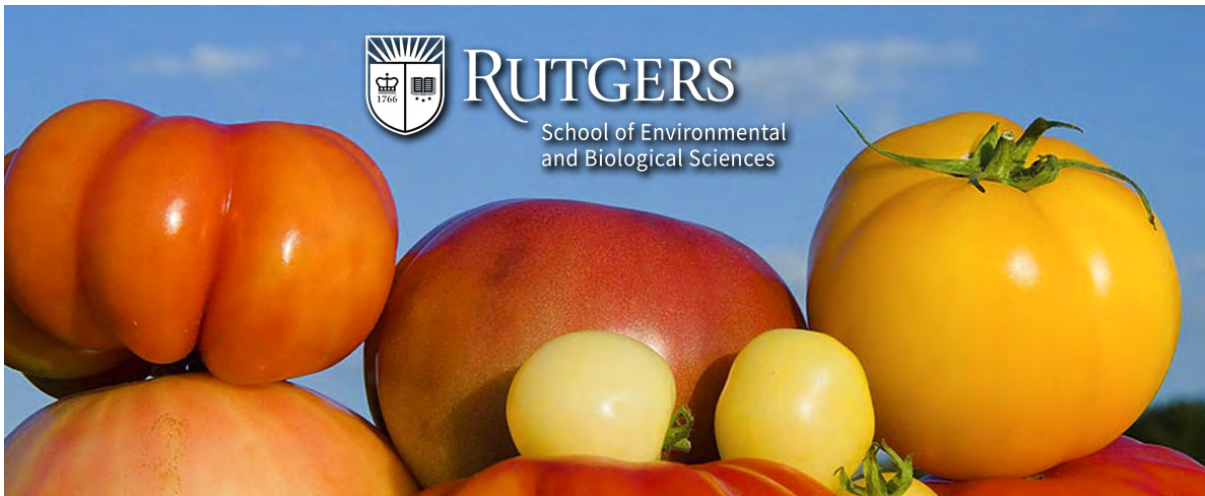


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Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus August 2023



STEM Challenge Kit Provides Fun Way to Educate Kids About Science

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to teach your children about climate change with solutions? The “Explorers of the Deep” STEM kit helps kids dive into learning about the latest technology being used by scientists today! This easy-to-use, immersive STEM experience was developed in collaboration between 4-H Youth Development and the Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences at Rutgers University.

Learn more about “Explorers of the Deep” by watching this [short video](#).

Click [here](#) to get your own challenge kit.



Rutgers Food Innovation Center Holds Inaugural Conference

The Food Innovation Center, in partnership with the NJ Economic Development Authority and Middlesex County, held the first annual [NJ FoodTech Conference](#) in June. The conference seeks to highlight the state's strength in food innovation and promote the growth of its food technology sector.



\$1.25 Million Scholarship Gift to Benefit Nutrition Students

The Carl Angus DeSantis Foundation gift, in memory of E. Gerald "Jerry" Kay, establishes an [endowed scholarship](#) that will benefit students enrolled in a Rutgers nutrition program. A partnership in the vitamin business and subsequent friendship are at the heart of this valuable support of Rutgers University.



SEBS Student Athlete Participates in Rutgers Scarlet Service

Emily Mahaffy (SEBS'24), EPIB major and member of the Rutgers women's rowing team, participated in a [paid internship this summer](#), working in law and policy for the Environment and Natural Resource Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. Scarlet Service promotes civic engagement as part of a Rutgers education.



SEBS Alumna Appointed to Board of American Water Association

Chelsea Kulp (SEBS'11), senior manager of Government and External Affairs with New Jersey American Water, will serve a [three-year term](#) on the Board of Trustees for the association's New Jersey section. She will help to provide leadership and guidance in addressing the state's water challenges.



Jack-in-the-Pulpit: Flower, Foliage and Fruit

Bruce Crawford, manager of horticulture for the Morris County Park Commission, discusses this [herbaceous plant](#) in detail. With native species in eastern North America, it possesses some very unique characteristics, such as undergoing sequential hermaphrodites and killing its pollinator.

Other Items of Interest

Tracy Anthony, professor of nutritional science, was awarded the [Osborn and Mendel Senior Investigator Award](#) by the American Society for Nutrition in July.

Michael Haberland (GSNB'02), county agent for Rutgers Cooperative Extension - Camden County, spoke with "Good Day Philadelphia" this summer to discuss an algae bloom that could be deadly to pets. [Watch the video.](#)

With "Oppenheimer" lighting up the box office, Alan Robock, distinguished professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences, talked with *Business Insider* about one of the most [devastating aspects of nuclear weapons](#) not covered in the film.

[Vote for Cook's Market](#) at Rutgers Gardens to help the market win some valuable funding in the America's Farmers Market Celebration challenge.

There is still time to [submit content](#) for the Cook College 50th Anniversary special edition website. Seize the opportunity to share your fondest memories of Cook.

Be sure to connect with the [SEBS-Cook-CAES-AG alumni LinkedIn group](#), where you can find job and research opportunities, news about the school and events, and much

more.

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](#).

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. You will need to register for a time to attend.

Helyar House Alumni! The Helyar House 55th Anniversary celebration is Saturday, September 16th. [Register today](#).

The *Earth Day, Every Day* [webinar series](#) is back this fall with "ReNew Jersey: Renewable Energies in the Garden State." The first session is September 18th.

The [2023 Fall Career & Internship Mega Fair](#) will take place at Jersey Mike's Arena on Livingston campus from Tuesday, September 19th through Friday, September 22nd. This event is open to Rutgers students and alumni.

[Rutgers Gardens](#) is holding an Open House on Saturday, September 23rd, from 11 am to 3pm. There will be mums, perennials and bulbs for sale. There will be children's activities available, such as crafts, games and photo opportunities. Other activities include guided tours, Q&A, demonstrations, apple and pawpaw tastings and food vendors.

The next meeting of the Cook Community Alumni Association is Tuesday, September 26th. All alumni are welcome to attend and find out how they can engage with the school, our students and fellow alumni. Contact cookalumni@gmail.com for information.

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

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