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Monthly News from the George H. Cook Campus - April 2024

Ag Field Day at Rutgers Day, April 27

Welcome Back!

Calling all SEBS · COOK · CAES · AG classes ending in “4” and “9”!!

CLASS MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY MEET UP AT THE ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT TENT

Come to the Alumni Engagement Tent near Martin Hall to meet up with your classmates, talk with Executive Dean Laura Lawson, SEBS professors, snap a photo, collect a special giveaway and enter to win a 50-quart Bison cooler.



Reconnect and engage with Executive Dean Laura Lawson, SEBS professors and fellow alumni to receive updates on the school and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Join us for exciting giveaway items and a chance to win a 50-quart Bison cooler in our raffle.

Our space next to Martin Hall will serve as a designated gathering spot for alumni to reconnect and reminisce. Classes marking milestone anniversaries (ending in “4” and “9”) are invited to meet here for a reunion. Capture memorable moments with your classmates before continuing your exploration of Ag Field Day at Rutgers Day! Scheduled meet-up times will help facilitate the gathering of alumni for each class: classes 54, 59, 64, 69

(10:30am)/ classes 74, 79 (11:30am)/ classes 84, 89 (12:30pm)/
classes 94, 99 (1:30pm)/ classes 04, 09 (2:30pm)/ classes 14, 19
(3:30pm).

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Jeffrey Bluestone (CC'74), [immunology_pioneer](#) whose work has led to new treatments for diseases, is being inducted into Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni on April 25.



Mamadou Ndiaye (SEBS'19) has become an [internet sensation](#) with his short science videos garnering over 1 billion likes.

Department Spotlight: Biochemistry and Microbiology

Calling all Biochemistry and Microbiology alumni! Help support students majoring in Biochemistry, as they engage in summer research with a faculty mentor. The [Dr. Peter Kahn Endowed Scholarship](#) was created for this purpose in recognition of Dr. Kahn's distinguished service at Rutgers University.

Calendar

The [Earth Day Every Day](#) program from Rutgers Environmental Stewards offers a variety of nature-based webinars covering such topics as fire's role in the ecosystem, offshore wind energy, soil management, and humpback whales. The program runs from April 15 to June 3.

The SEBS Food System Science Team, including 5 undergraduates, will present a [seminar on STEM learning through storytelling](#) at the George Washington University Planet Forward Summit on Friday, April 19 at 10:30am in Washington D.C.

The [2024 Spring Career & Internship Fair](#) on Friday, April 26 is open to alumni.

The 2024 [Run for the Woods](#) will be held on May 4. The 5K race takes place at the Rutgers Ecological Preserve in Kilmer Woods. Proceeds benefit restoration projects at the EcoPreserve. RSVP by April 26.

The Rutgers University [2024 Alumni Reunion](#) for classes of 1974 (50th Anniversary), 1969, 1964, 1959, 1954 and 1949 is Friday, September 27.

Reminder: The [Personal Bioblitz](#) runs until May 15. There is still time to make your mark on the project.

**Cook Community Alumni Association
(CCAA)**

2024 Cook Community Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Awards



William Bailey
Cook College '94



Dennis Dagounis
Cook College '01

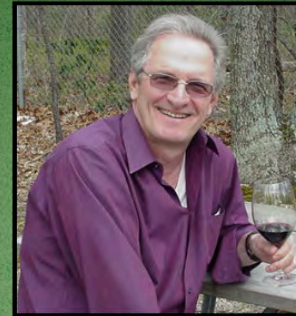
George H. Cook Honorees



Shannon Riehl
Cook College '92



M. Donald Richman
Cook College '80



Dr. Gary Pavlis
Cook College '73
GSNB '85

Dennis M. Fenton Honoree



The Cook Community Alumni Association [Distinguished Alumni Awards](#) ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 28 at Neilson Dining Hall.

Volunteer to assist the CCAA with their Ag Field Day station at Rutgers Day on April 27! If you are interested in helping, please contact cookalumni@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni.

Save the Date! The great annual tradition known as the Cook Community Alumni Association Fish Fry will be held at Rutgers Gardens on Saturday, July 13.

Other Items of Interest

With spring in the air and Mother's Day fast approaching, consider the gift of a [Budding Bed at Rutgers Gardens](#). The bed will be marked by a plaque acknowledging you and your honoree; and proceeds will support Rutgers Gardens.

George Hamilton (GSNB'85), extension specialist in pest management with Rutgers Cooperative Extension, discusses the [cicada emergence](#) this year and whether or not it will impact New Jersey.

Richard "Doc" Hurley (GSNB'83) has helped Rutgers be at the forefront of [developing world-renowned turfgrass breeds](#). You can see the fruits of that work at Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament.

Convocation 2024

We will celebrate the graduating class of 2024 at our annual [Convocation](#) near Passion Puddle on Monday, May 13.

We are aware of students who cannot afford the regalia to fully participate in the ceremony. As this is such an important moment in every student's life, we would appreciate regalia donations from alumni. If you have a hood, robe, or hat from your time at SEBS that you no longer use, your contribution would mean a great deal. Your generosity will help make this year's Convocation a memorable and inclusive occasion for all our students. If you are interested in donating your regalia, please contact Brian McGonigle in the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement.

Contact

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