



## Monthly News for Alumni and Friends of SEBS, Cook, CAES, AG, and for NJAES



### Resources and Training for Your Urban Garden

Growing plants in urban areas can provide fresh produce, help reduce stress, and support beneficial wildlife. The New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station provides [resources](#) to help you start and maintain your garden.



## Explorations Summer 2021 Edition Now Available

The latest issue of [Explorations, the George H. Cook Campus Magazine](#) is now available online. This issue features stories on the Class of 2021, the Rutgers Student Farm, citizen science opportunities, alumni notes, and much more. The digital issue includes interactive links to enhance your reading experience.



## Extension Receives Funding for Vaccine Education

The funding from USDA-NIFA will allow Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) to conduct an [education and outreach project](#) to address the concern about on-farm transfer of COVID-19 and help connect the farming community with local vaccine providers.



## Plant of the Month: Culver's Root

Bruce Crawford, RCE Program Leader in Home and Public Horticulture, discusses this impressive, [native plant species](#), as well as its lack of recognition in the gardening community despite its increasingly popular attributes.



## Animal Science Major to Finish Volleyball Career this Fall

Due to the interruption of COVID-19, Kamila Cieslik SEBS'22 will finish up her undergraduate education and collegiate athletic career this Fall. She recently discussed her [life as a student-athlete at SEBS](#), and how it was impacted by the pandemic, with our Newsroom.



## Virtual Programming and Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

When conducting virtual programming, it is important to be aware of the needs of people with developmental disabilities, so the content can be as accessible as possible to all participants. Members of Cooperative Extension have created a [fact sheet](#) to address this concern.

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## Other Items of Interest

Rutgers Cooperative Extension agents received [national, regional, and state awards](#) from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents at their 2021 virtual conference in July.

Dr. Anthony Broccoli CC'77, GSNB'79, '98, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and co-director of Rutgers Climate Institute, participated in a video interview with [NJ Spotlight News](#) to discuss how climate change is related to the increasing summer heat in recent years.

Dr. Donald Schaffner, Extension Specialist and Distinguished Professor in the Department of Food Science, recently offered his advice for [bringing your dog on an outdoor dining experience](#).

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[Update us on any information or news to share with us.](#)

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## Calendar

Rutgers Cooperative Extension is conducting an urban gardening webinar series in Spanish titled, "[El Huerto Urbano](#)," on Monday evenings through August 9.

The Marine Extension Program Seminar Series presents, "[Biology of Prohibited Coastal Sharks of New Jersey](#)," on Monday, August 2nd.

Prior Event Recordings:

The [Rutgers Food Science IFT Virtual Student and Alumni Celebration](#) was held on July 19. Keynote speaker, Lou Cooperhouse RC'83, GSNB'87, gave a great presentation on his company, BlueNalu, and the growing industry of alternative proteins.

Other events will be posted on the SEBS calendar as information becomes available. Be sure to check in for updates.

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