



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



A Big Welcome to the Newest Alumni Class!

On Monday, May 16th, SEBS held its annual Graduation Convocation at Jersey Mike's Arena (formerly Rutgers Athletic Center), where members of the Class of 2022 were recognized for completing the undergraduate program in their respective disciplines. We welcome them now as alumni of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and members of the Cook Community Alumni Association.

- Watch the recording and download the program [here](#).
- View [photos](#) from the ceremony.
- Read remarks from Interim Executive Dean [Laura Lawson](#) and [Juhi Patel](#), 2022 SEBS Class Representative.

In this newsletter, we feature a few of our new alumni stories, and more are available in the [SEBS-NJAES Newsroom](#). We also congratulate fellow alumna, Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig CC'80, GSNB'83, a NASA climate scientist, on being named the 2022 World Food Prize Laureate!



Genuine Love of Learning Leads to Success

[Max Dvinskikh SEBS'22](#) graduated at the top of the 2022 Microbiology class. This honors student credits a supportive family and department faculty with helping them to overcome personal challenges and excel in their studies. Next up for Max is a PhD program at Yale.



Designing the Future

[Tyler Holden SEBS'22](#) graduated from Rutgers this year but will continue his studies at the School of Graduate Studies to earn his master's degree in Landscape Architecture (LA). Through LA, Tyler seeks to use his vision and skills to leave his mark on Cook campus and create transformative experiences through his designs.



Transfer Student Perseveres to Achieve Goals

[Jennifer Obrizan SEBS'22](#) began her higher education earning an associate's degree at Middlesex County College. This year, she graduated SEBS with a double major and will continue her studies at the Rutgers Graduate School of Education, with the goal of becoming a teacher of agricultural education.



Cook College Alumna Receives Prestigious Honor

Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig CC'80, GSNB'83, senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, was recently named the [2022 World Food Prize Laureate](#) for founding a global network of scientists, working to better understand how climate change impacts global food production.



Rutgers President Attends Arbor Day Commemoration

On April 29th, the Rutgers University Forestry Club planted a Scarlet oak tree outside Waller Hall to mark the [150th Anniversary of Arbor Day](#). President Holloway made an address, noting his personal connection with Arbor Day. The event also included a pruning demonstration on a sugar maple.

Other Items of Interest

Rutgers acknowledges Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month. The Rutgers Asian American Cultural Center celebrated with a [series of events](#).

The [SEBS alumni LinkedIn group](#) provides news, information about job and career opportunities, and an exclusive venue for students and alumni of the school to network with each other.

Cook's Market at Rutgers Gardens has updated hours. The [market](#) is now open on Fridays from 11:00am to 3:00pm through November 18th.

[Rutgers Farm Tours](#) on Cook campus have resumed and are available to a wide range of audiences. Visitors can see cattle, goats, sheep, horses, and pigs.

The [Cook Community Alumni Association's](#) next meeting will take place in a hybrid format on Tuesday, May 24th, beginning at 6:30pm. Alumni will meet in-person in Martin Hall on Cook campus, and there will be a Zoom linkup for those attending virtually. Contact Ted Wendin SEBS'11 at twendin@gmail.com for more information.

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

Calendar

The [Virtual Tri-State Career & Internship Fair](#) hosted by Rutgers is Friday, May 20th from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST and is open to Rutgers students, alumni, and the general public. This fair provides an opportunity for individuals to network with employers in both one-on-one or group sessions to discuss full-time, part-time, and internship opportunities from a wide variety of fields.

Save the Date! Rutgers Food Science will host a social gathering for alumni and friends of the program at the upcoming [JFT FIRST: Annual Event and Expo](#) in Chicago on Monday, July 11th. Details to come.

The Cook Community Alumni Association [Annual Alumni Fish Fry](#) returns this summer!!! The event will be held at Rutgers Gardens on Saturday, July 16th. Reconnect with fellow alumni and faculty and staff, who are also invited. Register early for best pricing.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the "Ocean Observing Network: Enabling the Blue Economy in the 21st Century" event scheduled for April 28th and the "Puppies Helping People: Raising Seeing Eye Dogs on Cook Campus" event scheduled for May 4th had to be postponed. We will keep you informed with new plans when they are set.

Prior Event Recordings:

[Virtual Science Cafe: High Seas Biodiversity: A Sustainable Future Through Science and Policy at the United Nations](#), presented by Cymie Payne from the Department of Human Ecology on April 21st.

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

CALENDAR

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