



Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus October 2022



Come home, October 20th to 22nd!

Homecoming is almost here! Join the Office of Alumni and Community Engagement and the Cook Community Alumni Association at SHI Stadium on Saturday, October 22nd for an all-alumni New Brunswick tailgate. We will have giveaway items and prizes. Our deans will be on hand to speak with you about all the exciting things going on at our school and the experiment station. In partnership with the Rutgers University Alumni Association, food will be available for a small charge. Join us between 9am and 11am before the noon kickoff vs. Indiana. Go Scarlet Knights!!!

In addition to the tailgate, our Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences is offering an information session and facilities tour on Thursday, October 20th, beginning at 10am. Learn all about the amazing programs and work being done by department faculty, staff, and students. Be sure to register on the [Homecoming website](#).



Virtual Science Cafe to Discuss Effects of Nuclear War

The Virtual Science Cafe series returns Friday, October 21st. Alan Robock, Rutgers professor of Environmental Sciences, will present, "[Global Famine after Nuclear War](#)," discussing how nuclear war would affect the world's climate and food supply and efforts to reduce the chances of such an occurrence.



Webinar Series Marks 10th Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy

Rutgers Cooperative Extension presents the series, "[Weathering the Storm: Increased Resiliency a Decade after Superstorm Sandy](#)," on select Mondays through November 21st. Featured speakers will discuss New Jersey's resilience in the face of extreme weather and how you, personally, can be more resilient.



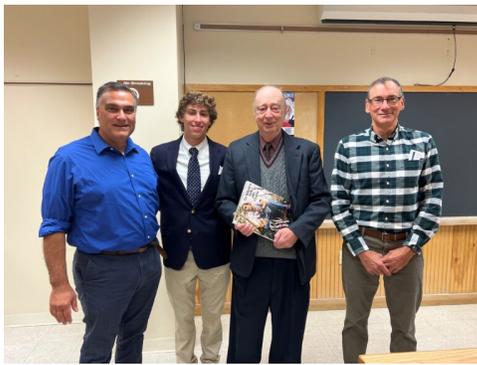
NJAES Awarded Grant from USDA to Research Nickel Nutrition

The [grant](#) is funding the Rutgers team's research into the role of nickel nutrition in cranberry plant health and crop production. Additionally, the team is studying some tree crops, such as pecans and apples, due to the susceptibility of wooded perennials to nickel deficiency. The element is essential for plant life.



First-Generation Student Pursuing Her Dream at SEBS

[Leah Kapps SEBS'26](#), a first-year student looking to major in Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, dreams of becoming a conservation biologist. With a passion for environmental issues, she hopes to help natural environments thrive and bring more awareness to the effects of climate change.



Charlie Kontos Environmental Activist Award Given

A Montclair High School senior [received the award](#) for his work on a remediation project in the Bonsal Preserve in Clifton. The award is named in honor of Charlie Kontos, whose work had garnered national attention while a doctoral student at Rutgers. He passed away in 2010 at the age of 33.

Other Items of Interest

IRA Rollover Giving: Easy and Tax Efficient

As year-end approaches, there's a smarter way to give back to Rutgers. For those 70 ½ years of age and older, you can make a tax-free donation from your IRA. Please consult your advisers, but this gift can reduce your tax-burden for 2022 – and it can help you meet your Required Minimum Distribution! Use our online resource to get started on your gift to support Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. [Learn more today.](#)

The next meeting of the Cook Community Alumni Association (CCAA) is October 25th. It will be hybrid, with an in-person gathering in Martin Hall and also available via Zoom. All alumni of the school are welcome to attend. Contact CCAA secretary, Ted Wendin SEBS'11, for information and to register - twendin@gmail.com.

If you've been wanting to connect with Rutgers alumni who share your interests or live nearby, getting involved with an [alumni group](#) is a great way to do that. Alumni groups are chartered organizations run by dedicated alumni volunteers in affiliation with the Rutgers University Alumni Association.

More News

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

Calendar

The Rutgers Equine Science Center will hold its annual [Evening of Science and Celebration](#) on Thursday, November 3rd at the Cook Student Center. Frank Andrews of Louisiana State University will offer the keynote address. The program includes a buffet dinner and awards.

Learn about the drug discovery business venture of two, young Rutgers alumnae by attending, "[A Tale of Two Women Scientists: Turning Passion into Action](#)," part of the Virtual Science Cafe series, on Friday, November 18th.

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