For the last two years, the ESF chapter of Ducks Unlimited (DU) has been listed among the national organization's top 25 collegiate chapters. The conservation organization has 144 student chapters nationwide. The chapter's spring "Conservation Night Out" is Thursday, April 11, in the Gateway Center. This annual event typically attracts more than 150 students and conservation-minded citizens from throughout New York state. The chapter promotes wetlands conservation for waterfowl, other wildlife and people. For more information about tickets, contact chapter President William Chamberlain.

Johnston Appointed Interim Open Academy Director

Dr. Douglas Johnston has been appointed interim director of the ESF Open Academy.

Johnston will remain in the position until a national search, to be conducted this summer, identifies a permanent director. Johnston succeeds Dr. Charles Spuches, who recently retired.

Johnston will also continue to serve as chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture, a position he has held since 2013.
In announcing the appointment, Interim Provost David Newman noted Johnston was the academic lead in developing ESF’s new online sustainable energy management program, which will launch this fall. “Doug’s leadership helped develop that program and, since it is being administered by the Open Academy, there will be a seamless transition,” Newman said. “We look forward to tapping Doug’s expertise in new ways.”

Johnston holds a B.S. in environmental studies and a B.L.A. from ESF, an M.L.A. from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Washington.

OIDE Offers Slate of Events to Mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month

The Office of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity has a number of events scheduled during April for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. **The Clothesline Project** - April 8-12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Alumni (Nifkin) Lounge. Create a T-shirt to support sexual assault survivors, or to memorialize your own survival or the abuse suffered by a loved one’s.

**ESF’s Got Your Back** – April 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Gateway Center. Students, staff and faculty are invited to assemble bags that will go to victims and survivors of violence locally and throughout New York state. Volunteers will receive a SUNY’s Got Your Back bag. Sign up [HERE](#).

**Take Back our College Walk** - (formerly known as Take Back the Night) - April 11 at 8 p.m. starting at Alumni (Nifkin) Lounge. Participants will march through the ESF campus to show solidarity with survivors of sexual assault and the desire to end campus rape culture.

Parry Awarded Best Paper Honors

Dr. Dylan Parry, an ecologist in the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology, and his collaborators are the recipients of the best paper published in 2017-18 in *Physiological Entomology* by the Royal Entomological Society.

This honor is related to research that formed the foundation of Parry's 2017 NSF grant. The title of the project is "Linking thermal tolerance to invasion dynamics: Climate and
physiological capacity as regulators of geographical spread." Parry and his research partners are working to learn more about how the gypsy moth — an invasive species that causes widespread damage to trees by defoliating them — has been able to spread through a range of habitats that have wide-ranging climate differences.

### Spring Cleanup Comes to Gateway Roof

Help get the Gateway Center green roof ready for spring. Dr. Don Leopold will lead a 30-minute training session April 23 beginning at 11 a.m. to explain proper plant and green roof maintenance. The next hour and a half will be spent trimming, cutting back and removing plant material on the roof. Tools and gloves will be provided. Volunteers are reminded to wear appropriate pants and shoes. For more information, call 470-6701.

### Run Forestry Run at the Corporate Challenge

Runners and walkers of all paces are invited to join the ESF team for the J.P. Morgan Corporate Challenge Tuesday, May 21.

The Corporate Challenge is a 3.5-mile run down and back on Onondaga Lake Parkway. After the race, the team gathers for a party.

The Corporate Challenge race series is a global celebration of teamwork, camaraderie and community, providing an opportunity to connect with clients and corporate neighbors.

To register, click [HERE](#) and select “SUNY-ESF" from the "Join a Company" dropdown menu. Contact [Christopher Baycura](#) with any questions or to volunteer.
Women's Caucus Coffee Break

Take a coffee break and network with other women on campus. Short breaks help individuals regroup and gain fresh perspectives.

April 12, 2019
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
110 Moon Library

CNY Girls Summit

CNY Girls' Summit is a hands-on, S.T.E.A.M.-based career exploration day that introduces girls in grades five-10 to "non-traditional" fields.

April 13, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Alumni (Nifkin) Lounge

Spotlight on Student Research

ESF's annual Spotlight Symposium is a dynamic forum where graduate and undergraduate students share the results of their research.

April 16, 2019
11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Gateway Center

ESF IN THE MEDIA

New York Times: Forest Cam Captures Secret Lives of Animals

The focus is put on ESF’s Canid Camera project which asks online volunteers to participate in a census of a young forest.

READ HERE

Auburn Citizen: Symposium Shows Need for Community Action Against Algae

Dr. Kim Schulz presented at the recent Owasco Lake harmful algal bloom symposium.

Going Green: Recycling Do's and Don'ts

Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency provides a reminder about what does and doesn't go into the Blue Bin for recycling.

WATCH HERE