Dr. Thomas Horton’s general ecology labs were collecting mushrooms at ESF’s Svend O. Heiberg Memorial Forest in Tully last week. Horton is a professor in the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology. More photos from the expedition can be viewed HERE. Photo by Wendy P. Osborne.

ESF Contingent Participates in SUNY Chancellor’s Inauguration

Faculty, staff and student representatives were on hand to celebrate the inauguration of SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson Sept. 14 in New York City.

Interim President David Amberg and his partner, Mindy Akers, attended a reception Thursday evening at the New York Public Library with several members of the ESF community, including Dr. Maureen Fellows, vice president for government and external relations; Dr. Melissa Fierke, executive chair of Academic Governance and associate professor in the
Read the complete ESF story [HERE](#).

**Interim President Outlines 'ESF Discovery Challenge'

Interim President David Amberg has shared details of the ESF Discovery Challenge, a challenge to chart the College’s future by engaging and empowering the broader ESF community in a solution-focused approach. The details on implementation of the ESF Discovery Challenge are described in the document that can be found linked to the ESF [president’s web page](#).


The Discovery Advisory Group will identify and describe three to five cross-cutting initiatives to be funded by SUNY for up to $200,000 each year for three years. This is a total investment of nearly $2 million. Working with the ESF College Foundation Inc. and the chancellor, we will seek additional funding for the strategic priority areas. The People Advisory Group will focus on our human resources – faculty, students and staff – and how to best support them. The Ways and Means Advisory Group will be charged with charting a path to financial sustainability for ESF.

Nine co-chairs will lead these three advisory groups: Dr. Christopher Nomura, Dr. Timothy Volk and Dr. Donald Leopold (Discovery Advisory Group); Provost and Executive Vice President Nosa Egibor, Dr. Lindi Quackenbush and Dr. Jacqueline Ffair (People Advisory Group); and Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Joseph Rufo, Dr. David Newman and Dr. Gary Scott (Ways and Means Advisory Group). In the next couple of weeks, the three advisory groups will be fully populated so this work can begin in October.

**Chemistry's Donaghy Named VIPer Fellow**

Dr. Kelley Donaghy, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, has been named a Virtual Inorganic Pedagogical Electronic Resource (VIPer) Fellow in an innovative study to develop, test and refine a flexible, foundation-level inorganic chemistry course.

As one of the first 20 faculty selected for this groundbreaking project, Donaghy joins inorganic chemists from across the country in a community of practice dedicated to improving student learning. Over the course of the project, the VIPer Fellows will implement evidence-based practices in their courses.

Read the complete ESF story [HERE](#).

**Wear Purple to Call Attention to Domestic Violence**

The Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity invites the ESF community to mark October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Please join us in showing your support to end domestic violence by wearing Purple Thursday, Oct. 19, and joining us at the Gateway Center from 11 a.m. to noon that day to learn about the many programs we have at ESF to support our student and employees," said Amy McLaughlin, Title IX coordinator and
Affirmative Action officer.

There will be a photo opportunity at 11:30 a.m. for members of the ESF community to stand together and show support to end domestic violence.

**ESF Energy Project Gets High Marks in Competition**

ESF had one of the top projects in the New York Power Authority/New York State Energy Research and Development Authority’s Geothermal Energy Challenge.

ESF’s ground source heat pump (GSHP) project was among the highest-scoring projects in New York state, enabling the College to continue to the challenge’s second stage.

Josh Arnold, ESF’s energy manager, identified Moon Library as a prime candidate for larger scale GSHPs that would use the earth underneath ESF’s Quad as a heat source during the winter and a heat sink in the summer.

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**What's Your Favorite QWL Event?**

What Quality of Work Life event do you look forward to the most? Inquiring minds want to know.

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Learn how to be an ally to ESF’s LGBTQ community. Sponsored by Counseling Services.

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Graduate and Professional School Fair May Hold Answers to Future

Interested in furthering your education? Attend the Graduate and Professional School Fair to speak with representatives from graduate schools, law schools and medical programs,

Sept. 25, 2018
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Gateway Center

Mighty Oaks Soccer Teams Play in Albany

The women's and men's Mighty Oaks soccer teams take on Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Albany.

Sept. 21, 2018
Women's team, 5 p.m.
Men's team, 7 p.m.
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Albany, New York

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ESF's Centennial Hall was ranked second on the list of the 25 best college dorms in the state by Niche, a company that researches and compiles information on schools.
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Oakie Acorn made the ucribs list of the Top 10 Most Bizarre Mascots in College History. Oakie was called "a jolly testament to the College of Environmental Science and Forestry’s student spirit."
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