



## Monthly News for SEBS, Cook, CAES, and AG Alumni



**In the fight against COVID-19, Rutgers has proven itself to be a valuable ally to our nation and a source of pride for our state.**

After developing the first saliva test for COVID-19, scientists at Rutgers have gone even further and developed the [first home saliva collection test](#), greatly expanding testing capacity while keeping people safe from exposure.

The [university COVID-19 information page](#) includes updates on how Rutgers is responding to the pandemic, including steps to mitigate its financial impact and planning for the fall.



## The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station Launches New Home, Lawn, And Garden Resources Website

Gardening provides many benefits, including growing healthy food, alleviating stress and anxiety, and providing outdoor activities for the family. [Learn all about it!](#)



## You Can Help SEBS Students Affected By The COVID-19 Crisis

The [SEBS Educational Assistance Fund](#) was created to help provide necessary services to our students during this challenging time. Your contribution will provide emergency financial support to students, helping them manage education and living expenses.



## Alum Virologist Is On The Hunt

As director of a lab researching highly infectious diseases at George Washington University, [Christopher Mores CC'95](#) is focusing his efforts on learning all he can about COVID-19 and how to fight it.

*(Photo by Melissa Block, NPR)*



## Julie Lockwood Elected Fellow of Ecological Society of America

[Lockwood](#), chair and professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, is recognized for her extensive and impactful research in invasive species ecology.

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## In Other News

The Rutgers Community gave over \$250,000 to help students on [#GivingTuesdayNow!](#) Thank you to all who supported the cause.

Dina Fonseca, professor in the Department of Entomology, chimes in on all the buzz surrounding the [Asian giant hornet](#).

Dean Goodman and Rutgers Cooperative Extension agents discuss the problems COVID-19 could cause with [this year's blueberry harvest](#).

### Graduating Senior Stories

[Yat Chan](#) finds her calling in landscape architecture.

[Ameen Lotfi](#) takes a non-traditional path to agriculture.

[Erica Weber](#) follows her heart to environmental science.

### Activities to Keep Your Health and Spirits Up

[Cook's Market](#) is open. You can visit the market every Friday to purchase nutritious food. There are restrictions, so be sure to check the website before stopping by.

[4-H from Home](#) provides interactive lessons for kids and teens that can be conducted through webinars.

The Center for Human Nutrition, Exercise, and Metabolism is hosting [virtual exercise classes](#). Please contact William Maldonado, Fitness Training Director, for more information - [chnext.training@sebs.rutgers.edu](mailto:chnext.training@sebs.rutgers.edu).

### Employment and Educational Resources

If you need help finding employment, [Rutgers Career Exploration and Success](#) is here for you. Alumni who have graduated in the last year can reach out to Larry Jacobs at [best2u@rutgers.edu](mailto:best2u@rutgers.edu) for assistance. For alumni who graduated before 2019, please contact Colin von Liebttag at [colin.liebttag@rutgers.edu](mailto:colin.liebttag@rutgers.edu).

The [Office of Continuing Professional Education](#) offers a variety of programs that will develop your job skills, earn you valuable certification credits, and enhance your resume.

### Cook Community Alumni Association (CCAA) News\*

The CCAA is holding virtual meetings during the pandemic. If you would like to know more about the CCAA and what it does, consider attending an upcoming meeting on May 26 or June 23. A virtual meet and greet is also in the works for June. It's a great organization that allows you to interact with fellow alumni and also give back to the school and its students. Contact Ted Wendin SEBS'11 at [ted@gobigear.com](mailto:ted@gobigear.com) for more information.

The CCAA Distinguished Alumni Awards have been scheduled for October. [Nominations for awards](#) have been extended to July 15, 2020. If you know an undergraduate or graduate alumnus from the school who you feel is worthy of the honor, please consider nominating them. Contact Dr. Linda Madison CC'80 at [drlindamadison@gmail](mailto:drlindamadison@gmail) for more information.

You can follow the CCAA on their social media pages: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#).

\*The CCAA will resume their normal email schedule soon.

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## Calendar

SEBS will hold a [virtual convocation ceremony](#) on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Rutgers Giving Day is June 17, 2020.

### **Stay Engaged and Informed with Virtual Programming**

The [Earth Day at Home webinar series](#) offers new and informative programming every Monday evening through the end of June.

The Equine Science Center is holding the virtual event, "[An Evening of Wine and Equine](#)" on May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 19 at 12:00 p.m., Elizabeth Candela CC'86, owner of B3yond Nutrition, LLC, will provide instruction on [how proper nutrition can change your life for the better](#). Elizabeth will talk about mindful and healthful eating to help you meet your wellness goals.

Family and Community Health Sciences is holding [healthy eating and lifestyle instruction](#) three times a week on Facebook Live: Tasty Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m.; Wellness Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m.; and Family Fridays, 11:00 a.m. These casual, short cooking classes show how easy it is to make delicious, seasonal snacks and meals at home either by yourself or with the family.

Josh Kohut, associate professor in the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences is hosting a webinar titled, "A Unique Corner of Our Global Ocean: The Oceanography of the Mid-Atlantic Bight," on Thursday, May 21, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To register, contact Kelly Jurgensen at [kjurgensen@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:kjurgensen@co.ocean.nj.us) by May 19.

The Rutgers University Alumni Association is hosting a series of [live webinars](#). You can

also view recorded webinars on their [YouTube page](#).

The School of Arts and Sciences is holding some interesting [topical webinars](#), which you can attend live or watch the recordings.

The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station [calendar](#) will keep you informed about other exciting online events.

## SEBS CALENDAR

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### Quick Links

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