

NYS Ranger School Alumni Association, Inc

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

Greetings from the Alumni Interim President— Christopher Westbrook '73

Notice: At the Spring, Board of Director's Meeting of the Ranger School Alumni Association, Christi Barber submitted her resignation as President of the RSAA. The Board accepted her resignation and appointed Chris Westbrook '73 as Interim President until August 2022.

It is a great honor and pleasure to be writing you in my new capacity as President of the Ranger School Alumni Association. In late April I was contacted by several RSAA Board members who informed me of a number of challenges facing the RSAA. Perhaps the most pressing challenge was filling the President's position as the current president had just announced her need to resign from that office.

After speaking with several people associated with the RSAA and ESF and some careful consideration, I agreed to serve as RSAA President until August 2022 and was appointed to the role of President by the Board at their April Board of Director's meeting. I appreciate the confidence that the RSAA Board of Directors has shown in me. I am excited about this new challenge and look forward to serving as your President.

I would like to thank Christi Barber '10 for her service as President of our Association. Her dedication to the RSAA is greatly appreciated.

There are some significant challenges that need to be addressed in the coming months, but I believe the RSAA is in a position to meet these head on and move the RSAA forward.

It has been decided that we will not be able to hold the Annual Ranger School Alumni Association Reunion in 2021. This was a tough decision for the Board to make, but I believe it was the right decision for many reasons. Little to no reunion planning had taken place due to the uncertainty of being allowed to hold a large group event on a SUNY Campus. We know that this is a disappointment to all and especially those celebrating a reunion year. We are now focusing on next year's reunion that we hope will be a great event for all!

As per our Constitution we do need to hold an Annual Meeting and have decided to hold that meeting via a Webinar on Monday, August 9th at 7 p.m. You must register prior to the event and will then be sent the log in information. Additional information about connecting to this Webinar is located elsewhere in this newsletter. Please plan on attending this Webinar to get the most up-to-date information on Alumni and Ranger School activities.

Our RSAA Office Manager, Isaiah Rivera has not been able to access the Alumni Office in the main building due to Covid restrictions. There have also been some issues trying to get phone messages transferred to Isaiah's phone. We know that this has been a source of frustration for Alumni who have been trying to contact the Alumni Office. It is hoped that we will gain access to the office in the near future, and we are attempting to react quicker to Alumni requests. We also are working on improving communications with anyone interacting with the RSAA Office.

We are in the beginning phases of investigating the possibility of a closer affiliation with the ESF Alumni Association. We have enjoyed a good relationship with the ESF Alumni Association and believe that strengthening our ties with them could have a positive impact on the Ranger School Alumni Association. We believe that moving in this direc-

RSAA President's Message Continued:

tion will help our fiscal status and provide us with guidance and support to strengthen the RSAA and allow us to continue to provide services to our Alumni. We will be keeping the membership apprised as we actively move in this direction.

If you have not yet done so, I would ask that you pay your dues and fill out your information sheet. Please go to the Alumni Association website at: www.nysrsaa.org. On that site you can fill out an information sheet and pay your dues. Thanks to those who have already paid their dues for this year!

Best wishes for a happy and enjoyable summer!

Chris
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Are you current on your dues?

If you haven't paid your dues, you can still do so on our new website at www.nysrsaa.org If you would prefer a paper copy, please let us know at rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com or by leaving a message at 315-848-2566 ext 2112.

Even if you are a life member, we appreciate you taking the time to fill out the 2021 information sheet. This lets us be sure we have the most current contact information for you.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Ranger School Alumni Association

Since 1928, the NYS Ranger School Alumni Association has represented alumni of the SUNY ESF Ranger School.

We welcome all members of the Ranger School family – alumni, current students, parents, friends, and prospective students - to connect with the RSAA community.

Whether through the Annual Reunion, newsletters, social media, or the Alumni News publication, the RSAA is a great way ***“To Keep In Touch”*** with The Ranger School, Wanakena Community, and your Fellow Alumni!

Ranger School Director's Report — Dr. Mariann Johnston, RS Director

Greetings from the Director's Office at the Ranger School. As you all know, we just experienced one of the more unique chapters in Ranger School history, that being the completion of an academic year during a pandemic. While other colleges went remote, or some sort of hybrid between in-person and remote learning, we conducted our program by traditional in-person learning, during a pandemic. It was not easy, and we had a number of safety precautions in place including testing, quarantines, and (most significantly) the loss of off-campus travel privileges. We also compressed the academic schedule, including holding some Saturday classes in the Fall semester, and the loss of Spring break in March. It was hard on all of us, faculty, staff and students alike. When you talk to the RS'21 graduates, they will tell you how hard it was, and they'll probably tell you all things they did that they think the faculty didn't know about (both of which are Ranger School traditions, really!). Our outdoor, limited attendance graduation ceremony for students and families was held on the morning of Saturday May 15 on the Ranger School campus, where 55 students graduated in three programs, and are now officially RSAA members.

The Summer of 2021 is looking busy as well. We welcomed the DEC for the training of 22 Assistant Forest Rangers, who came to campus right after graduation and after a week of preparations, headed to their remote work sites for the summer. Following their departure, we welcome the ESF Sustainable Resources Management Department's Summer Program students for most of June. From June 27 through July 25 we will host several elective sessions of the Cranberry Lake Biological Station students, and by the 1st of August we will start preparing for the Class of 2022.

The Class of 2022 is looking to be a very large class. We presently have 63 committed students, and we continue to get applicants. The breakdown right now is very heavy towards the Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation (ENRC) program with 39, and another 19 requesting Forest Technology (FT), and 5 in Land Surveying Technology (LST). We have seen this trend over the past few years of an increasing number of students in the ENRC program (see Figure 1), but it is also very common for a number of those students to transfer to the FT program once the chainsaws come out, or to the LST program once we talk about the post-graduation job market, so we do expect those numbers to change somewhat. No matter what happens, it is shaping up to be a very busy year

Finally, some good news for our visitors! After some discussion, we believe that given the current CDC guidance around COVID, in particular given the relatively low risk of contracting this outdoors, we will begin allowing public access to the James F. Dubuar Memorial Forest and the trails again, effective June 1. Access to the main building will continue to be restricted, but we welcome our alumni to come walk the woods. Thanks to all of you for your understanding and support during the last year. It is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to more and even better years moving forward.

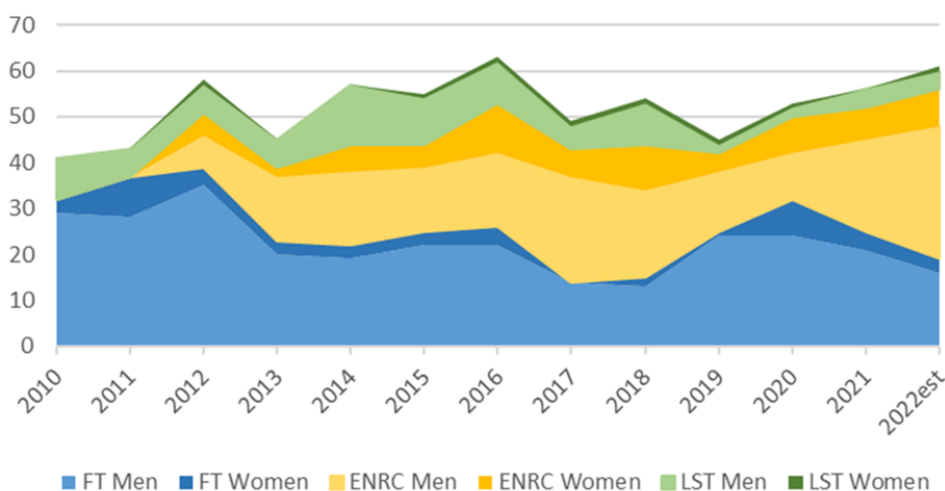


Figure 1 Enrollment Trends for the Ranger School, showing number of students by program and gender, since 2010.

RSAA Properties Manager—Mike Bushey '94

Greetings everyone,

Our Annual Alumni Work Weekend at the campground and Spaulding Alumni house occurred this past April 23-25th. Friday morning we woke up to a snow covered Alumni property. By the afternoon most of the snow had melted so we were able to turn the water on to the Alumni house and campground. We also had to repair the sink drain and replace the hot water heater elements. Saturday was the big work day. We took down some trees, cut and split firewood, painted the garage, clear-coated the outside of the lean-to, raked the sites, cleaned out the fireplaces, repainted the picnic tables, cleaned the alumni house and much more. The big project was putting our floating dock back in. (Thank God for my wetsuit!)

A huge thank you to all who turned out to help. We were able to get all the work done quickly. We had lots of good food and good company. As always, it was nice to kickback and enjoy everyone's company around the nightly bonfire.



Just a few reminders for anyone using the campground. The campground is a carry in-carry out facility. Please try to leave your site cleaner than you found it.

Also we ask for a \$15 donation per night per sight. The donation slot is on the side of the alumni garage.

Starting June 1, the Dubuar Forest is open once again for hiking!

If you have any questions, concerns or would like to make a donation, feel free to contact me at mrbushey@yahoo.com. Thank you all for your support.

Looking for Ranger School Alumni Merchandise?

Warmer weather is here. Time to get out and show your Ranger School Alumni pride. There are lots of shirts, hoodies, backpacks, pins, stickers, tumblers, and more at our online Spreadshirt store. You can access the store by typing in the following link:

<https://www.spreadshirt.com/shop/user/ranger+school+alumni+association/>

or by accessing the link through our Alumni website at:

<http://www.nysrsaa.org/>

Your purchases help our Alumni Association continue its mission of supporting current students and helping alumni "keep in touch". Thank you for your support!



RSAA Social Media Committee—Mike Bushey '94, Chair



Hello everyone,

This year has been an exciting one for the Ranger School Alumni Association. For the first time ever, you can fill out your Alumni News form and pay your dues online! If you have not done so, check out our Ranger School Alumni Association website at <http://www.nysrsaa.org/>. While you are there, feel free to browse our merchandise store, check out our social media, or even make a donation.

We would also like to introduce Nathan Frazier, Class of 2021 into our committee. You may have noticed his posts lately on Facebook providing a current student point of view. We are happy to have Nate join us.

As always, thank you for your support.

RSAA Treasurer—Scott Wilkinson '02

I hope everyone is well. I hope Covid has kept itself away from all of you and your families. I hope that all of you who chose to get vaccinated has done so and did not have any issues after having your shots. But anyhow, enough about that, lets get down to business:

So far this year, we have donated \$2850.00 to the Ranger School for scholarship monies to 2021 Ranger School Grads.

I have put several of our bills into automatic bill pay and are having them sent via email versus snail mail. Us younger folks tend to do everything via computer today so it's easier, quicker and more natural for us to view and pay bills this way, over the old school way of waiting for the piece of paper to arrive in the snail mail, write a check, lick that gross tasting envelope, put a stamp on it, and hope and pray that the check arrives to the recipient on the other end. Take it from a guy who makes his living shipping products daily all over the world, using all 3 of the major shipping companies: Avoid sending through postal service as much as you can!! So automatic billing has been working great and has been saving a ton of time.

I have been noticing all the dues and donations that have been being deposited into the accounts, and I cannot thank all our alumni enough for all your generous donations. It's really keeping the ship afloat in these uncertain times. Not having reunion this year is certainly going to take a hit to our budget, but from the pattern I have seen so far, we should be in good shape. The way you folks have stepped up and donated this year has really been a great help to our organization. So again, I thank you kindly for that. Ranger School Grads really do have the biggest hearts of anyone out there.

So, in summary, I cannot thank all the alumni who have donated. Your monies are going to exceptionally good use. It is a bummer that we will not have a Ranger School Reunion this year, but this time apart will make next year's Ranger School reunion extra special. Plus, next year will be my 20th reunion. Yeah, I know, I am a young buck, but regardless, I do look forward to seeing all classes, from all years in 2022.

RSAA Archives Committee — Bob Diehl '97, Chair

The Archive Committee has not been all that active since I've been back on the BOD. We have discussed using our archives to enhance the Spaulding Alumni house. We are talking about putting framed class pictures on one of the walls (as many that will fit) and then rotating them out each year. We have also discussed framing up some of the early photos of "back in the day" that we may find when going through the archive room. There's talk of a list of all past presidents of the RSAA going up somewhere (tbd).

Any great photos any alumni have that they would like to share or would like a copy to be preserved by the Archive Committee, please scan and send to any member of the board. The archive committee would also like to ask for any donations from all our alumni out there that have spent their lives in the forestry industry. We are looking for any old advertisements, signs, anything to do with forestry, surveying or the Adirondacks that you may be willing to part with, Smokey stuff, Firefighting stuff, surveying stuff that can be mounted to a wall to help make our alumni house more forestry/surveying/Adirondack/the stuff we do outside friendly and to preserve our history. You can email me at bdiehl55@gmail.com if you have any suggestions, donations, photos you think would be useful. We appreciate all the help we can get!



Roads Day at the Ranger School

The Forest Techs made some long-lasting improvements today (April 28). They got dirty, sweaty, and worked through a downpour. They should be proud of the work they accomplished!

Nathan Frazier Class of 2021

A Message from Bernie Siskavich '71



To all Ranger School Alumni:

There has been a lot of research done over the years pertaining to the number of Alumni who became NYS Forest Rangers. At the present time that number is 163. Retired Forest Ranger Captain Paul Hartmann, '63 and Retired RS Director Bridgen have done extensive work on this project. At this time, there is a temporary display about the NYS Forest Ranger division of the DEC set up across from the classroom. We have received permission to put up a permanent display which will be capable of holding much more memorabilia. It is hopeful to have a photo presentation of all alumni who at one time or another was a Forest Ranger. Chris Westbrook thought it would be a good idea to fund this through the Alumni Association. Basically, donations would come to the Alumni Association and then a display case could be purchased. No Alumni Association funds would be used and any donations above and beyond the cost of such a display case would go to our Alumni Association. Any comments or thoughts can be directed to Bernard Siskavich '71 at berniebean07@gmail.com.

News from the Wanakena Historical Association

In 2020, the Wanakena Historical Association (WHA) applied for and received a Pomeroy grant for a two-sided steel sign recognizing the 1912 founding of the Ranger School in Wanakena. The wording on the sign was developed with advice and approval of Ranger School management and will be formally dedicated later this summer. It is strategically placed on the corner of Second Street and Ranger School Road so that it can be seen by everyone entering Wanakena.



The WHA continues to work toward opening its History Center (HC), located in one of the original Rich Lumber Company homes at 21 Second Street, in the summer of 2021. Through grant awards and generous donations, the WHA has acquired display cabinets, office furniture, a computer, lighting, picnic tables for the yard, and a new exterior rustic sign made by local craftsman, Scott Gearsbeck, owner of “Adirondack Rustics” in Star Lake. One of the upstairs bedrooms in the house will be devoted to a permanent exhibit to share the history of the Ranger School and its link to the Wanakena hamlet.

Ranger School alum, Kathy Smith Greenwald (Class of 1979), is helping develop displays. Several items donated by Mike Bridgen will be featured.

Instructor Jamie Savage’s 2021 ***Environmental Interpretation class*** toured the HC in February. The class was split into teams of two with an assignment to develop a project focusing on the history of Wanakena, the Ranger School, or Adirondack Park. The deliverable could be an exhibit, display, poster, slide show, etc. Plans are to display some of these projects at the HC.

Visit the Wanakena Historical Association Facebook page or webpage www.wanakena.com/history-center for general information. Contact Kathy Greenwald at greenwald4@verizon.net for information about the Ranger School exhibit. We hope you will come see the Wanakena History Center the next time you visit the Ranger School!



Allen Ditch, President
Wanakena Historical Association

A Year at the Ranger School with COVID — Dr. Mariann Johnston, RS Director

Greetings to all from the Director's Office at the Ranger School. In May of 2020, we were still reeling from the onset of a pandemic, the likes of which haven't been seen since the Spanish Flu of 1918. We were trying to plan for classes at the Ranger School at a time when many colleges were announcing that they would conduct all-remote learning, or else some sort of hybrid approach, in Fall 2020. As everyone who knows anything about the Ranger School knows, virtual just isn't going to work here. You cannot learn to use a chainsaw, or conduct subcompartment survey, for example, virtually. And it's just not the Ranger School if we're not here. So in May, on the heels of graduating the Class of 2020, we got to work. I cannot count the hours of planning, pages of details, number of phone conversations with everyone from the Department of Health, to the Hospital, to the SUNY ESF Safety Officer, and College Administration. We held virtual and recorded presentations for students and families, created forms, answered questions, created schedules. We ordered masks, bought hand sanitizers, discussed cleaning schedules and room densities. Faculty mulled over how to teach what we need to, on a reduced time frame. And then we did it: In August of 2020, we welcomed the Ranger School Class of 2021 to campus in the middle of a pandemic.

The work started even before student arrival. We required all students to self-quarantine and monitor for symptoms daily for 14 days leading up to move-in. We also required everyone get a COVID test prior to arrival (only come if you are negative, we said!). We structured move-in so that students had a specific time and door to arrive, where we met them with a thermometer, a contact tracing form, and another screening form. It took the entire day! Once they arrived, they were directed to their dorm room, where they were effectively confined to their particular wing. We named the groups Red Maple House, Green Ash House, and Yellow Birch House. Each House had to use specific restrooms, and a specific part of the building, and had a specific classroom. As we had three classrooms assigned, the faculty would then teach 'live' from one room, and we Zoom-broadcast the lecture into the other two rooms. No interaction between groups was permitted. Four days after arrival, staff from the Clifton-Fine hospital came to campus and administered COVID tests to all of us. We continued to maintain House separation. Finally, two weeks after arrival, with all negative tests, we were able to relax into a more normal routine, except for three Saturdays of class that we implemented in order to make maximum use of our time on campus. For the duration, students had to wear masks at all times. We had tape marks at 6-foot intervals throughout the building to help with spacing. All students surrendered their car keys, and off-campus travel was effectively prohibited. It was a stringent requirement. Because the Clifton-Fine area remained low in cases in the Fall semester, we did start allowing some limited travel to the local area starting in October, basically enough to get snacks and limited shopping. We stayed COVID-free for the Fall semester, and sent students home at Thanksgiving. We completed our semester remotely, with about two weeks of virtual classes after Thanksgiving.

In January, we did not re-start classes until the end of the month, following the lead of SUNY ESF. We were clear about what the requirements would be, and gave all students the option to defer until next year. And only one student chose not to return. When we did bring students back, we repeated the isolation, testing, and House Quarantine for the first week of the Spring semester, and again collected the car keys. By then we were getting testing services through the College and Syracuse University, so our testing response time was much faster. However, since COVID was on the rise nationally and locally at this time, this time there was no local travel. We had a Sunday caravan every couple of weeks, to allow students to keep their cars running. In March we decided to allow 4-hour key checkouts on Sunday afternoons, which was just long enough for them to get to a McDonald's (and they did!). We also shortened the semester to about 16 weeks, and cancelled Spring break. It was a brutal semester, with no real breaks. Students, faculty, and staff alike were hard pressed to complete the normal work required of the Ranger School in the Spring. But we made it, and we completed the entire year without any COVID positives on campus. We received permission in late April to hold an in-person graduation for limited family members (2 per person), and we did this outdoors so as to meet state guidance, and on campus for the first time since the early 1980's. On Saturday morning, May 15, 2021, we held the 107th Ranger School Commencement under fair skies and big tents. It was a proud moment for all of us who worked so hard to educate and graduate the Class of 2021.

The 107th Ranger School Commencement — Dr. Mariann Johnston, RS Director

WANAKENA, NY – It is with great pleasure that I announce the graduation of the Class of 2021. The ceremony was held on Saturday, May 15 with approximately 110 family members in attendance, and 51 students walking the stage to receive a diploma. We graduated 55 in total, though 4 were unable to stay for the ceremony due to other obligations. This year's graduating class included 27 students in the Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation (ENRC) program, 24 in the Forest Technology (FT) program, and 4 in the Land Surveying Technology (LST) program.

Graduation was held on the Ranger School athletic field, with families seated at appropriate spacing under a large tent (similar to the Alumni Reunion tent), and students seated under the picnic pavilion. It was a beautiful Spring morning with temperatures in the 70's, a light breeze, and a few blackflies, which were biting lightly, but no mosquitoes yet. Jamie Savage assisted with our sound system, and Facilities personnel with setting up a second, smaller tent for faculty and guests. The Syracuse Campus was represented by Dr. Chris Nowak, Chair of the Sustainable Resources Management Department. The RSAA was represented by Mr. Chris Westbrook. Faculty joining the ceremony included Mr. Jamie Savage, Mr. Greg Vaverchak, Dr. Vanessa Rojas, and Mr. Jeremy Thompson. Faculty that did not attend included Mr. Adam Storino and Mr. Michael Rozeski.

Students wore caps and gowns, and along with faculty and guests donned matching green ESF face coverings, and proceeded onto the field from the tennis court area, to Pomp and Circumstance. Students passed in front of the



family tent, circled around by the fire pit, and took their seats under the picnic pavilion. Director Mariann Johnston was at a podium to the side of the pavilion, and welcomed attendees with opening remarks, followed by comments from Chris Nowak and Chris Westbrook. Forest Technology Honor Society inductees and Program Scholars were then recognized. Class President Nicholas Mangiamele made final class remarks, and diplomas were presented. Names were read by Chris Nowak, diplomas were presented by Mariann Johnston, and students passed by the remaining faculty for a congratulatory nod (no contact though!) after receiving their diplomas. We then presented and congratulated the Class of 2021! The entire ceremony took approximately one hour.

Students receiving academic recognition include:

Valedictorian

Ms. Tamara Jolly (ENRC), with a cumulative GPA of 3.94

Salutatorian

Mr. Isaac Becker (ENRC), with a cumulative GPA of 3.82

Spring President's List (Spring GPA 3.85 or higher)

Tamara Jolly (ENRC), Casen Weeden (ENRC)

Spring Dean's List (Spring GPA 3.50-3.84)

Isaac Becker (ENRC), Eli Gross (ENRC), Colin Hackett (FT), Allison Brusa (FT), Madelyn Jablonsky (ENRC), Maxwell McLenithen (FT), Shayne Mensing (FT), Steven Herzberg (ENRC), Nathan Frazier (FT), Hunter Parise (ENRC) Ian Daughton (ENRC), Ashley Carter (ENRC), and Jonathon Early (ENRC)

Forest Technology Honor Society (Enrolled in a Forest Technology Program and Fall GPA of 3.3 or better)

Allison Brusa, Nathan Frazier, Colin Hackett, Maxwell McLenithen, Shayne Mensing, and Abigail Tsutsumishita

This year, the faculty also introduced a new honor, the Program Scholar. One Program Scholar was selected for each program, on the basis of high academic achievement, service to college and community, and good character. One of the reasons we introduced this honor for this year, was because COVID precautions shortened the timeline to complete our classes, making it very difficult for faculty to get grading done in time for the ceremony. Grades are the basis for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Program Scholars have been recognized at the Syracuse campus for some time now, and this seemed a great solution to remove some grading pressure from the faculty, while also recognizing students for their achievements. Accordingly, the following students were recognized during the graduation ceremony:

Forest Technology Program Scholar:

Shayne Mensing

Land Surveying Technology Program Scholar:

Matthew Bliss

Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation Program Scholar:

Tamara Jolly

Please join Ranger School faculty and staff in congratulating this year's class. The ceremony was recorded and may be viewed on YouTube at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ICdRn8zICl>



Carlson at the Ranger School

In the Fall of 2019, and again in the Fall of 2020 the Land Surveying Technology (LST) program at the Ranger School received a much-needed shot in the arm from one of its long-standing supporters, Mr. Michael Hyman and Carlson Software. Mr. Hyman is the Regional Director for New York and Pennsylvania for Carlson Software and is an old friend of both the Ranger School and the surveying profession as a whole. Back in 2019 Mike and Carlson Software donated a complete GNSS Base-Rover package, including two BRX 5 GNSS Receivers to the Ranger School. This very generous donation allows Ranger School students to experience and use modern, industry leading, survey technology during their time at the Ranger School. While the donation of the Base-Rover package in 2019 was more than generous and alone deserving of acknowledgment, it wasn't the first, or last significant impact that Carlson would make to the Ranger School and the LST program. In the Fall of 2020 Carlson Software once again stepped up and, under the guidance of Mr. Hyman, graciously donated upgrades for the surveying software in the Ranger School computer lab. The upgraded software (Carlson Desktop Land Surveying and Civil Engineering products running IntellicAD 9.2) provides a platform for Ranger School students to experience the very best of what modern surveying software has to offer. These very kind and considerate donations of hardware and software are coupled with ongoing, numerous hours of support, equipment demos, and visits to the Ranger School all for the benefit of the students. These are just a few examples of how Michael Hyman and Carlson Software and making a positive impact on the Ranger School and the Surveying Profession.

Submitted by:

[Jeremy Thompson, PLS \(class of 1997\)](#)

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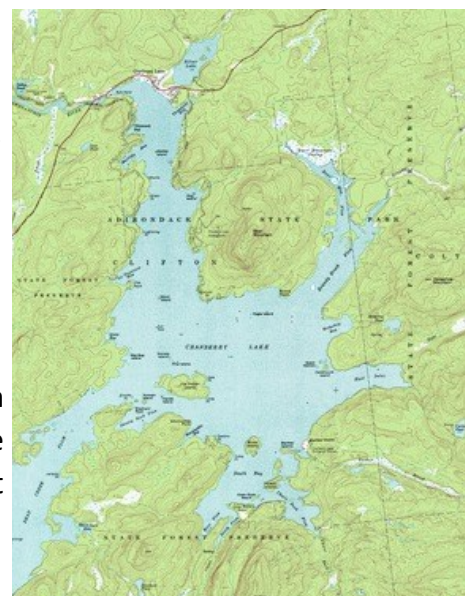


Camping in Cranberry Lake!

The NYS Campground at Cranberry Lake is taking online reservations 9 months out from the date of your planned stay! This may be a great opportunity to guarantee a place to stay for Reunion 2022! To find your perfect site go to:

<https://newyorkstateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/cranberry-lake-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NY&parkId=706>

Located on Lone Pine Road in Cranberry Lake, the campground is 16 miles from The Ranger School. It offers 165 campsites (many on the water), entrance to the hiking trail up Bear Mountain, a beach and day use area, fishing pier, and boat access.



Reunion 2021 and Annual Membership Meeting

It is with heavy heart that the RSAA Board of Directors have to announce that there will be no Alumni Reunion again this year. Due to many restrictions and almost impossible logistics, we will have to postpone Reunion until August 5th and 6th, 2022.

In light of it being the first Reunion in two years, we want to make sure Reunion 2022 goes off with a Bang!! What kinds of activities would you like to see? More presentations? Historical displays? Day trips? If we were able to get CE credits for lectures would you sign up? What can we do to make this a great Reunion for you? Please let us know what you would like to see at Reunion!

2021 Annual Membership Meeting

Despite Reunion 2021 being canceled, we will still have our 2021 Annual Meeting for the membership. This will take place online on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 7pm. Thanks to the ESF Office of Alumni Relations, we will be hosting a webinar that you can join. This will be your opportunity to see just how hard the RSAA Board has been working to keep the Alumni Association running during the pandemic. We have much to present and people to recognize! You will also have the opportunity to ask questions via the chat window.

To attend this online meeting, you MUST pre-register!! To register to attend please fill out the registration form at:

<https://alumlc.org/esf/8155>

We want to thank you all for your support and patience during these crazy times. We hope you and your families are all doing well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board at rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com.

We hope to “see” you all online on August 9th!

Keep in Touch with your fellow Alumni by checking out the following sites!

NYS Ranger School Alumni Association, Inc.

nysrsaa.org

RSAA website through SUNY ESF:

<https://www.esf.edu/rangerschool/alumni/>

RSAA Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RSAAinc/>

RSAA SpreadShirt – merchandise sales:

<https://www.spreadshirt.com/shop/user/ranger+school+alumni+association/>

Ranger School:

<https://www.esf.edu/rangerschool/>

Main Campus SUNY ESF Alumni:

<https://www.esf.edu/alumni/>

Ranger School Flickr:

<https://www.flickr.com/people/rangerschool/>

Ranger School Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ESFRangerSchool>



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Interested in seeing your fellow Alumni?

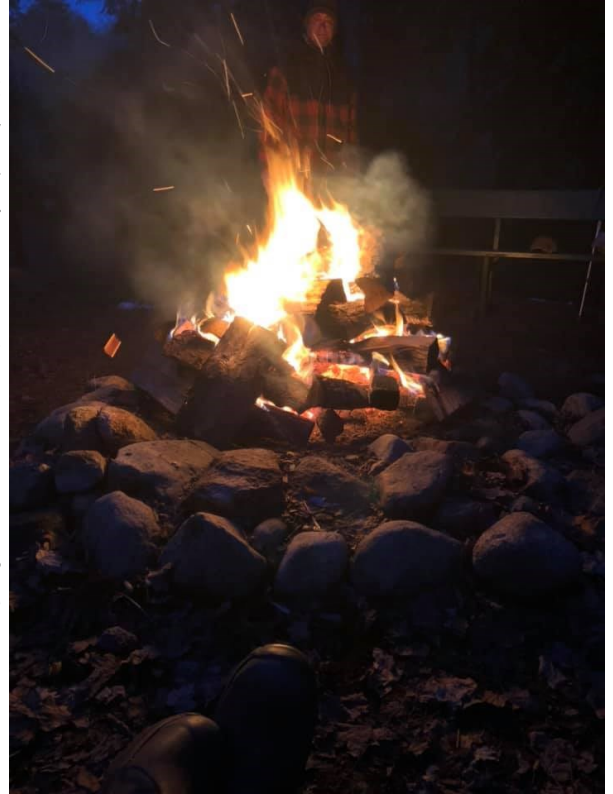
Do you want to Zoom with your classmates and friends?

The cancelation of Reunion again this year is a great disappointment for everyone. I know we all look forward to seeing each other every August. It won't be the same, but if anyone's interested in getting together virtually, we'd be happy to put together a Zoom Meeting for you. Whether it is by class year or a group of alumni friends, this could be a great way to keep in touch until we can be together in Wanakena again! Please let us know if you are interested, and we can work together to set something up! Contact the RSAA at rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com.

How about meeting up with Alumni in your area?

With Alumni scattered all over the country, and the world, there's bound to be someone in your area! Do you know the fellow graduate that lives just down the road? Would you be interested in meeting them?

The RSAA would be more than happy to facilitate that! Given enough interest we'd like to set up some mini Reunions for everyone to gather, share stories, and get to know their neighbors. This could be in someone's backyard, a favorite restaurant, local park, wherever! If you are interested in meeting up with fellow Alum in your area please let us know at rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com. We'll see who else is in your area and get something set up for you!



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RSAA Board of Directors in need of your help!

The RSAA Board of Directors is in need of more volunteers! We have a vacancy in the treasurer's position. The perfect person doesn't have to be a financial guru but would ideally have some background with basic accounting and QuickBooks. This person would work with the RSAA President, Financial Committee, and our accountant to keep things up to date, organized, and on track for our annual audits. Training will be provided and you don't need to live in the area!! Please let us know if you would be interested in helping us out in this!

We are also always looking for volunteers for your various committees. You don't need to be a Board member to be on a committee!! Current committees include: Audit, Finance, Nominating, Archive, Properties & Projects, Recruitment, Reunion, and Social Media. We could desperately use your time and expertise in any of these areas!

Where is my Alumni News?!

I want to extend my sincerest apologies for the lack of an Alumni News for 2020. This year has been particularly difficult in many ways and unfortunately the Alumni News suffered because of it. Ellen Wright '10 has generously volunteered to take over the editing in the future and we are working together now to put out a joint 2020/2021 issue. This will be mailed to all active alumni. Starting in 2022, the Alumni News will be available digitally for everyone, and printed for those who request it.

We are always looking for submissions for the Alumni News. If you have any articles, memories, photos, artwork, maps, ANYTHING, please send it in! If it doesn't make it in for this year's news it will be included in the next. Please forward submissions to the RSAA at rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com.

IN THE PINES...The Clifton-Fine Summer Concert Series 2021

WAYDOWN WAILERS

July 10th—Outlaw Swamp Rock

JOCAMO

July 17th—Old-school Funk & Soul

USELESS CANS

August 6th—Swinging Gypsy Punk

FOLKFACES

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To Keep in Touch...

Alumni Campground and James F. Dubuar Memorial Forest are Open!

Want to spend some time in Wanakena this summer? The Alumni Campground is open! Sites are available on a first come first served basis. There's a slot on the side of the garage to leave donations for campsite use (we recommend \$15/night). Each campsite has a picnic table and potable water spigot. All trash/recycle is carry in carry out. There is an outhouse and porta potty available for campers use. There are canoes, paddles, and a limited number of life vests available for Alumni use on the right side of the Alumni Garage.

Although The Ranger School's campus buildings remain closed to the public, James F. Dubuar Memorial Forest is now open for visitors! Parking is available in the student parking area by the ballfield. Please don't block gates when parking. Also, no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trails or forest roads. The fire tower is open, however, a maximum of four (4) people may be in the tower at any time.

Hope you take advantage of the campground and forest!

