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## **New York State Agricultural Experiment Station Focus of Community Luncheon**

KEUKA PARK, N.Y. — Keuka College’s Community Luncheon Series will continue Thursday, June 15, with a talk by Marc Smith, assistant director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station.

Smith will discuss “The New York State Agricultural Experiment Station: Cornell’s Well-known but Slightly Mysterious Outpost of Excellence in the Finger Lakes” at noon in the Gannett Room of the Lightner Library.

A member of the Station’s leadership team, Smith has been closely involved with the development of the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park, also known as the Technology Farm, which matches Cornell’s strengths in food and agricultural technology with private enterprise and applies them to the task of economic development in upstate New York.

Smith grew up on his family’s dairy farm, in York, Livingston County. He earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Cornell University and a master’s degree in economics from the University of New England. He also served in the Peace Corps. In 1985, he set up an agricultural advisory council for U.S. Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.).

Tickets are \$10.50 in advance (\$11 at the door), \$2.50 of which goes to the Penn Yan Keuka Club Scholarship Fund. The fund provides an annual scholarship to a local student attending Keuka College. Seating is limited, so reservations are advised. Make checks payable to Keuka College and mail to: Cass Crovetti, Office of Alumni and Family Relations, Keuka College, Keuka Park, N.Y. 14478. The reservation deadline is Friday, June 9.

For more information call (315) 279-5212.