Announcing the ESF Open Academy and Teaching & Learning Collaboratory

The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry has been awarded a SUNY Extended Improvement Performance Fund grant that will, in part, help us to establish an innovative integrated organizational framework that will extend our distinct mission-based leadership within and on behalf of SUNY.

- The **ESF Open Academy** will be a vehicle for providing online-enabled undergraduate and graduate courses, certificates, and degree programs, and will expand to include informal learning experiences to ESF, SUNY, and other college/university students, to high school students, and to professionals and lifelong learners throughout New York State and beyond.
- The **ESF Teaching and Learning Collaboratory** will provide faculty professional development support for online-enabled education, and a venue for peer-to-peer collaboration.

As part of this institutional commitment, the **Open SUNY Institutional Readiness self-assessment process began in January 2016.**

**For further information and with questions** contact Chuck Spuches, cspuches@esf.edu, 315.470.6810.

**Related information:** [Chancellor announces funding in State of the University Address](#)
Open SUNY Faculty Development Opportunity: Registration for the Summer 2016 Quality by Design (QbD) online faculty development course is OPEN! Registration is free for all SUNY faculty and staff. The course runs June 6 to July 3, 2016. For information and to register.

Join Dr. Bill Powell at NYS Biotech Symposium

The 8th Annual New York State Biotechnology Symposium, May 19th to 20th in the SUNY-ESF Gateway Center, will feature a talk by Dr. Bill Powell on the American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project. View a TedX presentation given by Dr. Powell on the importance of this iconic species here.

Register now to take advantage of the chance to network and collaborate with students, academics, and industry professionals working on leading-edge challenges and opportunities in biotechnology.

From the Green Screen to the Green Scene - Congratulations Dave Eichorn!

The entire ESF Outreach office congratulates our friend and frequent collaborator, Dave Eichorn, on his 37 years as a meteorologist with Syracuse's NewsChannel 9. Read more.

Robin Kimmerer: "We owe our children the right to livable future"

ESF Distinguished Teaching Professor and award-winning author Dr. Robin Kimmerer wrote a commentary on a lawsuit brought by youth from across the country seeking to force the Federal Government to address climate change. Read more.

Volunteer Judges Needed for Environmental Challenge

Join us as a judge for the 15th annual Environmental Challenge, a science fair for over 600 7th and 8th grade Syracuse City School District students. Read more.

All our best,

Dr. Chuck Spuches, Assistant to the President for Outreach

Register Now!

Radiation Curing Program: Advanced Online Courses
Starting May 16th. Register now!

8th Annual New York State Biotechnology Symposium
May 19-20, 2016. Register now!

Foundational Competency Training
June 10, 2016. Register now!
**Save the Date**

**Environmental Challenge Science Fair**  
*May 17, 2016.*

**ESFHS Environmental Summit Research Symposium**  
*June 2, 2016.*

**Additional Items of Interest**

**Early Migrant Bird Walk**  
*May 14, 2016.* Adirondack Interpretive Center, Newcomb Campus.

**Spring Wildflower Walk**  
*June 4, 2016.* Adirondack Interpretive Center, Newcomb Campus.

**Warbler Walk**  
*June 18, 2016.* Adirondack Interpretive Center, Newcomb Campus.

For a complete calendar of ESF’s Outreach events visit: [www.esf.edu/outreach/calendar.asp](http://www.esf.edu/outreach/calendar.asp)  
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