



Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus June 2023



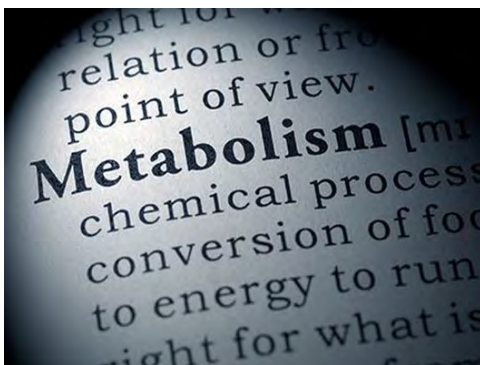
Temperature, Sea Level Continue to Rise in New Jersey

A [Rutgers-led report](#) entitled, "State of the Climate: New Jersey 2022," provides insight into how the effects of climate change specifically affect New Jersey residents.



How to Avoid Early Season Plant Disease

Timothy Waller CCAS'11, GSNB'19, an agricultural agent for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cumberland County, offers [several tips and resources](#) to help prevent your garden from being ruined by disease. Proper handling of sanitation, moisture and overcrowding will work wonders for your garden's health.



Next Big Thing Focuses on Sarcopenia and Obesity

The Center for Nutrition, Exercise, and Metabolism (NEXT) at the New Jersey Institute for Food, Nutrition, and Health offers a forum for students and researchers to learn about groundbreaking work in nutrition and health. This year, a world-renowned expert visited Rutgers to talk about [sarcopenia and obesity](#).



Nutritional Sciences Professor Recognized as Fellow

Judith Storch, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences, was named a [2023 Fellow of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology](#) at the society's annual meeting in Seattle in recognition of her commitment to the society and her numerous professional accomplishments.



Alum is Devoted to Saving the World for Animals and People

Doug Piekarcz CC'89, CEO of the Akron Zoo in Ohio, has dedicated his life's work to [making the world a safer place for wildlife](#). He recently discussed his time at Cook College and the career path he established at Rutgers that led him to this vocation, as well as some valuable career advice to impart.



Join Fellow Alumni at the Annual Fish Fry on July 22nd

It's that time of year again for the Cook Community Alumni Association [Annual Alumni Fish Fry](#). All grads from SEBS/Cook/CAES/AG are invited to Rutgers Gardens on Saturday, July 22nd to partake in great food and company. Reconnect, reminisce, network and hear great stories from fellow alums.

Other Items of Interest

The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station seek an enthusiastic, collaborative and resourceful development professional to serve as [Assistant Director of Development](#).

A [Rutgers-led study](#), involving the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources, found evidence suggesting that the overfishing of cod in the last century compelled the fish to evolve rapidly over decades rather than millions of years.

Congratulations to Sarah Kelsey SEBS'08 for winning the alumni challenge in this year's Personal Bioblitz! [View complete results here](#).

The Cook Community Alumni Association held their annual [Distinguished Alumni Awards](#) luncheon at Neilson Dining Hall on April 30th.

Rutgers alumni gathered at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on March 14th for the [Big Ten Colleges of Agriculture Alumni Reception](#).

Alumni from SEBS/Cook/CAES/AG are invited to join the [alumni LinkedIn group](#), which is exclusive to alumni and students of the school. Career and other opportunities are frequently posted there for your consideration.

Where's your tree? We're asking all alumni, from any year, who received a Red Oak tree at graduation to send us a current picture of yourself with the tree. Please include a brief caption letting us know when you planted it and where it is located. We plan to publish the images as an online series. You can send that material to brian.mcgonigle@rutgers.edu.

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Calendar

Be sure to check out a [4-H Fair](#) in a New Jersey county this summer.

[4-H Camp at Rutgers Gardens](#) offers several sessions throughout July.

The Department of Food Science and the Food Science Alumni Committee will hold a social at [Arc Bar](#) in Chicago on Monday, July 17th, at 5:15pm CST. This gathering is being held in light of the National IFT FIRST Annual Event and Expo being held at that time. Contact Irene Weston for information and to register - weston@sebs.rutgers.edu.

Explore life on the marsh edge at the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve's [Critter Catch!](#) on Wednesday, July 19th in Tuckerton, N.J. The event is for ages 6 and up.

The [Great Tomato Tasting and Open House](#) at Snyder Research and Extension Farm in Pittstown, N.J. will take place on Wednesday, August 30th. Over 50 varieties of tomato will be featured.

Rutgers celebrates Pride Month this June. The [Center for Social Justice Education and LGBT Communities](#) (SJE) provides educational and social programs, leadership development, and policy consultation for LGBTQIA and ally students, faculty, staff and community members.

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