ESF NEWS

ESF Associate Professor and SEUNA Vice President Melissa Fierke, pictured left, cut the ribbon on Euclid Avenue’s new bike lanes Aug. 29. Also pictured, from left are Kathy Downing, Neil Burke, Syracuse transportation planner; Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh and Bob Dougherty, former Common Council member.

Bike Lanes on Euclid Give Cyclists Safe Space to Ride

The cutting of a ribbon strung between two bicycles signaled the official opening of bike lanes on Euclid Avenue Aug. 29.

ESF’s Dr. Melissa Fierke, a strong proponent for the lanes and vice president of the Southeast University Neighborhood Association (SEUNA), cut the ribbon alongside Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh, Syracuse Transportation Planner and ESF alumnus Neil Burke, and fellow advocates Kathy Downing and Bob Dougherty.

The ribbon cutting and the group ride that followed represented close to seven years of advocacy, said Fierke.
“I’m so happy our students will be safer and that more folks may take up biking,” said Fierke of the new lanes. “I very much look forward to safer cycling for all our neighbors, children and students at ESF and SU, and to seeing lots of cyclists on our new beautiful Euclid bike lanes.”

Read the complete ESF story HERE.

ESF To Be Represented at Chancellor's Inauguration

ESF Interim President Dave Amberg and Associate Professor Melissa Fierke will represent ESF at the inauguration of SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson Sept. 14 at the SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Fierke will be the flag bearer representing the College’s Academic Governance and Amberg will serve as the College’s representative.

The SUNY community is invited to join the Chancellor online for the live webcast presentation of the inauguration. To register for a notification of the event and watch the live stream, click HERE.

Travis Lecture to Highlight Shrub Willow Research

Dr. Timothy Volk, ESF’s 2018-19 Exemplary Researcher, will present this year’s Dale L. Travis Lecture highlighting the use of shrub willow to provide a host of environmental benefits, including a sustainable source for renewable energy. Volk is a senior research associate in the Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management.

The Travis Lecture is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Gateway Center.

Get 'In the Know with the CDO' Blog

Dr. Malika Carter, chief diversity officer (CDO), launched her new blog, “SUNY-ESF In the Know with the CDO,” to provide information on recent campus initiatives.

“In some guise, this list provides insight into day-to-day activity but fully outlines what the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity has been able to accomplish through partnerships,” Carter said.

For more information about campus-wide inclusion, diversity, and equity efforts, or if you have improvement ideas, contact Carter, or the College-wide Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee, or visit the IDE website.

Shaw among 'Reimagine the N.Y. State Canal System' Finalists

Dr. Stephen Shaw is on a team of finalists in the Reimagine the New York State Canal System competition. Shaw, an associate professor in the Department of Environmental Resources Engineering, worked on the project with C&S Engineers Inc. and Cornell Cooperative Extension. The team envisions a western New York irrigation district that would provide grants to support the installation by farmers of new irrigation infrastructure and the development of a water management plan that ensures water...
from the canal remains available to farmers in the future.

Finalist teams were awarded up to $50,000 each to take their ideas to the next level. They are presented in the Meet the Finalists section of the Canal Corporation website. Input from the public is now being sought. Comments will guide the selection of winners, who will be announced Oct. 3. Winners will be awarded $2.5 million to plan and implement their projects.

ESF Launches Podcast

The ESF Podcast marks the College’s entrance into the world of audio podcasting. Each episode will offer listeners exciting and inspiring stories from throughout the ESF community. Students, faculty and staff members, and alumni will share their adventures and their passion for their work. They'll talk with Zack Smith ES ’18, ESF marketing assistant, about their groundbreaking research, and what’s happening on and off campus. Episodes are hosted by Podbean and all major podcasting apps such as iTunes and Stitcher. Simply search for “The ESF Podcast” in your podcast app and look for the ESF logo. You can subscribe for free or add the show to your favorites to receive automatic bi-weekly updates. You can check it out at The ESF Podcast webpage. If you have a story idea, share it with Smith.

Love it! Don't List It — Nifkin Gets Summertime Makeover

Like a home in an HGTV show episode, Nifkin Lounge underwent a makeover during the spring and summer in response to concerns from the Undergraduate Student Association (USA). This fall, it's time for the big reveal.

Read the complete ESF story HERE.

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**ON CAMPUS**
Enjoy Coffee on the Moon

Join Friends of Moon Library and David Nowak of the U.S. Forest Service Urban Forestry research unit for coffee and a presentation on The Importance of the Declining Urban Forest Resource.

Sept. 13, 2018
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
110 Moon Library

Cheer on Mighty Oaks Teams

Come cheer on the Mighty Oaks golf team — quietly — at the ESF Players Invitational at The Links at Erie Village. Don't miss a minute of Mighty Oaks sports action. Check out the schedules for all ESF’s sports teams here.

Sept. 15, 2018
8 a.m.
The Links at Erie Village, East Syracuse

Ask a Question, Save a Life

Suicide Prevention Training is offered to staff and students Sept. 18 by Counseling Services. For those who unable to attend, the program will be offered again in the spring.

Sept. 18, 2018
11 a.m. to noon
217 Bray Hall

ESF IN THE MEDIA

WSYR: Labor Day Storm '98 Impact

Dr. Don Leopold discusses the impact the Labor Day storm of 1998 had on Oakwood Cemetery. WATCH NOW

US News: ESF Ranks Among 'Best Value' Schools

ESF has earned a spot in U.S. News & World Report's annual Best College Rankings list, coming in at No. 38 among the "Best Value Schools" in the National Universities category. READ MORE

Science: American Chestnut Restoration Moving Forward

ESF researchers plan to formally ask U.S. regulators for approval to breed genetically modified American chestnut trees with nonengineered relatives and plant them in forests. READ MORE

Going Green: Population of Piping Plovers Not Growing in New Jersey

Protective measures put in place when piping plovers were placed on the endangered species list have led to an increase in their overall numbers, except in New Jersey. WATCH NOW

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