



## Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus November 2022



### **Rutgers Center Develops Data-Visualization and Mapping Tools to Help Plan for Climate Change**

The New Jersey Climate Change Resource Center [developed these tools](#) as part of NJADAPT, a program designed to assist communities in better understanding and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Happy Thanksgiving! We are very grateful for you and your support of the school and the experiment station. It is because of you that we are able to improve our world through meaningful research and providing the next generation of scientists with the

skills and knowledge they need to succeed. Thank you.

We offer a special thank you to our veterans this month for their service and sacrifice. The [Veteran Alumni of Rutgers University](#) (VARU) offers support and services for military veterans in the Rutgers community.

November is Native American Heritage Month. A recent, [collaborative project with Rutgers Gardens](#) is celebrating Indigenous communities in New Jersey.



## Virtual Science Cafe Features Science Entrepreneurs

On Friday, November 18th at 11:30am ET, Eileen Carry GSNB'21 and Ariane Vasilatis SAS'14, GSNB'21, will present, "[A Tale of Two Women Scientists: Turning Passion into Action](#)." They will discuss their startup company, which seeks safe and effective solutions to anxiety and addictive disorders.



## Rutgers NExT Offers Aerobic Cardiovascular Exercise Classes

The Center for Human Nutrition, Exercise and Metabolism (NExT) is offering [30-minute classes over a 12-week program](#) led by certified instructors. Open to alumni, classes are friendly to any skill level and conducted in small group sessions. Morning and evening class times on Cook campus are available.



## Study Reveals Spice Containers to be Contamination Vehicles

Don Schaffner, distinguished professor in the Department of Food Science, co-authored the study, commissioned by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service. The [study revealed](#) that the most frequently contaminated objects during meal prep were spice containers.



## What is Aquaponics?

A growing global population means higher demand for food and innovative ways of food production are needed to meet that demand. Aquaponics is a form of agriculture practiced in various places around the world that could help serve that purpose. This [fact sheet](#) from the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station discusses aquaponics in great detail.



## Celebrating First Generation Students

Two SEBS students, Sebastian Gallon SEBS'23 and Mark Youssef SEBS'23 (pictured) were featured in a [recent article](#) in *Rutgers Today* celebrating first-generation students. They discuss their experiences as first-generation students and how Rutgers is helping them achieve their goals.

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## Other Items of Interest

The [Rutgers Rising Memorial Service](#), honoring deceased members of the SEBS and NJAES communities, was held in September for the first time since 2019.

Brooke Maslo GSNB'10, associate professor in the Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources, helped to [redevelop land in Woodbridge Township](#) devastated by Superstorm Sandy into a flood protection zone to mitigate future damage.

NASA scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig CC'80, GSNB'83 received the [World Food Prize](#) during the Laureate Awards Ceremony of the Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue in Iowa on October 20th.

The Rutgers Office of Continuing Professional Education is offering, "[Bee-ginner's Beekeeping: The Basics of Apiculture](#)," a course which will run from January 23rd to February 13th. There is a discounted fee for those who register by November 28th.

The next meeting of the Cook Community Alumni Association (CCAA) is Tuesday, November 22nd. 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](mailto:twendin@gmail.com).

## More News

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

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## Calendar

On November 30th, the Department of Family and Community Health Sciences presents, "[Wellness Wednesdays: Food Too Good to Waste](#)," which will provide information on minimizing food waste and saving money.

Rutgers University Recreation presents the 20th annual "Big Chill 5K Race," with a virtual option running from November 28th to December 5th and an in-person on December 3rd. Alumni are welcome to participate. See the [website](#) for more information.

Prior Event Recordings:

The SEBS Virtual Science Cafe presented, "[Global Famine after Nuclear War](#)," with Alan Robock, distinguished professor from the Department of Environmental Sciences, on October 21st.

## Calendar

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## Quick Links

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