ESF NEWS

ESF marched in the St. Patrick's Parade and let the Syracuse community know "We Bleed Green" 365 days a year, not just on St. Patrick's Day. (Photo by Claire B. Dunn)

ESF Students Design Renewable Energy Housing Complex

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is from syracuse.com

Building features such as LED lights, solar shades and rainwater irrigation systems are becoming more common in commercial and residential building.

But a group of students at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in
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Dr. Brian Leydet joined a team of researchers in Piñas, Ecuador, to work with ongoing disease surveillance efforts through the Institute for Global Health & Translational Science at SUNY Upstate Medical University. The group sampled in four different areas and collected more than 300 ticks from all types of animals and the forest floor.

EFB Faculty Spend Spring Break in Ecuador

Four faculty members from the ESF Department of Environmental and Forest Biology (EFB) spent spring break in Ecuador, teaching and working on research projects.

Dr. Martin Dovciak and Dr. Donald Stewart took 20 students in the Tropical Ecology course to the Tiputini Biodiversity Station deep in the rainforests of the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve. The students learned about nature conservation, sustainable resource management and biological diversity during an intensive field study. Field explorations included diverse tropical ecosystems across the Andes, tropical dry forests, cloud forests, paramo, montane tropical forests, and lowland rainforest with aquatic whitewater
Girls’ Summit, Take Our Kids to Work Day on the Horizon

Events aimed at fostering kids’ interest in science will take place at ESF in April. The Girls’ Summit and Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day will engage children in a variety of activities to promote STEM learning.

The Girls’ Summit is set for April 13. “If your fifth- through 10th-grade daughter, niece, sister or neighbor would like to explore ESF-fostered careers, plus a few more, registration is now open,” said Heather Engleman, instructional support technician and event organizer.

For more than 20 years, ESF has provided a schoolday of hands-on career exploration for children ages eight to 11 in conjunction with Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day – this year set for April 25.

Read the complete ESF story HERE.

Vote for Oakie in SUNY's Mascot Madness

Oakie Acorn is fighting cupule and cotyledons to beat OCC’s Blaze in the first round of SUNY’s Mascot Madness but he can’t do it alone. Actually, he can’t much do it at all because his fingers are too big to use most keyboards or phones necessary for voting.

Oakie, the 2017 champion, is asking for the support of ESF students, staff, faculty and friends to show SUNY – if not the world – that there’s no pride like Stumpie pride.

You can cast a vote every 12 hours from unique email addresses. Round 1 competition is open until 3 p.m. Friday, March 22.

Follow Oakie on Instagram at oakie_acorn, on Twitter @ESFOakie and Facebook at ESFOakieAcorn for the latest Mascot Madness updates.

Read the complete ESF story HERE.
The New York Water Environment Association annual meeting was Feb. 4-6 in New York City. Thirteen ESF students attended. ESF placed third for the Association Level Student Chapter Recognition Grant. Senior Elena Araya received the Outstanding Student Service Award and Junior Briana Fitzgerald received the Association Student Chapter Service Award. Pictured, front row, from left, are Elena Araya, Mallory DeLanoy, Sarah Wohlfahrt, Briana Fitzgerald and Meghan Medwid. Back Row, from left, are Colin Richardson, Zach Patterson, Alex Hess, Mike O'Connor, Evan Williams, Albert Park, Madhuri Dinakar and Dr. Douglas Daley, associate professor, Department of Environmental Resources Engineering.

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**OIDE Hosts Open House**
The Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (OIDE) has moved and invites the ESF community to visit their new space during an open house.

Stop by and enjoy hot cocoa and a snack and meet OIDE staff. The office also has a new website.

March 20, 2019
11 a.m. to noon
445 Baker Laboratory

Explore Carbon Tax Issues

The issues surrounding a carbon tax will be explored at Carbon Tax and CNY: A Community Forum. The event is free; a light dinner will be served. Sponsored by ESF Graduate Student Association.

March 22, 2019
220 Eggers Hall
Syracuse University

The Science of Syrup Presented

Forest Properties and ESF Outreach present The Science of Syrup. Learn the science behind this favored breakfast condiment. The day includes interpretive hikes, sugarhouse tours and guest lectures.

March 23 and 30, 2019
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Heiberg Memorial Forest, Tully

ESF IN THE MEDIA

syracuse.com: Snowfleas Covered a Madison County Yard
Dr. Melissa Fierke explains the "super cool" nature of snow fleas that appeared in a Madison County yard.

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Going Green: Save the Insects
Kim Adams, director of Tree Pest Information Services, talks about what people can do to save the insects.

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New Times: Parade Grand Marshals Chat About Syracuse's Irish History

Lancaster Farming: New York Forests are Vital to Agriculture
Dr. Hugh Canham, emeritus professor, presented "New York's Woodlands: What
Joanie Mahoney, chief operating officer, and her father, Bernie, were grand mashals for the St. Patrick's Parade. They share their thoughts on Syracuse's Irish heritage.

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