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A close-up photograph of green fern fronds against a dark background, used as a backdrop for the school's name.

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**Newsletter, June 2019**

Dear SEFS Community,

As the academic year draws to a close, we are excited to unveil a new iteration of newsletter you can expect to receive from the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.

This newsletter will provide updates on news, events and features for SEFS audiences inside and outside of the school, including alumni, students, staff, faculty, supporters, and the general public.



SEFS students and faculty in the field.

In the history of SEFS, newsletters have been an important vehicle for communicating with our community. Over the past year, we have not been sending a newsletter, and while you may have benefitted from one less item in your inboxes, we had inquiries from many of you about whether a newsletter is part of the plan for our future. We're thrilled to say that it is.

In the fall, you can expect to see this digital-only newsletter in your inbox every other month, at the very least, and its frequency may increase as we gauge interest and content. In the meantime, if you have a catchy title for this newsletter or other ideas and suggestions for content to include, please contact the SEFS communications team.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences.

Dan Brown, Professor and Corkery Family Director  
School of Environmental and Forest Sciences  
College of the Environment  
University of Washington

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## News Out of SEFS

**SEFS student named President's Medal recipient**

Congratulations to Marisa R. Deluccia, ESRM student, who was named one of two recipients of the UW President's Medal for 2018-19. [Read more](#)



**SEFS professor contributes to UN report on biodiversity loss**

SEFS associate professor Stanley Asah contributed to a startling report released in May by the United Nations that warned 1 million animals and plant species could quickly become extinct without a radical increase in conservation efforts. [Read more](#)



**SEFS graduate student named to Husky 100**

Catherine Kuhn, a SEFS doctoral student who is studying global environmental change in rivers, lakes and streams, was named to the 2019 Husky 100. [Read more](#)



**ESRM student awarded Corbett Scholarship**

Sierra Jade Red Bow, a member of the Oglala Sioux tribe and an American Indian studies and ESRM sophomore, will spend the autumn 2019 semester at the University of British Columbia thanks to a Corbett Scholarship. [Read more](#)



**Emeritus professor receives American Horticultural Society award**

John Wott, SEFS emeritus professor, recently received the Professional Award from the [American Horticultural Society](#) for his significant influence on horticulture. [Read more](#)



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## Alumni Highlights



**Alumni: We want to hear from you!**

The School of Environmental and Forest Sciences (SEFS) is planning for its 10-Year Program Review, and we want to hear from you! The 10-Year Review is an opportunity for SEFS to reflect on what it does and identify opportunities for the future. [Take the survey](#)



**SEFS alumnus featured in Crosscut story**

Morris Johnson, alumnus and an affiliate faculty member at SEFS, was recently featured in a [Crosscut story](#) about his work as a research fire scientist with the [U.S. Forest Service](#). [Read more](#)



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Have SEFS alumni news or events to share? Send them to [sefscomm@uw.edu](mailto:sefscomm@uw.edu).

## SEFS Happenings

**Last SEFS Seminar of Spring Quarter**

June 5, 2019

**Art of Nature at the UW Botanic Gardens**

June 8, 2019

## SEFS Graduation Commencement and Celebration

June 14, 2019

## More Highlights

### **Good luck to faculty who retired in 2018-19:**

- Jerry Franklin
- Kern Ewing
- Rob Harrison
- Dorothy Paun

### **Congratulations to new staff starting in 2018-19:**

- Jennifer Weiss, administrator
- Wanjiku Gitahi, human resources manager
- Molly Hottle, communications manager

### **Seven SEFS students awarded scholarships**

Congratulations to the seven undergraduates and graduate students who received this funding for 2019-2020 from the College of the Environment Scholarship and Funding Committee.

### **SEFS creates new website**

In 2019, SEFS launched a new website with interactive features and improved visuals. Please take a tour of our new, vibrant site! [View it here.](#)

Have a news, photo or feature idea to share? Send them to [sefscomm@uw.edu](mailto:sefscomm@uw.edu).

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