feinstone Environmental Awards Honor Women in Science

ESF is the home of the Sol Feinstone Environmental Awards, which recognize outstanding achievement in advancing the cause of the environment and social environmental issues. One of the oldest and most-respected award programs in the environmental field, the Feinstone Awards were established in 1976 by Sol Feinstone, a 1915 graduate of ESF who was a widely known historian and author. The program recognizes leaders who care for the environment, encourage volunteerism and add to society's understanding of environmental issues and their solutions.

Four accomplished female scientists will be honored this fall as recipients of the 2016 Feinstone Environmental Awards. Recipients will be honored in four categories — private industry, government, non-governmental organizations and academia. They will receive the awards during the annual Feinstone Environmental Awards Banquet, to be held October 26, 2016 in the Gateway Center on the ESF campus.

The 2016 awards honor these women:

- Janine Benyus of the Biomimicry Institute & Biomimicry 3.8, a leader in the development of biomimicry, consulting with businesses and conducting seminars about what we can learn from the genius of nature
- Nancy Barbour of Bristol-Myers Squibb, a scientist and biologist whose work in pharmaceuticals at Bristol-Myers Squibb has benefitted drug research
- Anahita Williamson of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, an engineer with a strong track record on pollution prevention and other environmental issues
- Robin Kimmerer of ESF, Distinguished Teaching Professor and founding director of the ESF Center for Native Peoples and the Environment

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Scholarship Supports Student’s Unforgettable Semester in Panama

When Samantha Hollister spent a semester in Panama, she took advantage of the opportunity to learn by doing, not only by listening in class and taking notes. She visited an indigenous Ngäbe community on Isla Popa, collected insects in the rain forest, visited a cacao farm, learned to identify tropical birds on a place called Bird Island, went on a night walk in the forest and visited the Panama Canal. “I have been able to learn about the rain forest by walking through it. I have learned how to identify countless numbers of tropical fish, corals and invertebrates by snorkeling through beautiful coral reefs, while also seeing firsthand how climate change and human activity affects the reefs,” she said. “I have also had the opportunity to interact with members of indigenous communities here in Bocas del Toro, learning firsthand about their culture.”

Hollister is back at ESF now, in the middle of her senior year as a conservation biology major.

Hollister’s international study was supported by a scholarship gift from The Women of the University Community in honor of Beverly Whaley, whose husband, Ross S. Whaley, was the president of ESF from 1984 to 2000.

“I want to convey my sincere appreciation for the scholarship provided to me by The Women of the University Community,” Hollister said. “My semester in Panama has been an invaluable experience I will never forget.”
Scholarship Impact

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Rosen Fellowship Supports Summer Internship in Stockholm

Ian Blochwitz, a sustainable energy management major who will graduate in December 2017, spent nearly three weeks in Stockholm, Sweden, where he interned at Plantagon International AB, an urban agriculture company.

The self-designed internship was made possible through the Rosen Undergraduate Fellowship, which is supported by the Florence and Robert A. Rosen Family Foundation.

Plantagon is dedicated to developing solutions for large-scale food production in cities, according to the company's website. One reason the company stood out to Blochwitz is that it was founded in part by the Onondaga Nation, part of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

Blochwitz was able to tour the facilities and learn about the energy systems used at Plantagon. He learned that food tastes better when grown in sunlight rather than under the glow of LEDs. He also met with several Plantagon employees who explained how the company operates.

While speaking with employees, Blochwitz found himself applying knowledge he gained from classes at ESF.

“It was very relevant; I could have a conversation with someone in the industry because of my classes,” he said. “I decided to attend ESF because of how serious the programs are. The sustainable energy management major is only a few years old and ESF brought on two new professors to help teach courses. I feel like the investment ESF made into the program made it worthwhile.”

Blochwitz attributes his internship experience to his newfound comfort and confidence with being in a business setting. He hopes to carry this into the future and one day manage different energy systems.

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SRC Fellowship Supports Student in Battle against Mosquitoes

A chemical compound — new to science and never before identified — is being investigated by an ESF doctoral student who is working to replicate it so it can be tested as a weapon in the battle against disease-transmitting mosquitoes.

Robert Moesch, who is one year into his doctoral studies in organic chemistry of natural products, said his work is focused on confirming the compound’s structure and synthesizing it.

“We talked about this compound before Zika was front-page news,” he said, referring to the headline-grabbing virus that has been linked to birth defects.

“There are a lot of other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes — the West Nile virus, dengue fever, yellow fever and malaria — that kill millions of people every year.”

His work is funded by the SRC Graduate Student Fellowship, which supports ESF graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in technical areas of major national and societal significance. It is one of 172 named scholarships administered by the ESF College Foundation, Inc., which provided nearly $1.5 million in scholarships to ESF students in 2015-16.

Moesch graduated from ESF with his bachelor’s degree in 2011 and worked four years as a synthetic organic chemist with Alpha Scent, Inc., before returning to ESF as a graduate student. His adviser is Francis X. Webster of the ESF Department of Chemistry.

“The fellowship is a huge help because I don’t have much other support, besides my work as a teaching assistant,” he said. “It helps me to pay my rent and buy food and do all those other things I need to do to stay alive.”

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Fink Fellowship Sends ESF Junior to Work on Thousand Islands Farm

This past summer, Rand Michaels was exposed to the inner workings of a sustainable organic farming operation as an intern at Cross Island Farms on Wellesley Island, New York. The six-week internship was made possible by the support of the Fink Career Fellowship at ESF, awarded to students committed to solving environmental challenges.

Michaels, an ESF junior majoring in environmental education and interpretation, grew up on a small organic farm in northern Michigan, where his family produced much of their own food. His upbringing fostered an early interest in the relationship between food and the environment. He was drawn to ESF by his desire to study environmental science.

Cross Island Farms, a 102-acre property in the Thousand Islands region of the Saint Lawrence River was started in 2006 by owners Dani Baker and David Belding. Michaels was intrigued when he read about the farm in an ESF email listing summer volunteer opportunities. The farm’s primary goals are to produce organic, sustainable, local, healthy food and emphasize community education and engagement, which aligned with Michaels’ interests and studies.

As an intern, Michaels experienced firsthand the hard work, diligence and resourcefulness demanded of farmers who grow sustainable produce. “Working in such a dynamic environment was really challenging and eye-opening,” he said. “You never really know what to expect or what jobs will need doing that day. You can’t always predict the weather and its effects or be sure that things will produce.”

Next summer Michaels plans to apply for the Rosen Undergraduate Fellowship in the hope of working for Stewards of Irreplaceable Lands (SOIL), Canada’s sustainable farm apprenticeship program. He is particularly interested in the Apprentice Enrichment Program, which allows apprentices and hosts from local farms to connect and learn from each other through hands-on workshops.
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U.S. Army Sergeant William Shemin, an alumnus of the then-New York State College of Forestry and the Ranger School, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama in 2015 for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty.

Shemin distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman during combat operations in the vicinity of the Vesle River, Bazoches, France, on Aug. 7-9, 1918. Shemin left the cover of his platoon’s trench and crossed open space, repeatedly exposing himself to heavy machine gun and rifle fire to rescue the wounded. After senior officers had become casualties, Shemin took command of the platoon and displayed great initiative under fire, until he was wounded Aug. 9.

Shemin was a member of the class of 1914 at the Ranger School. He was employed as a state ranger and as assistant city forester in Bayonne, New Jersey, before enlisting in the Army. After the war, he attended ESF, graduating in 1924. Upon graduation, he started a greenhouse and landscaping business in the Bronx, where he and his wife raised three children.

Shemin’s family established the Sgt. William Shemin Memorial Scholarship Fund at ESF to commemorate his award. The scholarship will benefit Ranger School students. “Sgt. Shemin was a great American hero,” said Mike Bridgen, Ranger School director. “The Ranger School is honored to have his name permanently associated with a scholarship for our students.”

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