Quarterly News for SEBS, Cook, CAES, and AG Alumni

CELEBRATE DEAN GOODMAN'S LEADERSHIP WITH BRUNCH AT RUTGERS DAY/ AG FIELD DAY!

The Executive Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources of our school, Bob Goodman, invites all SEBS, Cook, CAES, and AG alumni to join him for brunch on the George H. Cook campus between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This will be his last Rutgers Day as Executive Dean since he will be stepping down at the end of his term on June 30th to return to a faculty position. Help us celebrate Dean Goodman's 15 years of leadership at our school. Registration will be coming soon.

First Annual IFNH Research Day Is A Success!

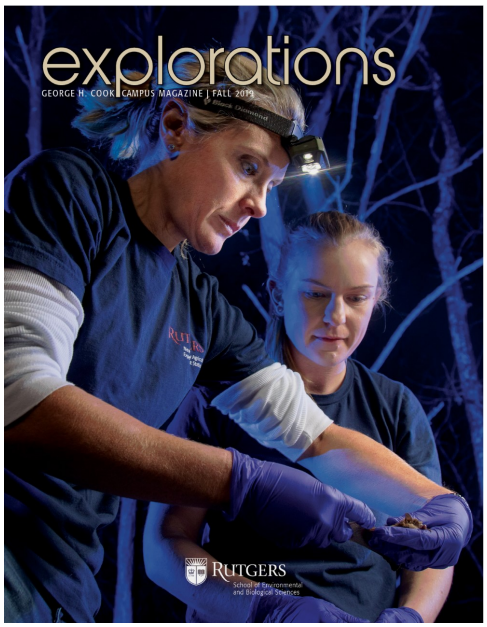
The New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health hosted its first annual Research Day on November 1. The event highlighted the interdisciplinary approach of the Institute, which encompasses five centers and three programs. Read more.

CCAA Presents 7th Annual Life After College Networking Event

All school alumni are invited to attend on February 16th. Talk with students interested in your field. Give advice. Help with concerns. Hiring interns? Find them here. Provide our students with the knowledge you wish you had while in college. The format is informal, small group discussions. Food will be provided. Register here. Questions? Contact dangclark@gmail.com. Co-sponsored by the SEBS Governing Council. The program is made possible through financial support from the RUAA.

Marissa Piloto SEBS'14 Takes Her Rutgers Training To The Big Stage

As an athletic trainer for the Rockettes and the Brooklyn Nets entertainment teams, Marissa uses her kinesiology and exercise science training at SEBS to live her dream career that began with the Rutgers football team. Read more.



Read the latest edition of *EXPLORATIONS*

This is the first digital, interactive edition of the winter issue of our campus magazine. Just click on the cover photo to access it. Featured stories highlight the great achievements of our students and faculty, and how our alumni are giving back to the George H. Cook campus. This issue also spotlights our Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources.

In Other News

We welcomed back a number of our former faculty and staff at the annual **Retired Faculty Luncheon** on December 5th. Read more.

Nathan Yee, professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and co-investigator at Rutgers ENIGMA, a NASA-funded research team, is exploring the **possibility of life beyond Earth**. Read more. NJ.com article.

The **Nutritional Sciences Graduate Program** admitted the first class in the **new dietetics track** in September. This program, accredited by ACEND, provides the necessary preparation for MS and PhD students to become eligible for the RDN exam and to serve the public, promote health, and prevent disease. This is the first time Rutgers-New Bunswick has had a program like this. Learn more. **Alum Dietitians!!!** Would you like to serve as a preceptor in this program? Please contact coordinator, Pinkin Panchal, MS, RDN.

Congratulations to **Thomas Leustek** NCAS'81, GSNB'83,'87, associate dean for academic administration and assessment and a professor in the Department of Plant Biology, on being named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science! Read more.

Congratulations to **Samantha Bova**, a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences, on being named one of L'Oreal's 2019 Women in Science fellows! Read more.

If you have been watching our very successful basketball team on the Big Ten Network, you have probably seen our video discussing the **Rutgers Food Innovation Center**. You can watch it here.

The CCAA recently recognized the newest recipients of the **George Hammell Cook Distinguished Alumni Award**: Donald Heilman CC'76, Joseph Charette CC'77, and Susan Carson CC'92. Read more.

Nominations are now being accepted for this year's Cook Community Alumni Association Awards: George Hammell Cook Distinguished Alumni Award and the Dennis M. Fenton Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award. If you would like to submit a nomination, please use the online form here.

The Rutgers University Alumni Association is accepting **applications for leadership positions** such as Board of Directors member, at-large member of the Alumni Leaders Council, and Alumni Senator of the University Senate. Applications are due February 21. Click here to apply.

If you are seeking **employment opportunities**, Rutgers Career Exploration and Success is happy to assist you with the Handshake program. Click here for more information. CES provides an array of career-related services for alumni.

Volunteers needed!!! Horticulture at Rutgers Gardens, habitat conservation, and mapping precipitation in your local community are just a few of the volunteer opportunities available to you through Rutgers. Learn more.

The Quarterly Quiz Question - Win a free breakfast or lunch for you and a guest at Harvest Cafe on the George H. Cook campus by being the first person to provide the correct answer to this question - **how many people attended the first annual IFNH Research Day on November 1st?** (hint: the answer is within the newsletter). Please click here to answer.

MORE SEBS NEWS

Click here to update your information or share news with us.

Calendar

Cook's Market at Rutgers Gardens is open on some Fridays throughout the winter. View the website for available dates and information.

The **Big Ten Ag Alumni Reception in Washington D.C.** will be held on Monday, March 2, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the National Press Club. Join fellow Rutgers alumni and alumni from other Big Ten schools with agricultural programs for a great evening of networking and story sharing! Click here for more information and to sign up.

The Department of **Environmental Sciences** is celebrating its **100th Anniversary** on Friday, April 24, 2020. Alumni of all undergraduate and graduate programs affiliated with the department are welcome to attend. A daylong symposium, "Environmental Research: The Next 100 Years," will be held that day as well. Click here for more information and to register. Please submit photographs and recollections related to your time at Rutgers to DES100@envsci.rutgers.edu to be shared at the celebration dinner and included in a timeline of the department's history.

Save the Date!!! The Cook Community Alumni Association **Annual Alumni Fish Fry** will be held at Rutgers Gardens on Saturday, July 18, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is an "all alumni" event, but if you are in a class year ending in "0" or "5," consider celebrating your milestone reunion at the fry. The Class of 1980 will be gathering at the event to celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

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