



Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus July 2023



SEBS to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Cook College with Special Edition Website

In 1973, our school officially changed its name from the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science to Cook College, in honor of George H. Cook. For about the next thirty-five years, graduates would identify as Cook College alumni. In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the name change, the Office of Public Outreach and Communications will transform the website in October to showcase fond memories and stories about Cook College.

Content Needed! Cook College alumni are welcome to contribute the following content to be included in the website:

- Share a memory of a favorite Cook professor or staff member.

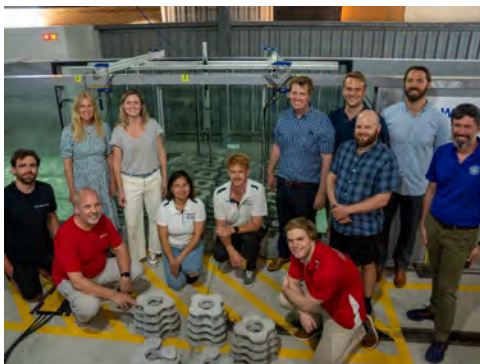
- Share a memory of a favorite place on Cook Campus.
- Did you meet your significant other at Cook? If so, tell us how you met.
- Any other memories of Cook you'd like to share?
- Do you have a favorite photo from your years at Cook that you can share? (By submitting a photo, you grant Rutgers permission to publish your photo on the SEBS website.)

Fill out this [form](#) or send your full name, year you graduated, and your email address to brian.mcgonigle@rutgers.edu.



Cooperative Extension Launches Invasive Species Series

"Invasive Species of the Month," a new [online series](#) by Rutgers Cooperative Extension, will highlight organisms not native to New Jersey, which may pose economical or environmental risks or harm to human health. The site provides useful information about the species and suggests native alternatives.



Rutgers-led Project Developing Reef System to Protect Coastlines

The \$12.6 million award from DARPA allows this multi-institution project to [develop protective reef structures](#) that will help prevent coastline erosion due to storm damage and flooding. The Rutgers team is focusing on shellfish reefs with the eventual goal of installing the reef in the Gulf Coast.



USDA-NIFA Grant Will Support Diversity in Agriculture

The \$4.5 million grant will [fund a summer learning experience](#) on the Rutgers Cook campus for first or second year students from LaGuardia Community College, which serves low-income, inner-city students in New York, to be exposed to all aspects of animal sciences, including related careers within USDA.



Learn About the Rutgers Student Farm

The [Student Farm at Rutgers Gardens](#) is a multi-functional space providing an outdoor classroom for students, as well as a local food source for the Rutgers Student Food Pantry and Cook's Market during harvest season. A Community Supported Agriculture share program is available to the general public.



Food Science Professor Receives Fulbright Award

Karl Matthews, professor in the Department of Food Science, was awarded a [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award](#) in Food Science/ Food Microbial Safety for the 2023-2024 academic year. The award has Dr. Matthews traveling to Mauritius to teach and conduct research in food safety and provide STEM career development.

Other Items of Interest

If there's a will...there's definitely a way. Your will is your way to protect your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and even make an impact with your legacy. Prepare for the future with our free estate planning tool, available to all SEBS alumni and friends to chart your own way during National Make-A-Will Month in August. [Start your free will today.](#)

For the [Plant of the Month](#) in July, Bruce Crawford, Manager of Horticulture for the Morris County Park Commission, discusses the *Gladiolus Murielae* as a great flower for your summer garden.

Homesteading Academy is a once monthly, lunchtime webinar series for anyone curious about home-grown sustenance and self-sufficiency. Produced by Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a [webinar archive](#) is available online.

Yanhong Jin, professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, [conducted a study](#) to find out how college students could be encouraged to make healthier food choices.

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

More News

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

Calendar

4-H [County Fairs](#) are happening throughout the summer in New Jersey.

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.

Helyar House Alumni! The Helyar House 55th Anniversary celebration is Saturday, September 16th. Details coming soon.

Save-the-Date! Homecoming and Family Weekend is October 12th to the 14th.

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