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Subject: Welcome to 2022 ESE! from Barbara Turpin, ESE Chair
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***Welcome to 2022
ESE Students and
Colleagues!***

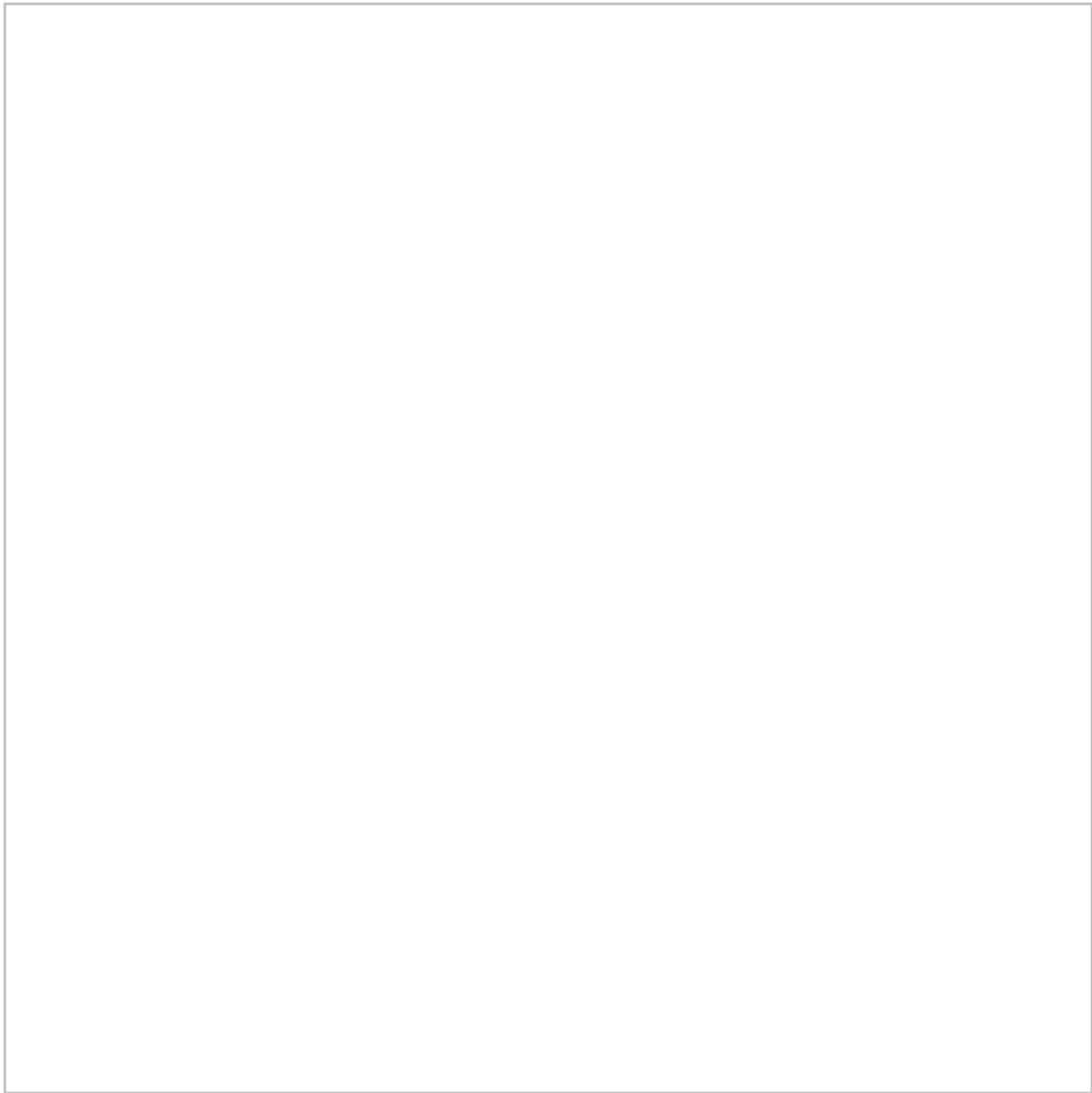


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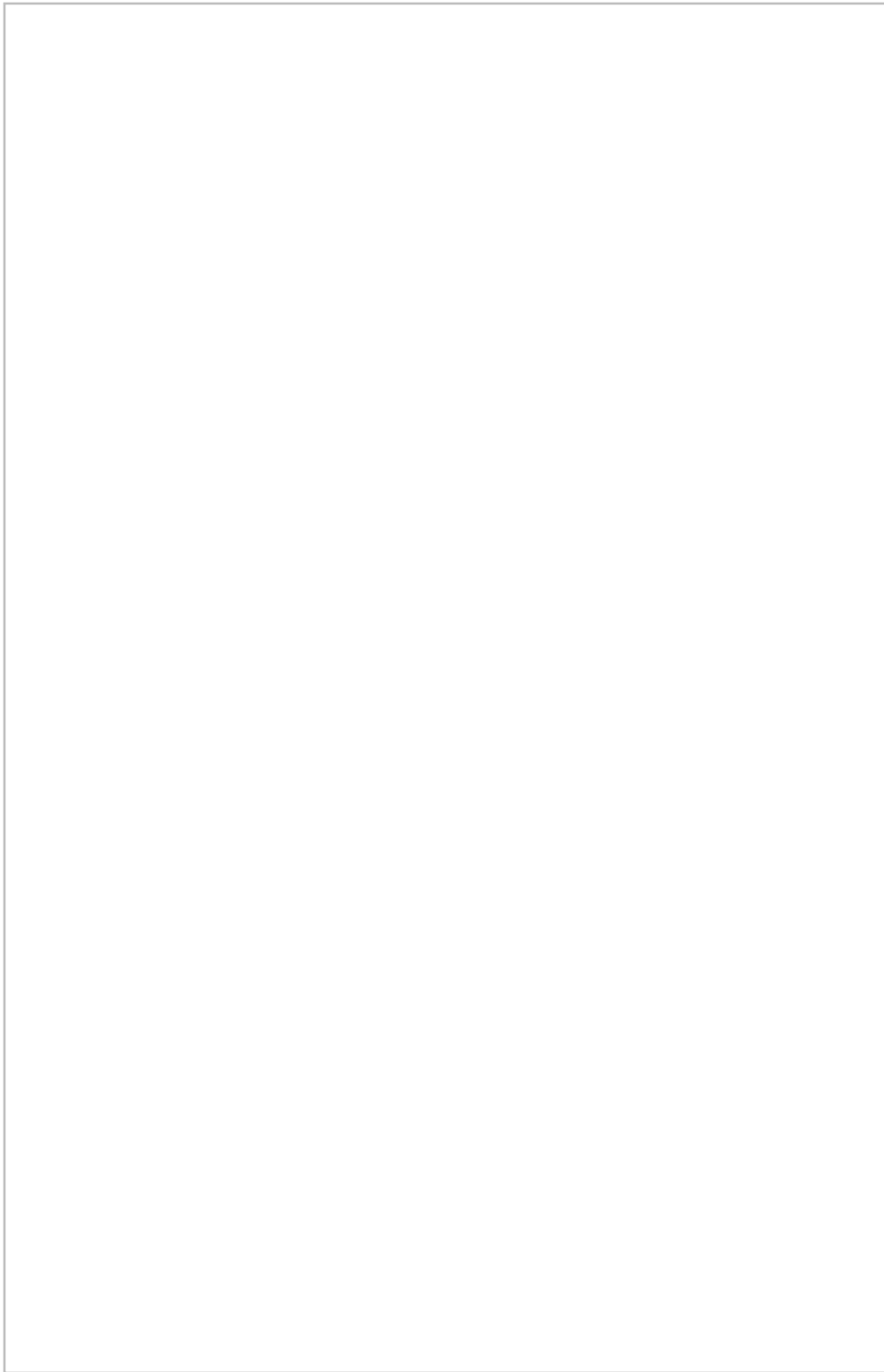
I hope you had a restful winter break, and that the new year will be filled with joy, peace, growth and meaning for all of you.

We are all getting lots of practice being flexible and understanding as this pandemic continues. Please be thoughtful and give those you are interacting with the benefit of the doubt. Students, we are not planning to make any permanent changes to the mode of instruction for any ENVR courses. However, it is possible that your in-person class will shift on-line temporarily at some point during the semester (keep an eye on your email). We do not want faculty or students coming to class sick. We also recognize that some people may need special accommodations for other reasons. This is a stressful time. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need help. Know that we will do our best to educate you and that we care about you.

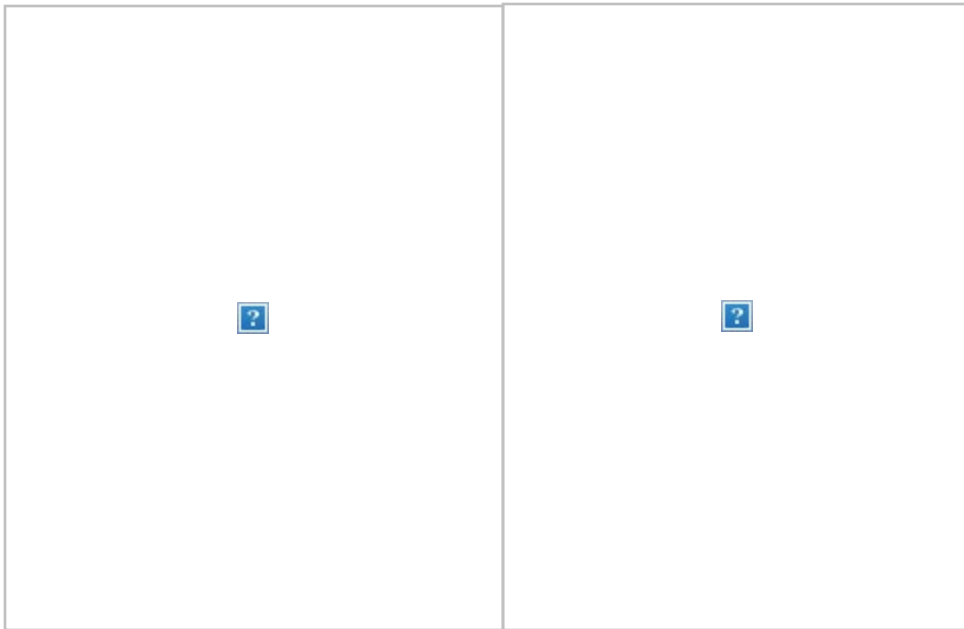
Help us keep Gillings safe: Get boosted, wear your mask indoors, eat outside whenever possible, take a walk, sleep, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick, and seek help when you need it. Avoid karaoke in poorly ventilated places :).

Gillings Student Affairs has assembled many [resources](#) that may be of help to you. We hope you'll help us create a culture of [well-being](#) and [Inclusive Excellence](#) here at Gillings by reaching out whenever you need something. We are here for you and want you to be well and thrive!

I look forward to connecting with you this spring semester and hope to see you at some of our department events. Thanks to ENVRSO for organizing [our first event](#) for ESE students, staff, and faculty on **Friday, January 14 at 2:00 PM**. Let's enjoy each other's company, sample some hot chocolate and demonstrate our artistic abilities (environmental subject matter or whatever you like)! Activities, including announcement of the ESE Employee Excellence Awards, will take place (with masks) in the MHRC Lower Atrium, with food and drink being consumed safely outside on the MHRC patio. You can [RSVP HERE](#).



Also join us for a series of monthly early afternoon **coffee/tea/cookie outdoor socials** on **first Tuesdays from 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM, beginning February 1**, on the MHRC patio.



And...save the date for our Department Photo, Faculty and Student Awards announcements and **Ice Cream Social** on Reading Day, **April 28 at Noon**.

Finally, **please take a moment to re-visit our Department [news stories](#)**, and be sure to submit any newsworthy stories from your activities to the Gillings Communications Office through the form provided at the link at the bottom of the page.

I look forward to seeing you in the halls and at our department events!

My best wishes for the new year,
Barbara J. Turpin
Professor and Chair
Environmental Sciences and Engineering



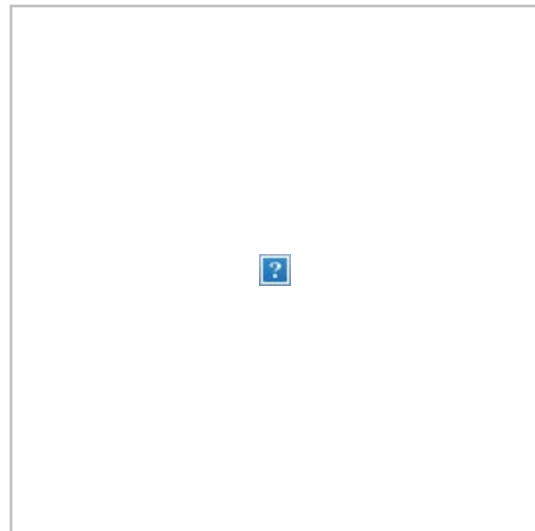
ESE News Stories

Check out some of the amazing

accomplishments of our students
and faculty.

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