On-campus Hardwood Forest Gets a Lift

The on-campus Northern Hardwood Forest Restoration area, planted more than 20 years ago by a group of ESF graduate students, underwent some site improvement work this summer.

The 36'x36' plot on the north end of Moon Library was enhanced with a new path bordered by logs from ESF’s Heiberg Forest and lined with wood chips from the College's willow biomass project. Benches were sanded and repainted, invasive species were removed and the interpretive sign was refurbished. Plans call for more native forest plants to be added in the future.

For more information, read the [ESF news story](#).
ESF Hosts Visitor from Russia

Dr. Andrei Tolstikov, vice rector for research at Tyumen University, Russia, visited ESF for the third time Aug. 13-15. He first came to ESF as a graduate student with Dr. Roy Norton in the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology. Tolstikov's more recent visits, as well as visits by ESF faculty to Tyumen University, are part of a program originally funded by the Eurasia Foundation to sponsor collaborative research programs between U.S. and Russian universities. The initiative has multiple goals, including a joint Ph.D. research program between the two universities. There are also opportunities for ESF students to spend a summer studying Siberian ecology or the impacts of energy extraction industries on the environment, or spend a semester in Tyumen as part of the College of Advanced Studies. For more information, contact Dr. Lee Newman.

John Auwaerter to receive 2018 Preservation Design Award

John Auwaerter will be recognized for his work on California’s Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Auwaerter is a research scientist in ESF’s Department of Landscape Architecture and co-director of the Center for Cultural Landscape Preservation. His Cultural Landscape Report for Forts Baker, Barry, and Cronkhite will be presented with the Preservation Design Award for Cultural Resource Studies at the 2018 California Preservation Awards. For more details, read the ESF news story.

Neil Ringler Receives Education Award from American Fisheries Society

Dr. Neil Ringler, ESF vice provost and executive director of the Onondaga Lake Science Center, has received the Excellence in Fisheries Education Award from the American Fisheries Society.

The award, which was presented during the society's recent meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, recognizes excellence in
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Inclusion, Diversity and Equity at the Forefront of College Initiatives

ESF has initiated numerous programs to increase inclusion, diversity and equity on campus. Recently, the College’s diversity initiatives were outlined in a report to Governor Andrew Cuomo’s office. Following recent developments in Washington, the Governor has directed SUNY to maintain diversity and inclusion plans and policies that advance New York’s commitment to diversity, equity and opportunity. Read the report here.

Visit ESF Colleagues at the NY State Fair

When you go to the New York State Fair this year, don’t forget to look for ESF. Students from ESF’s SCIENCE Corps will be at the fair 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today to engage children in hands-on science activities. The Great Lakes Research Consortium is there every day and the Woodsmen’s Team will do demonstrations Sept. 2. Find the complete schedule in the ESF news story.

BUCT Students Arrive at ESF

Thirty-eight students from the Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT) arrived at ESF in August to spend a year on campus completing their degrees in bioprocess engineering. They make up the largest incoming class of international students in ESF’s 107-year history.

Read the ESF news story for more information.

Defining ESF’s Brand

In an effort to define ESF’s vision of itself — and by extent, the vision we share with the world — the College has retained the services of The Thornburn Group, a brand engagement consultancy that will work with us for the next few months to enhance the way we communicate with our many audiences.

The firm was selected by an ad hoc group led by Associate Provost for Enrollment Management Erin B. Craig; the group grew out of the Visibility and Marketing Committee formed earlier this year. The Thornburn Group was selected after proposals were received from eight firms. Those proposals underwent a technical review by the ad hoc group, and four firms were invited to campus in July to discuss their proposals and learn more about ESF. Thornburn was selected at the completion of the evaluation process.

As Thornburn begins the research aspect of the project, many members of various College constituent groups will be invited to participate in the process. The exercise is supported by a SUNY Performance Improvement Fund grant.

This project will build upon, but not replicate, branding exercises that have been done in the past. Upon completion, ESF will have the results of Thornburn’s communications audit and guidelines for launching a broad communications and marketing strategy for the College.

Food Trucks Roll onto ESF Campus through Fall Semester

Faculty, staff and students can expect to see more food trucks on campus through the fall semester. The trucks will visit two or three times a week, parking in the same locations
The trucks accept cash and major credit cards. For a list of all food trucks and menus, visit the Syracuse Food Truck Association web page.

Thanks to Lisa Campagna, assistant director of business affairs, who worked with the Syracuse Food Truck Association to make this arrangement possible. If you have feedback regarding the trucks, you can drop her an email.

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**ON CAMPUS**

**Welcome Back Picnic on the Quad**

Start the semester off right at the Activities Fair and Welcome Back Picnic. This is a great time to see all the clubs and organizations ESF students are involved in and maybe even get involved yourself.

Aug. 30, 2018
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
On the Quad

**Save a Life, Give Blood**

If you've ever had visions of playing the hero and saving a life, now is your chance. Sign up for the American Red Cross Blood Drive. And if saving a life isn't reward enough, all eligible donors will receive a cookie from Insomnia Cookies.

Sept. 5 and 6, 2018
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall

**Meet the Interim President**

The campus community is invited to a welcome reception for Interim President David Amberg. We will celebrate the start of the new academic year, meet some new people and welcome students into our community. For planning purposes, please register.

Sept. 4, 2018
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Gateway Center

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**ESF IN THE MEDIA**

Hudson Valley One: A Day's Work for a Research Ecologist

Going Green: Therapeutic Horticulture
ESF graduate Megan Napoli has been the Mohonk Preserve’s research ecologist since March 2016. She carries on biological research that began there in the mid-1920s.

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College Raptor: ESF Is ‘Hidden Gem’ for Biology

College Raptor just released its 2019 Hidden Gems lists. ESF is among the Top Ten Hidden Gems for Biology.

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Research is underway into the benefits of therapeutic horticulture with patients at the Syracuse VA Medical Center.

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Press-Republican: Coyotes Common in Tupper Lake Neighborhood

An ESF study was cited in a story about coyotes in a community in the Adirondacks.

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