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Randy Worobo appointed Director of Undergraduate Education at the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva

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GENEVA, NY: Randy Worobo, associate professor of food microbiology at Cornell University in the department of Food Science and Technology at the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, was appointed Director of Undergraduate Education for the Geneva campus. The appointment was made by Susan Henry, the Ronald P. Lynch Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

Worobo's responsibilities will include oversight of undergraduate education at Geneva. Among other things, this entails facilitating student research awards programs and assisting in the placement of Cornell students with Geneva faculty.

"There are numerous possibilities for connecting students to various programs for the purposes of research and education," said Thomas Burr, director of the Station.

"My immediate and future goals include increasing undergraduate involvement with Geneva students who participate in research programs under the guidance of Geneva faculty members," said Worobo. "Hopefully, this will lead to more involvement on the part of Geneva faculty in undergraduate mentoring and education. This is a great opportunity for both faculty and the students."

Two years ago Worobo received the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring of Independent Research Award and the Cornell Tradition Employer Recognition Award. The two awards were given in recognition for his mentoring of Cornell student, Mathew Moake, who worked with Worobo for more than three years, co-authoring six papers and one book during that time.

"This mentoring experience was very fulfilling for me," said Worobo. "Hopefully, more Geneva faculty will have this extraordinary opportunity to interact with and mentor Cornell undergraduate students."

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