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Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus September 2023



Reconnect with SEBS this Homecoming!

The 2024 academic year is underway, the class of 2027 matriculated this fall and we're welcoming alumni of SEBS/Cook/CAES/AG back to Rutgers for some awesome Homecoming activities.

Alumni will join together for a [Homecoming tailgate](#) in Athlete's Glen near SHI Stadium on Saturday, October 14th for fun, fellowship, food and drinks in our very own tent. The program includes 2 free tickets to the noon game vs. Michigan State, a breakfast buffet, drink tickets, giveaways and more. The Cook Community Alumni Association will be on hand to help us celebrate. Contact [Laura Mitchell](#) for ticket availability.

On Friday, October 13th, spend " [A Day at Rutgers Farm](#)" and catch a high-speed treadmill demo at the Equine Science Center, take a tour of the floriculture greenhouses, Rutgers Gardens and/or the animal farm. Activities begin at noon.

Show your SEBS pride by purchasing some gear from our [online retail store](#).



Alumni Virtual Trivia Night: Whales and Football Tickets

Alumni are welcome to join us on Wednesday evening, October 11th for a couple of games of [virtual trivia](#). The winner of each game will win 2 free tickets to the football game vs. Maryland on November 25th. A whale expert will join us to talk about the increasing number of humpback whales in NJ-NY waters.



New Student Sets Goal to Teach Next Generation of Agriculturalists

After studying agriscience and animals in high school, [Naydeline Navarrete](#) (SEBS'27) has brought her passion for agriculture to SEBS, where she plans to major in Agriculture and Food Systems. Feeling a strong sense of belonging at Rutgers, Naydeline plans to fill the gap of agricultural educators in our society.



New Student's Love of Dogs Sparks Career Interest

[Bryce Hunter](#) (SEBS'27) entered the Honors Program at SEBS this fall to pursue a degree in Animal Sciences with the ultimate goal of becoming a veterinarian who works with large, exotic animals. His experience with dogs, including as a veterinary nurse at an animal hospital, really inspired his career direction.



For New Student, Rutgers Feels Like Home

With strong family ties to Rutgers, [Anna Schicker](#) (SEBS'27) is looking forward to the communal experience of living at Helyar House on the Cook campus, where her sister already lives. Anna plans to major in Biotechnology and ultimately hopes to help communicate complex science issues to the public.



Alumni Association Begins Meetings for New Year

The [Cook Community Alumni Association](#), the official charter alumni group for SEBS/Cook/CAES/AG alumni, will begin their meetings for the 2024 academic year on Tuesday, September 26th. Consider attending to find out how you can be involved in their philanthropy and social events.

Other Items of Interest

The Center for Human Nutrition, Exercise & Metabolism is beginning their next round of Aerobic Cardiovascular Exercise. The classes are small, group-based and focus on improving fitness through 30-minute, high-intensity sessions adjusted to your needs. Schedule is 2 to 3 classes per week, with pricing scaled appropriately. For more information, contact chhp.training@sebs.rutgers.edu.

Rutgers scientists, including Dr. James White, professor of Plant Biology, have

developed a [microbiome-leveraged organic herbicide](#) that is environmentally safe. Watch a [video](#) describing how it works.

With the arrival of fall, the [agritourism industry](#) booms. Michelle Infante-Casella, agricultural agent of Rutgers Cooperative Extension - Gloucester County, provides some background on agritourism, including where to find information about local farms to visit.

Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway attended the [Open House and Tomato Tasting](#) at Snyder Farm on August 30th.

More News

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

Calendar

The Cook College 50th Anniversary edition website will go live on Monday, September 25th. Just go to sebs.rutgers.edu.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension [Fall Native Plant Sale](#) is now open! These native plants will provide flowers that attract butterflies and birds. The sale ends September 28th or while supplies last.

The Open House at Rutgers Gardens scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd has been cancelled due to the severe weather forecast. Plants that would have been sold will now be available at [Cook's Market](#), beginning on September 22nd.

Hutcheson Memorial Forest in Somerset is holding [tours and volunteer days](#) on October 8th and October 22nd from 10am to 3pm. You can help preserve one of the last remaining old-growth forests in New Jersey with restoration plantings and removing invasive plant species.

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