Patricia Fernandes - a Fulbright scholar and Ph.D. student - came to ESF from her native Portugal to further her research on the European chestnut tree. Under the guidance of Professor William Powell, director of ESF’s American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project, she learned a genetic engineering technique with the potential to help ensure the sustainability of chestnut production in her home country.

The European chestnut is an economically significant forest species in Europe. In Portugal, the tree is a particularly important source of timber and high-quality edible fruit. "Portugal is one of the biggest producers and exporters of chestnuts," said Fernandes. "In some parts of the country, families rely entirely on chestnut production for income."
Candidates for Interim Provost Position Announced

Five candidates will be interviewed for the position of interim provost, according to an announcement made by Interim President David Amberg last week.

The candidates are the following faculty members:
- Dr. Susan E. Anagnost, professor, Department of Paper and Bioprocess Engineering, and director of the N.C. Brown Center for Ultrastructure Studies
- Douglas J. Daley, associate professor, Department of Environmental Resources Engineering, and faculty member in the Division of Environmental Science
- Dr. Douglas M. Johnston, professor and chair, Department of Landscape Architecture, and area leader, Environmental and Community Land Planning, Graduate Program in Environmental Science
- Dr. David H. Newman, professor, Department of Forest and Natural Resources Management (FNRM)
- Dr. Christopher T. Nomura, vice president for research programs, and professor, Department of Chemistry


ESF is featured as one of the nation's best colleges for students seeking a superb education with great career preparation at an affordable price, according to The Princeton Review.

The education service profiles ESF in the 2019 edition of its annual guide, The Best Value Colleges: 200 Schools with Exceptional ROI for Your Tuition Investment. The Princeton Review chose schools based on data collected in 2017-18 from its surveys of administrators at more than 650 colleges. The company also factored in data from its surveys from students attending the schools as well as surveys of school alumni that PayScale.com conducted through April 2018.

ESF Carnegie Classification Research Status Changes to R-2

ESF’s status as a research university has been changed from “Doctoral Universities: Moderate Research Activity,” otherwise known as R-3, to “Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity,” which is commonly known as R-2.

Provost and Executive Vice President Nosa Egiebor explains the change was made because of alterations made by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which provides a framework for classifying colleges and universities in the United States.

QWL Seeks Award Nominations for Annual Awards

The Quality of Work Life Committee is seeking nominations for its annual awards: the President's ESF Quality of Work Life Award and the President's ESF Public/Community
The President's ESF Quality of Work Life Award is given annually to an employee whose positive attitude and positive approach to work provides an excellent example of service and improves the work environment for the entire ESF community.

Read the complete ESF story HERE.

Save the Date - St. Patrick's Parade

Mark your calendars for this year's St. Patrick's Parade in downtown Syracuse March 16. ESF will have a contingent marching this year. Details to follow.

QWL Offers Cocoa & Cookies

QWL presents pop-up Cocoa & Cookies at a number of campus locations. Stop by Bray Rotunda, Baker third floor, second floor Illick and Marshall second floor for a cup of cocoa and a cookie. Don't forget to Lug Your Mug (LYM).

Feb. 6, 2019
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
Various Campus Locations

Stop by Morning Munch

Start the day off right with breakfast at Morning Munch. But wait! There's more! Enjoy chatting with friends, staff and faculty while you have a cup of joe. PYP/LYM.

Feb. 12, 2019
7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Nifkin Lounge

Dr. Gibbs Speaker for Hydrological System Science Seminar

Dr. James Gibbs will present "Turtles, frogs and waterbirds with respect to PCBs" at the HSS Seminar Series.
**ESF IN THE MEDIA**

**Going Green: Take a Tour of the Gateway's CHP System**

See a tour of the Gateway Center combined-heat-and-power system that has reduced the cost of energy for the College and reduced the College's carbon footprint.

[WATCH HERE](#)

**LiveScience: Here's What Groundhogs Do If Winter Goes Long**

ScienceLive turns to ESF to explain what groundhogs do when winter hangs out longer than six weeks post-Groundhog Day.

[READ HERE](#)

**The Post Star: Invasive Species Report Highlights Findings in ADK Campgrounds**

ESF researchers collaborated on an invasive species report in the Adirondack Park campgrounds.

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**wortfm: Expanding the Circle of Citizenship For Public Lands**

Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer gave a public lecture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus Jan. 31. Her talk was presented on WORT 89.9 FM’s website.

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