

Ranger School Alumni Association

Spring– Summer 2025

RSAA Alumni President's Message

The Ranger School Alumni Association Board of Directors continues to be active in furthering the interests of our association. It is a great pleasure to work with such a committed and dedicated group of individuals. When you see these unsung heroes please take a moment to thank them for their work on our behalf.

We have done a number of things this year to assist Ranger School students. In the fall we provided each student a care package that included some snacks and a gift certificate to Otto's Abode (what some may know as the Wanakena General Store). We are purchasing a water bottle for each graduate that has the RSAA logo and the class year on it. Finally we awarded four students with a legacy scholarship. These scholarships are for relatives of RS graduates.

The Properties and Projects Committee lead by Jerry Butler has done a fine job of maintaining our Alumni House and

Campground. If you are not familiar with this property it is located on the river right near the RS. These facilities are available for Alumni use for a very reasonable rate.

The Social Media Committee lead by Chuck Carline has just up dated our web site and it seems to be a big improvement. You should have no trouble paying dues, making donations and updating your personal information on the new site.

The By-laws Committee lead by Mike Rozeski has been working on updating our Constitution and By-laws (a thankless job to be sure). The expectation is to have both these documents finalized for a vote of approval at our Membership's Annual Meeting, at this year's reunion, on Saturday Aug. 2.

The Engagement Committee, lead by Chris and Sue Westbrook, just recently held our latest Pop-Up-Reunion in

Newburgh, NY. This was the fourth event of this type we have held and folks seem to really enjoy them. I encourage you to attend if one is held in your area.

The Reunion Committee lead by Greg De La Fleur has planned another outstanding reunion. This year's reunion will be held Aug. 1-2, 2025. If you have attended a reunion in the past you know how much fun they are. If you have not attended I encourage you to do so, you will not regret it.

As my time as your President winds down (my term ends at the conclusion of this year's reunion) I want to thank you all for your love, dedication, and commitment to the RS and the RSAA. Your membership dues and your donations of time and money allow us to do all the amazing things we have done and will continue to do

Tom Martin '76

A Message from the Vice President

Greetings from the Ranger School!

As the incoming President, I wanted to take a few minutes to introduce myself to the group. My name is Michael Rozeski and I am from the Class of 1990. I started attending alumni reunions with my family around 2000 and other than the covid years, have been to all of them since. The family always looked forward to the first week in August to camp up here on the banks of the Oswegatchie. We have many, many fond memories of the times we have had, and the friends we have made over the years.

Upon graduation, I used the skills and work ethics learned at the Ranger School to succeed in a career in the land surveying field in western NY. After working for several different companies, I began my own land surveying business a couple of years ago. I am definitely prejudiced but I am

very thankful & blessed to have found surveying as a career. I attribute my year at the Ranger School as a major reason for my success.

In addition to being a graduate and a member of the Alumni Association, I have also been an adjunct professor since 2010 teaching a class on boundary surveying. I am on campus for around three weeks every spring working with the students. It is amazing to see how the enrollment in the surveying program, as well as the entire school, has grown over the years. It has been a great privilege & honor to have worked for Directors Westbrook, Bridgen & now Johnston and with the great staff they have had here. The school is in very good hands and is heading in the right direction.

As I mentioned previously, the alumni association has been a very big part of my life, and my family's life. In

speaking with many of the alumni over the years, I know the feeling is shared by many. I would like to take this opportunity to bring up a huge truth though. We need to have 'the next generation' of alumni step up and become involved in the organization. The RSAA is very lucky to have a solid core group of dedicated die-hards which have been running this organization. We all owe Mr. Westbrook & Mr. Martin a well-deserved thank you and hearty handshake (although perhaps a beer would be more welcomed) for coming out of retirement to become president of this organization again recently. If you are interested in becoming a board member and helping out with the association, please reach out to myself or another board member. My email is rsaapresident@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you.

Be well & Keep in Touch!
Mike Rozeski– 1990

Wanakena Historical Association Celebrates 25 years!

Join the WHA in celebrating this milestone by:

- Taking the self-guided Wanakena Historic Walking Tour., mid-May through October, starting at the kiosk on the green
- Visiting the Wanakena History Center at 21 Second Street, open Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, from June 21 to October 12, 2025:
 - Concert and reception on opening day, June 21
 - New 2025 exhibit – Mapping Place: Small Businesses Build Community
 - Summer Sundays Special Programs
 - Ranger School exhibit
- Coming to WHA's map exhibit at the RSAA 2025 Reunion, and listening to Ranger School stories from WHA's Clifton-Fine oral history project at www.twotownsstoryproject.com/work-and-school.
- Attending Quilt Fest on Friday and Saturday, August 29 and 30, 2025. Be part of the WHA's next 25 years by becoming a member or volunteering! For more information, see www.wanakena.com or email us at wanakenaha@aol.com.



Nominating Committee

We're always searching for alumni who may be interested in getting involved with the Board. Our quarterly meetings provide a chance for everyone to convene, in person or remotely, to catch up and review the business side of the Alumni Association. There are also ample opportunities for hands-on

work. From organizing and setting up the annual Reunion in August, to planning and attending local pop-up reunions, to sprucing up the Alumni House and campground at our work weekends, there are a lot of great ways to work within the Association to support your fellow alumni. Board

members bring with them a wide range of experience and knowledge, coming together for the common goal of supporting Ranger School alumni and "keeping in touch." We would be delighted to welcome you to the team!

Alumni News

The Alumni News is always seeking articles -- pictures-- memories of your time at Ranger School! If you've been looking through your photo albums or reminiscing about the highs and lows of your year in Wanakena, we want to hear from you. Check in with your friends and classmates, too. We always want to hear what you've been up to!

Are you current on your dues?



If you haven't paid your dues, you can do so on our website at www.nysrsaa.org or by filling out the enclosed Information Sheet.

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

Dues paying members receive the annual Alumni News, can make reservations for the Spaulding Memorial Alumni House, and pay lower Alumni Reunion registration fees!

AND REMEMBER-- IF YOU WANT YOUR NEWS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2025 ALUMNI NEWS BOOK IT MUST BE RECEIVED IN TO THE ALUMNI OFFICE BY MAY 1.

James F. Dubuar: A Daughter's Memories

It was one of those “small world” moments when I found out James F. Dubuar’s daughter, Marcia Reutershan, age 98, lives with her son and his wife less than 10 miles away from me in Maryland! The first time I called her we talked for over an hour and soon agreed on a day and time to meet in person.

We first met in December 2024 and rather than show up with a long list of questions, I decided to let our conversation flow naturally. As we looked through her family photo album, Marcia told me her

parents met in their home state of Michigan. In 1917, James was working for the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C. and was going to be sent overseas to fight in WWI. His commanding officer told him he had only a couple of days to go back home to take care of things before being deployed. James immediately called his sweetheart, Margaret Pettibone, and proposed marriage. He left for Europe the morning after their wedding in Michigan and was away for two years.

After WWI, James accepted a teaching position at the Ranger School. When the Dubuars arrived in 1919, a horse drawn sleigh picked them up at the Benson Mines train station to bring them to Wanakena. The main Ranger School building had not been built yet and the future Director’s residence was the students’ dining hall, so the Dubuars lived in a two-family house on First Street in the village. They moved on campus in about 1934, when Marcia was eight years old.

Marcia was the youngest of three Dubuar children and warmly recalled going to the Wanakena School, at the corner of Second Street and Ranger School Road, through the sixth grade.



She described Wanakena in the 1930s as “crude” with a lot of poor families living there. Her mother, Margaret, formed a “4-H Club” to do fun activities with the local children and ensure they at least occasionally had a hot meal. She also gave away her family’s hand-me-down clothes to children who needed them.

At our second meeting, we talked about Marcia’s family life - including her father’s role as a husband and father. She described her parents’ loving marriage and her own happy childhood. The Dubuars went on family outings, gathered for celebrations, and had beloved pets. James’ favorite dog was an Afghan named “Emma” who liked to chase and “nip” at Ranger School students. Marcia said her father was *not* overly strict, was fun to be around, came home for lunch every day, and liked to do daily crossword puzzles and go fishing and hunting. She assured me he was *very* supportive when he heard

women had started attending the Ranger School in the 1970s.

James encouraged Marcia’s pursuit of a college degree in architecture at Syracuse University (S.U.). In the late 1940s, she was one of only three women in the program. Marcia met Quentin Reutershan at S.U. and they married while students. After graduation, they lived with the Dubuars in Wanakena for a few years while Quentin served as the “Clerk of the Works” and worked with James to design and oversee the construction of two community projects - the Clifton-Fine Hospital (1951) and the Clifton-Fine Central School (1952) in Star Lake.

You can listen to Marcia’s memories in her own voice as recorded in the Wanakena Historical Association’s “Two Towns Story Project (TTSP)” at

www.twotownsstoryproject.com or scanning this QR code.

The TTSP is a long-term project to record, organize, and share oral stories and memories of Clifton-Fine residents - including Ranger School faculty, staff, and alumni! Share *your* Ranger School story by contacting me at greenwald4@verizon.net or 301-928-7566.



LET'S DO IT AGAIN !!!

The students of the Class of 2026 along with Alumni are invited to join team **'THE RANGER SCHOOL TEAM'** as we participate in the 46CLIMBS event taking place between August 29th – September 7th, 2025.

Ten+ years ago, a couple of young college students from Clarkson set out to hike the ADK 46 high peaks during the 7-day National Suicide Prevention Week. They partnered with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) with a mission of raising awareness and \$10,000. The idea of 46Climbs was built on their love of the outdoors and the healing benefits one can receive from getting outside and climbing, hiking, and running. Though they were not successful

in climbing all 46 peaks in that one week, they exceeded their fundraising goals. 46Climbs is now an annual event that encourages individuals across the US/World to take on the challenge of conquering suicide through the physical challenge of climbing and hiking.

To learn more about this event, visit their website at: www.46climbs.com

How to join our Team?

Sign up at the 46Climbs website. Our team name is **'THE RANGER SCHOOL TEAM'**

You will receive a 46Climbs dry-fit t-shirt and other swag

Hike any mountain/trail between August 29th – September 7th *

*Alumni will be leading hikes with the Class of 2026 students around Wanakena and the surrounding area both weekends of the event if you would like to join us. Or, hike your favorite trail wherever that may be

Take a picture at the summit or trail end wearing your t-shirt and post it to social media with the hashtags #46Climbs and #rangerschoolalumni

If you are unable to hike and would like to participate, please consider SPONSORING a Class of 2026 student. Contact the RSAA Office Manager, Sam MacDonald at: rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com or Caren Donovan at: donova24@gmail.com

This is a great opportunity for the Ranger School Alumni to join forces with the Class of 2026 as they kick off the start of their school year by getting outside and hiking to raise awareness for Suicide Prevention and Mental Illness. Let's hit the trails together!!!



Ranger School Alumni Hockey Game

On March 1st, the Ranger School class of 2025, which arguably could be the most prepared student team to take the ice, faced off against the alumni for the annual battle. The competition consists of five mini-games. When one ends, the score is reset, and a new game begins with a clean slate. The winner of the most games takes home the famed Bridgen cup. After warm-ups, the competition began with a ceremonial puck drop by Dr. Bridgen.



Dr. Bridgen starts the game with the ceremonial puck drop.

The first game was evidence that it was going to be a long two hours of hard skating. Student goalie, Landon Griffith, kept all of the shots out of the back of the net. Game one finished scoreless, proving that neither team was going to back down without a fight. During the second game, the students

were able to "light the lamp". Alex Skeet scored with an assist from Matt Tuohy but it wasn't enough to stop the alumni. Ryan Black '24 scored two and Aiden Ahrens '22 had another.

The alumni continued to turn up the pressure in the next game with another goal from Ahrens and one from James Donovan '23. The students went scoreless. This loss sent a shockwave through the

student bench and fired them up. Game four was commanded by the students. Sean Van Riper responded with a hat trick! The three goals absolutely overshadowed Ahrens goal which was the only goal for the alumni during the fourth game.

Even with the rally, another goal from Van Riper, and one from Jack Grant, it just wasn't enough to come back to finish with a tie overall. The alumni responded with goals from Black, Donovan, Ahrens and Justin Barns '23. Overall, the alumni were victorious, three

games to one. The Bridgen cup was awarded and celebration ensued. Another successful Ranger School hockey season goes down in history.



Director Johnston and Director Emeritus Bridgen running the show.



The class of 2025 strategizing.



The alumni receive the cup.

Report from Alumni Engagement Committee

The Ranger School Alumni Engagement Committee held its 4th Pop-Up Reunion, on April 7th, at the Newburgh Brewing Company, in Newburgh, NY. Approximately 50 alumni were in attendance for an evening of renewing friendships with classmates and other alums. Alumni were given an update on the Ranger School by Director Mariann Johnston and RSAA President Tom Martin '76 outlined the activities of the Alumni Association over the past year. Oh, and we forgot to take a group photo (oops)! If anyone has any photos of the event, please share them with us.



Cameron Larnerd '14 and Tom Martin '76, RSAA President

2025. Once plans are finalized, we will announce the event via e-mail, through the RSAA website, and Facebook page.

The RSAA Reunion Committee has once again put together a fun-filled reunion for alumni and their families, with good food and plenty of time to catch up with classmates and other alumni. We

If you haven't done so, the Ranger School Engagement Committee encourages you to become an active member of the RSAA by filling out the Information Sheet and paying your annual dues. This support helps to keep both the RSAA and the Ranger School thriving.

The members of the Ranger School Alumni Engagement Committee include Chuck Carline '19, Mariann Johnston, RS Director, Samantha MacDonald, RSAA Office Mgr., Tim O'Mara, Emily Reichert '21, Arianne Tanski '09, Greg Vaverchak '02, Chris Westbrook '73, Sue Westbrook '82, and Bruce Williams '76.

Chris Westbrook '73



Jordan Heller '12 & Jon Lasselle '20

A very special thanks to Tom Rinaldi '74, Bill Lehn, '78, Medenbach and Eggers, PC (Bill Eggers '79), Phillip Eskeli '79, MJ Engineering and Land Surveying (Joe Malinowski '79), Heritage Land Surveying (Darren Stridiron '90). This financial support allows us to provide these events free of charge to our alumni.

We are in the process of planning our next "Pop-Up Reunion," which will most likely be held in the Watertown/Lowville, NY area, during the Fall of

especially encourage members of 5-year classes (those with a Class years ending in "0" or "5") to plan on attending. The Class of 1975 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion and members of that Class will receive special recognition to mark this significant milestone.



Tim Gotsch '15 and Tim O'Mara, RS Assistant Director of College Housing



Class of '82 Alum Scott Barnes & Laura Mosher '82 reunited after almost 43 years:) Laura also helped with registering folks



Amy MacKenzie '03, Evan Masten Class of '09, Victoria, Lawrence, Matti Hollo '16, Ilana Weinstein ESF Class of '18, Josh Schermerhorn '16, Nicolas Echevarria '16, Russell Martin '09, Andrew Speranza '03

Director's Report

Greetings from the Director's Office on an overcast, but otherwise warm spring day in Wanakena. We are in our 14th week of the Spring semester, with graduation just over 4 weeks away. From our starting number of 57 students, the Class of 2025 remains strong at 54 students. Program numbers as we move towards graduation are:

- Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation (ENRC): 15
- Forest Technology: 26
- Land Surveying Technology: 13

Job Outlook: We will start tracking job placements in the next few weeks. As you may surmise, the current job market at the federal level is perhaps best characterized by the term "uncertainty." For the Forest Technology and ENRC students in particular, federal agencies such as the US Forest Service and the National Park Service have traditionally been a great place to start a career, with positions ranging from recreation to fire suppression to forest management and more. Unfortunately, a number of Ranger School alumni were impacted by the recent slashing of the federal work force, and the hiring outlook for our upcoming graduates with the federal agencies is likewise uncertain. The State of New York is still a strong employer of graduates in the environmental sector, so we hope to see continued career pathways for our environmental sector graduates. Land

surveying technology continues to have a strong job outlook.

Class of 2026: Enrollment numbers for next year are looking strong. We have an estimated 53 committed students as of this writing, and anticipate more additions over the next 1-2 months. Our Spring Open House is coming up on April 26, and we have over 200 people registered, again indicating a strong interest in Ranger School degree programs.

Student Activities: Clubs have been active this year, with a number of well-attended events and activities such as skating on the Rideau Canal, Ottawa Senators vs NY Rangers hockey game, skating on the 1980's 'Miracle' rink in Lake Placid, an Audubon workshop, Timber Sports events, and more. Our students have participated in community events as well, including very active participation in the 2025 White Out Weekend events around the local community. We have 34 students signed up for the annual Spring Rafting on the Hudson in May.

Capital Projects: The new bathrooms have been working out great for our students, and we continue to be grateful for this upgrade. We had a 'Great Flood of 2024' during December finals week, when a sprinkler head broke in the attic over one of the residential wings, at 1:15 AM, of course. Staff and

students came together to isolate the affected water lines, mop (a lot!) and help move personal belongings out of harm's way. Here again the College supported us, with an emergency declaration allowing the NYS OGS to bring in contractors to gut and replace waterlogged drywall, flooring, and ceiling tiles over the winter break. We are presently looking at a water chlorination system upgrade and domestic water heater replacement projects, as well as a project to replace the remaining older flooring throughout the building. It bodes well for the Ranger School campus that the College and State continue to invest in our building and infrastructure.

Budget Environment: The College continues to operate on an austerity budget as we work to ensure that operational costs are covered. Accordingly, at the Ranger School we continue to watch expenses and pay attention to budget. We are planning to step up our fundraising efforts for the Ranger School Endowment and other College Foundation accounts, as these provide critical support when state and college resources are low. Please know that your financial support is always greatly appreciated, and helps support the students in many ways. So, thank you to all our past, present, and future financial supporters!!

Mariann Johnston, Director



Class of 2025

My Reunion Trip to the 2025 NYSAPLS Conference

I attended the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyor's (NYSAPLS) annual conferences from 1989 – 2016, except for 1995 when the conference was held in Jamaica, and that is a story for another time. Land Surveying students began attending the NYSAPLS Conference in 1996 and this quickly became a beneficial experience for our students.

On New Year's Eve 2024, I received an e-mail notice from NYSAPLS announcing the Pillars of Excellence Awards Ceremony that is held during the Annual Conference. I was excited to read that NYS Licensed Land Surveyor Steve Sehnert '61 was going to be honored with the NYSAPLS Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition to his active role in NYSAPLS, Steve was instrumental in developing the Surveying Program at the Ranger School, a charter member of the Ranger School Surveying Friends Committee and served as visiting instructor of Land Surveying at the Ranger School for many years.

My wife, Sue '82, and I immediately decided to attend the ceremony to support and visit Steve but knew we had to check in with his wife, Kathy, first. Much to our delight, arrangements were made by his daughter, Debby, and son-in-law, Jerry, to drive Steve to the Turning Stone Casino for the event!! Little did we know the significant role Ranger School graduates would play in the Pillars of Excellence Awards Ceremony which also recognized Scholarship recipients and newly licensed NYS Land Surveyors.

As we sat down for the ceremony, I quickly scanned the event Program and was pleasantly surprised to see the names of many Ranger School Land Surveying Students, and Alumni, being recognized while several RS grads served in a leadership role with NYSAPLS. Ranger School Surveying Instructor Jeremy Thompson '97 is the current President of NYSAPLS and was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. I also noted that William (Bill) Eggers '79 currently holds the Office of

Secretary of NYSAPLS.

Five students were awarded nine scholarships. The recipients of each scholarship were:

Arthur D. Shaw Memorial Scholarship

(Since the late 90's this scholarship awarded \$1000.00 to one Ranger School student each year. It was nice to see three students were awarded \$5,000 each)

William Brewer
Isabel Chavoustie
Quinn C. Liberto

C. Hartnett '51 Memorial Scholarship

William Brewer

Creighton C. Fee Surveying Scholarship

(This scholarship, in memory of Paul Smith's College Professor, Creighton Fee, was formerly presented to a Paul Smith's College student. Since the elimination of the Surveying Program at Paul Smith's College, Ranger School students are now honored with this scholarship).

Quinn C. Liberto
Lance Bardoun (son of Dave Bardoun '91)

Eastern NY Society Memorial Scholarship

Quinn C. Liberto
Mark J. Solan, Jr. (nephew of John Solan '91)

Niagara Frontier Scholarship

Lance Bardoun

President Jeremy Thompson then presented the NYSAPLS Lifetime Achievement Award to Steve Sehnert '61. As noted in the Awards Ceremony Program, this award is presented "to an individual whose achievements in his or her career contributed to the advancement and recognition of the



Steve Sehnert '61 with the NYSAPLS Lifetime Achievement Award

land surveying profession." Over the years, Steve was an active member of NYSAPLS and served on various NYSAPLS committees.

Each year, the newest licensees are recognized with a certificate from NYSAPLS. These certificates are presented by members of the NYS Board for Engineering, Land Surveying and Geology. I was filled with pride to see Shaine Porter '98 walk up onto the stage and join two fellow Board members to present the certificates. I believe that Shaine may be the first Ranger

School Graduate to be appointed to serve on this prestigious NYS Board.

Newly licensed NYS Land Surveyors recognized by NYSAPLS included RS Alumni Michael Koterba '08, Jason McCadden '09, and Zachary Scordo '14. All three of these Alumni hold AAS degrees in Land Surveying Technology.

It was an honor to be able to be a part of this awards ceremony and we congratulate all who were recognized by NYSAPLS. During the few hours that we attended the conference, we were also able to chat and catch up with many RS Alumni.

Chris Westbrook '73
Director/Professor Emeritus

About Financial Support for the Ranger School

As we move into Spring 2025, the College is working hard to reduce costs and ensure financial solvency, and as such, we are under increasing pressure to watch our spending and minimize expenditures. Frugality is a great trait to have, and as much as possible we are trying to repurpose and reuse items rather than buy new, and to avoid any unnecessary expenditures. That having been said, it is still very important to us at the Ranger School to be able to support our students with modern equipment, sufficient classroom resources, professional development, and more.

Many of you may be aware that the Ranger School accepts financial donations by way of the ESF College Foundation, a non-profit organization associated with ESF to facilitate financial donations and bequests of all types. Gifts managed by the College Foundation range from one-time donations of a few dollars, to stock donations, property donations, corporate donations, and even estates. The Foundation employs staff with the expertise to help facilitate and support all types of giving to the College, including the Ranger School.

So, how can you help the Ranger School? If you are able to give to the Ranger School, even just a little here and there, there are really two different ‘pots’ to consider. One is **scholarship support**. The Ranger School has at least 19 scholarship funds, most of which are endowed, meaning that the scholarships available to incoming students are generated annually from the interest on the principal in the account. These funds, together with other scholarships provided by ESF and SUNY, are a great way to ensure students are able to attend the Ranger School while minimizing financial hardship. I can provide a list of current scholarship funds to any who are interested.

The other ‘pot’ to consider is one that provides **direct support to the Ranger School**, at the discretion of the Ranger School Director. This happens by way of three accounts, all of which provide the Director with the resources and flexibility to meet the dynamic and evolving needs of students, staff, infrastructure, and programs. These accounts are as follows:

The Ranger School Endowment – This is our largest account, and as an endowment it provides an annual budget to the Ranger School Director. Typically, a significant portion goes to additional scholarships. But because it provides discretionary resources to the Director, the balance also allows for academic and recreational equipment purchases, student participation in extracurricular activities, faculty and staff development support, and more. In recent years, this account has funded 1-2 seasonal Endowed Field Technicians, typically recent Ranger School graduates who work on various academic projects on the Dubuar Forest during the summer immediately following graduation. This has been a big help in keeping our field teaching infrastructure maintained and updated where needed! Donations to this account help build the principal, which in turn

generates additional interest revenue for annual use.

Wanakena Institutional Development – This is an expendable account, meaning that all resources are immediately available to the Ranger School Director, and allows the Director to respond to immediate needs. Examples of past expenditures include support of student pizza parties and social functions, the purchase of Ranger School merchandise for promotional purposes and resale, and travel support for RSAA Popup Reunions (and door prizes). It’s also been useful for purchasing materials such as paint, timber, and supplies for construction and upkeep of trails, lean-tos, bird blinds, and more on the Dubuar Forest.

Ranger School Professional Development – This expendable account is designated to support student and staff professional meetings and development. At the present time, we send all Ranger School students to 1-2 professional meetings each Spring, including the New York Association of Professional Land Surveyors, and the New York Society of American Foresters annual meetings. We have also begun sending the ENRC students to the Conservation District Employees’ Association Annual Water Quality Symposium. Furthermore, faculty and staff hold a variety of professional memberships, certifications and licenses necessary to maintain their expertise and support continuing education. This account has been specifically designated to receive individual and corporate sponsorships to support registration, travel, and hotel costs associated with professional development, as well as memberships and certifications required for faculty and staff to maintain their expertise.

So, that’s a lot! But, I did want to clarify both the need for financial support, and that we have a good structure in place to receive and account for these expenditures. I will also add that, as the Ranger School Director, while the scholarship funds are great and we’ll never say no to that support, I think the flexibility provided by the direct support accounts are even more beneficial to the Ranger School as a whole. These accounts allow the Director to respond immediately and nimbly to emerging needs, and ensure we have resources in place to support our students and programs in the long term. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to me with questions. And thanks for considering how you might support the Ranger School.

Mariann Johnston, Director

Social Media Report

Hello, fellow Ranger School grads!

Our new website is up and running thanks to our awesome Office Manager, Sam MacDonald and our new webmaster! We are receiving member information updates, Alumni House reservation requests and general correspondence. There are some subtle changes and more will be forthcoming. Please let us know if you have any problems, questions or suggestions.

Here are links to our online presence:

Ranger School Alumni Association -
<https://www.nysrsaa.org/>

RSAA Facebook -
<https://www.facebook.com/RSAAinc>

RSAA Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/nys_ranger_school_alumni/

RSAA Flickr -
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rangerschool/collections>

RSAA LinkedIn - search for "Ranger School Alumni Association"

These links will be updated periodically with current events.

Chuck Carline, 2019

Reunion 2025

Make your plans now for the 89th Annual Ranger School Alumni Reunion. Enclosed is the registration form and schedule for a weekend of fun.

Saturday night will feature Hawaiian Night!! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and celebrate the tropics with us. Fashion accessories will be provided.

We highly encourage all alumni who attend to pay the registration fee as this helps to offset the costs of the tent, tables, chairs, porta potties etc.

A Call for Auction Items

We're gearing up for the Ranger School Alumni Weekend this August 1st & 2nd, and we're hosting an **auction** to raise funds for Student Legacy Scholarships. We're looking for generous donations of items, experiences, and services to include in the event.

What can you donate?

- **Unique items** (RS memorabilia, artwork, local gems)
- **Crafty projects** (handmade furniture, unique wooden decor, custom carvings, etc.)
- **Outdoor adventures** (recreational trips, hiking excursions, kayaking experiences, and more!)
- **And remember** - this is an auction, not a garage sale. If it's

been collecting dust in your attic since the 80s and even the raccoons won't take it, please reconsider. Let's keep it classy! Consider joining us in August for a weekend full of fun, festivities, and good times, all while supporting a great cause! Your contribution will go directly toward supporting deserving students in their academic journey at the Ranger School.

Looking for Alumni Merchandise?

You can get everything from t-shirts, hats, hoodies, even water tumblers and coffee mugs. At our online [Spreadshirt](https://www.spreadshirt.com/shop/user/ranger+school+alumni+association/) store:

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

Or find the link on our Alumni webpage.

Belt buckles, stickers, lapel pins are available through the RSAA office.

Email rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com for more information.

Have an Idea for RSAA merchandise? Let us know!



What's Happening?

May 1– Information and Dues sheets are due

May 24– Graduation

May 26– Memorial Day

June 19– Juneteenth

June 21– Opening day for Wanakena Historical Society

July 4– Independence Day

June 20th– Early Bird Registration Due

July 15– Reunion Registration Due

August 1st and 2nd—Alumni Reunion Weekend!

August 17– Student Move-In

August 20– Classes begin

August 29th– September 7th- 46 Climbs

September 1– Labor Day

October 13– Columbus Day

November 11– Veterans Day

November 27– Thanksgiving

December 25– Christmas

December 19– Last day of classes

December 25– Christmas

Clifton-Fine Summer Series

This year marks a big one - it's the 25th anniversary of the Clifton-Fine Summer Series! Hard to believe it's been more than two decades, and while the Summer Concert Series has grown and changed over the years, so much has remained the same. Each year, as a small group of volunteers, we are able to coordinate and host some very talented performing artists. The best part, these shows are free and open to all, thanks to our generous supporters and crowd-funded donations. Year after year, it's a privilege to continue on with this unique and special tradition, including our Alumni Weekend show. This year, make your way downtown to the gazebo for some upbeat zydeco honky tonk provided by Dennis

Stroughmatt and Creole Stomp on Friday, August 1st at 7 pm. See you there! For the full list of the 2025 Summer Concert Series, vis-

it: cliftonfinearts.blogspot.com. If you'd like to keep the music series strong, please consider making a donation today, by check (to "CFEDC" with "Cultural Arts" in the memo) or cash.

Mailing address: Cultural Arts Committee, PO BOX 145, Wanakena, NY 13695

Dave Ziemba class of 1989



The Directors Report— Limited amount left!



The Directors Report: History of the SUNY ESF Ranger School 1912-2020 A chronological description of the School, as reported by former Ranger School Directors. First Edition. 246 p

Available by mail-order only. Send order to: rangerschoolalumni@gmail.com or call 315-848-2566 ext. 2112. Cost: \$50 plus \$12 shipping. All proceeds will be donated to the Ranger School Endowment.

2025 Spring Clean Up Weekend

This year's Spring Clean Up Weekend was a great success! The campsites are now stocked with firewood, there is fresh paint, and the dock is in the water ready for guests.

As a reminder to Alumni, there is a sign on the side of the garage notifying everyone of the campground fee of \$15 per night per sight. Cash and checks can be placed in the slot near the sign. For those who don't always have cash on hand, our Venmo handle (@RangerSchoolAlumni) is located on the sign.

The campground is carry-in-carry-out. Please take care of garbage. There are dumpsters near the RS maintenance building. Be sure to extinguish all outdoor fires before you leave. And please do not plug in EV vehicles. The store in Wanakena has the appropriate station for this.

We also ask that all Alumni have their dues paid prior to use.

Anyone interested in staying in the Alumni House, please check out Facebook page and our web page for available dates. The house is available from May 1 to mid October.

A big thank you to all that attended:

Jerry Butler-'05
Bruce Williams-'76
Tim Dinse-'78
Joan Macholl-'83
Steve Whalen-'71
Mike Web-'74
Allison Holmes-'16
Aaron Padden-'16
Glenn Underwood-'16
Greg De La Fleur-'94
Mike Bushey-'94
Randy Paquin-'77
Gary Radford-'77
Jim Holt-'77
Mike Rozeski-'90

Keep in touch with your fellow Alumni!

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 Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/nys_ranger_school_alumni/

Ranger School:

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

Main Campus SUNY ESF Alumni:

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

Ranger School Flickr:

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