**NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**NC SweetPotato Commission Campaign Celebrates $500,000 Mark**
On December 11, 2008, five members of the NC SweetPotato Commission Campaign Committee signed endowment agreements, bringing the campaign total to $500,000 in gifts and pledges. The campaign, a partnership of the NC SweetPotato Commission and the College, provides endowment funding for research and extension programs supporting the sweet potato industry. Lead donors include Carson Barnes, Johnny and Lisa Barnes, Burch Farms, David Godwin, Kendall Hill, Scott Farms, Vick Family Farms, and Warren Farming Partnership.

**Register to attend the CALS Research Conference – Stewards of the Future: Research for Global Sustainability – January 22, 2009**
Registrations are currently being accepted to this conference. You should have received your departmental packets of invitations to so you can follow up personally to encourage your current and prospective funders to attend; personal invitations often make all the difference. If you or others in your department need more, or if you would like us to send out additional invitations for you, please contact us at ncalsresearch_conference@ncsu.edu.

Also, please take a few moments to register to attend at: ncalsrf-conference.com

The mission of the NCALS Research Foundation is to increase funding, raise awareness, and facilitate partnerships in support of CALS research programs.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE**

**Reminder:** Graduation Clearance for the December 2008 graduates is scheduled for January 19th. If you have any questions regarding graduation procedures or clearance issues, contact Mr. Fred Jimenez at 919-515-9708 or feel free to email him directly at fred_jimenez@ncsu.edu.

**Undergraduate Admissions Information**
The Admission Office will use the same notification dates and application process again this year. The notification dates are:

- Application Deadline #1: October 15th
- Notification Date: December 15th - completed

Of the 2,373 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of December 15, 2008:
• 554 were admitted
• 380 were female (68.6%) and 174 were male (31.4%)
• 450 were from in-state (81.4%) and 103 were from out-of-state (18.6 %) with 1 applicant who has residency still pending

Diversity breakdown:
• White 82.9%
• American Native 0.3%
• African American 4.0%
• Asian 6.0%
• Hispanic 1.8%
• Unknown 4.7%
• International 0.3%

Test Score Averages are as follows for those admitted to CALS:
• Average SAT Total (math & verbal only) 1199
• Average SAT Math Score 614
• Average SAT Verbal Score 585
• Percent Ranked in Top 10% of HS Class 61.1%

Application Deadline #2: November 1st
Notification Date: January 30th

Application Deadline #3: December 1st
Notification Date: March 15th

Application Deadline #4: February 1st
Notification Date: March 30th

Hold the Dates
The new Student Information System (SIS) has arrived. To better prepare CALS teaching faculty and advisers for this new system coming on-line Spring 2009, the CALS Committee for Effective Teaching and Advising will host two workshop sessions:

Navigating the New Student Information System (SIS) for CALS Faculty and Advisers

Times (note sessions are at different times):
• Tuesday, January 6th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
• Wednesday, January 21st, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Place: 1400 Williams computer lab

Speaker: Holly Swart, Registration and Records

If you need to know:
• How to see a student's enrollment appointment (registration window)
• How to release an advising hold so a student can register (replaces PINs in legacy)
• How to see the schedule of classes and course catalog
• How to view a student's unofficial transcript and transfer credit
• How to view a student's academic history (term and cumulative GPA and hours passed/in progress)
• How to view student's degree audit/plan of work

Seating Is Limited... Please RSVP At:

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=254

For additional information about SIS and other training sessions in January, please see the SIS web site at:

http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/sis/for facultystaff/index.htm

Mark your calendar for these additional teaching and advising events being held during the spring 2009 Semester!

• Brown bag on Learning Styles led by David Jones on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in 308 Ricks
• Brown bag on Interdisciplinary Perspectives Requirement and IP Course Development, Feb. 19 (Thurs), 12:00-1:30 in 308 Ricks. Speaker will be Jon Rust, DUAP and CALS faculty
• Celebration of Teaching and Learning following the Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 16.
• Two-day New Teacher (faculty and teaching graduate students) Workshop, May 12-13 (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Other Upcoming Dates of Importance:

• **January 7** - First day of classes
• **January 13** - Last day to add a course without permission of instructor; MyPack Portal closes for adds at 11:59 p.m. (After this day, adds processed in 1000 Harris Hall)
• **January 19** - Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); university closed
• **January 21** - Last day to enroll (register) or to add a course; Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment; Last day for undergraduate students to drop below 12 hours
• **March 2 to March 6** - Spring Break; no classes
• **March 9** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.; Advising begins for 2009 Summer Sessions and Fall Semester enrollment
• **March 10** - Enrollment (Registration) begins for the 2009 Summer Sessions and Fall Semester
• **March 11** - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the all levels; Last day to change from credit to audit at all levels; Last day to change to credit only; Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms; MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate and Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
• **April 10** - Spring Holiday; no classes
April 13 - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.

April 20 to April 24 - "Dead Week" - Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any test or quizzes or assign any additional papers or project during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.

April 24 - Last day of classes

April 27 to May 5 - Final Examinations

May 9 - Spring Commencement

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE
Spring is a busy time for students thinking about careers. This semester our office has many events planned to help them find success upon graduation.

We will continue drop in hours every Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in 107 Patterson Hall. Encourage students to stop in to ask any career questions they have.

The next Focus on Your Future workshop will be held on January 24. A “mocktail” hour will follow from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to mix and mingle with the professionals that presented at the workshop. Registration required: www.cals.ncsu.edu/career

Kick Start Your Career is continuing this semester. Check our web site for topics, dates and times of the workshops.

Stay tuned for information regarding our spring events:

- Mock Interview Day – February 24
- Dining Etiquette – March 10
- Speed Networking – April 9
- Career Fellows – Spring Break

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE
On December 1, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Brownstone, Dr. Lynn Turner was honored with a Retirement and Endowment Celebration. The celebration started with a reception at 6:00 p.m., with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. An endowment agreement creating the Lynn and Beth Turner Student Leaders Scholarship Endowment was signed during the program. This event was co-hosted by the NC State Agri-Life Council, the Agricultural Institute Club, CALS Academic Programs and The North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. Many AGI alumni returned to congratulate Dr. Turner on starting this new chapter in his life.

On December 17th, the Agricultural Institute held its Fall Graduation Ceremony at the University Club on Hillsborough Street. Twenty-nine graduates participated in the ceremony. There was standing room only as parents, faculty, friends and staff congratulated the students on their accomplishments and wished them success in their future endeavors.

Reminder
AGI Coordinators: Please remember that the AGI Coordinators’ Retreat will be held at the Yates Mill Complex beginning at 12:00 noon on January 5th. Dr. Kirby will be making lunch.

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Turfgrass Conference Show Scheduled in January
Experts from North Carolina State University will discuss a range of topics related to growing and managing turfgrass during the 2009 North Carolina Turfgrass Conference and Show in late January in Raleigh. The conference, which is sponsored by N.C. State University and the Turfgrass Council of North Carolina, is scheduled for Jan. 26-29 at the Hilton North Raleigh, 3415 Wake Forest Road. Conference program and registration information is available on line through the N.C. State University Center for Turfgrass Environmental Research and Education Web site at http://www.turffiles.ncsu.edu/.

Wiggins grievance named coordinator
Dr. Sandy Wiggins, Extension specialist for environmental health and housing in the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences, has been named grievance coordinator for the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, effective Oct. 1. She replaces Dr. Wayne Matthews, who retired June 30. The grievance program applies to all county level employees of NC Cooperative Extension at N.C. State University and NC A&T State University. Cooperative Extension is committed to the rights set forth in our grievance procedures. You may view these procedures at: http://intra.ces.ncsu.edu/DeskRef/handbook/eah-61.htm.

Winner of 4-H stamp competition announced
The winner of the North Carolina 4-H Centennial Postage Stamp Competition is Carley Williams of Roper and a Washington County 4-H'er of 4-H Agent Rebecca Liverman. 4-H'ers from all over North Carolina submitted over 40 original pieces of artwork to be considered for the "Official North Carolina 4-H Centennial Stamp." The winning 4-H'er will receive $100 in Clover Bucks towards 4-H Camp, 4-H Congress or another state-level event and a framed sheet of stamps to be presented at the 2009 North Carolina 4-H Congress in July. These postage stamps can be ordered from 4-H by contacting Sarah Ray, 919.515.9263 or sarah_ray@ncsu.edu. Cost is $20 for the first sheet, $18 for the subsequent sheets and $2 for handling.
Top three flavors announced in 4-H ice cream contest
With more than 2,300 total votes, the 4-H Centennial Ice Cream Cone-test was a resounding success! The votes have been tallied, and the Cone-test Committee would like to congratulate the top three counties, in alphabetical order:

- **Gates - Clover Crunch**: Chocolate Ice Cream with Caramel Crunch Pieces and Butterscotch Swirl
- **Johnston - 100 S'More Years**: Chocolate Ice Cream with Graham Cracker Pieces and Marshmallow Cream Swirl
- **Tyrrell - 4-H Campfire Delight**: Graham Cracker Ice Cream with Hershey Bar Chunks and Marshmallow Cream Swirl

The NC State Creamery is hard at work ordering all the ingredients for the Official Taste Test in January. Winning counties will be invited to send a non-voting representative to the taste test press conference we are planning with the chancellor, dean, director and the tasting committee. We are still planning for a March launch of the ice cream, get your spoons ready!

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

**Tax News: The IRA Rollover Legislation is back for 2008 and 2009**
Under the IRA rollover, gifts will:
- Count toward your required minimum distribution for 2008/2009
- Be excluded from your gross income (a tax-free transfer)

To qualify for benefits under the IRA Charitable Rollover:
- The transfer must be from a regular or Roth IRA
- You must be 70 ½ or older at the time of the gift
- Transfers must go directly from your IRA custodian to the NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc.
- Your transfers cannot exceed $100,000 per year
- Gifts must be outright and cannot fund planned gifts.

To support a CALS program through an IRA Rollover gift, please contact Sonia Murphy at 919-513-0637 or sonia_murphy@ncsu.edu

Save the 2009 Dates for Upcoming CALS Alumni & Friends Events
- Friday, January 16--Green n’ Growin’ Show/Horticulture Reunion--Greensboro, NC
- Thursday, April 9--Speed Networking--NCSU Campus, Raleigh, NC
- Saturday, April 18--Fisheries and Wildlife Reunion--Harrill Center, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
- Saturday, September 19--Tailgate (tentative)--Dorton Arena, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC
- Saturday, December 5--Retired Faculty/Staff Luncheon--McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC

For more information on these events, please contact arsheph2@ncsu.edu or call 919-515-7222 or 919-515-6212.

CALS Chronicle Enewsletter!
The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, updates and departmental news for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

The Silver Wolf Newsletter
The Silver Wolf (bi-annual publication) is a hard copy newsletter for CALS Retirees and their spouses. If you have departmental information, retiree information, announcements, events, printed material you would like to insert, resource information, or a "departmental ad" to submit for our next edition, please send to Anna Shepherd, arsheph2@ncsu.edu

Employee Retiree List
We need your help! We request that all departments and county offices please continue to send us your updated retiree lists with all contact information available. Once an employee retires, just send Anna Shepherd arsheph2@ncsu.edu a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our list.

Got Gifts-In-Kind?
If you have received donations of equipment, materials, supplies or services, please complete the form BA-151 (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc) and forward to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu. We will make sure your donors are sent University receipts and acknowledgment letters showing how important their support is to CALS. If you have any questions about non-cash gifts, please call Chris at 919-515-7678.

CALS Gift Legacy Web Site
In an effort to better serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning Web site. We have an increasing number of friends of the College who now are benefiting from life income gifts, gift annuities and other charitable vehicles. Thank you for taking the time to
explore the benefits of gift planning at http://www.calsgiftplanning.org/.

You may support any area of the College and join or renew your Arboretum membership online using our secure website. Visit http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow for safe, convenient online giving!

**Advancement Advantage Guide to Services**

College Advancement is pleased to announce the availability of our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services on-line. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. This web site is a work in progress and will be updated on a regular basis. To access this information, just click on the following link http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE**

**NASULGC-USAID Africa Planning Grant**
The Office of International Affairs (OIA) through Dr. Prema Arasu has been working diligently to establish a multi-disciplinary team for the proposed Africa-US Higher Education Initiative. The team includes faculty from OIA, IPO, CALS, CNR, and CHASS. Several planning meetings have taken place to establish a focus for the planning grant. Mr. Walker Morris of the Clinton-Hunter Foundation (CHF) visited campus Wednesday, January 07, 2009 for a follow-up conversation on a CHF project currently in Malawi, Africa. The team is excited to be working with Mr. Morris and CHF in Malawi.

**Grant Updates**

**Borlaug Fellowship Grant**
Dr. Yasmin Cardoza of Entomology and the IPO hosted a Borlaug Fellow from Honduras between October and November 2008 for a USDA Norman Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program on “Testing the Potential for Compost Teas for Environmentally-Friendly Pest Management”. Our fellow, Dr. Javier Diaz, spent five weeks conducting research and working with faculty members, and had a positive experience while visiting NCSU. Dr. Cardoza is continuing the research to include invitations for two Honduran undergraduates who will be visiting campus under the new Global Training Institute Program.

**Cochran Fellowship Program Grant**
The IPO has been approached by USDA to initiate another Cochran Fellowship program hosting individuals from Georgia and Macedonia. Dr. Bob Wells, emeritus professor of ARE is currently researching prospects for the program which may be conducted in mid-May.

**IPO Travel**

**NASULGC New Deans and Directors National Program Orientation**
Dr. Mueller recently traveled to Washington, D.C. for a program specifically designed to assist new administrators in their roles with International Programs on campus. The title for the program was “Leading Change” which included speakers from CSREES and CARET and covered topics from planning and accountability to private fundraising.
CALS PERSONNEL

New Campus Employees - Faculty
Penelope Perkins-Veazie, Professor, Horticultural Science

New Campus Employees - Staff
Alaina Parsons, Research Technician, Animal Science
Leah Floyd, Research Assistant, Center for Integrated Pest Management
William Steede, Research Technician, Crop Science
Timothy Marcom, Research Technician, Crop Science
Shad Mosher, Environmental and Molecular Toxicology
Sean Lawrie, Vehicle/Equipment Operator, Food, Nutrition and Bioprocessing Sciences
April Morrison, Academic Advisor, Food, Nutrition and Bioprocessing Sciences
Sandra Gove, Research Technician, Microbiology
Sarah Seehaver, Research Technician, Soil Science
Tyndall Harris, Business and Technology Applications Analyst, Statistics

New County Employees
Sheila Powell, County Extension Secretary, Bertie County
LaToya Lucy, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Bladen County
Jill Puckett, Assistant Extension Agent, Brunswick County
Tina Milligan, Program Assistant, Columbus County
Scott Welborn, Assistant Extension Agent, Davidson County
Darby Ellison, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Guilford County
Geneva Poole, County Extension Secretary, Halifax County
Ashley Sessoms, Program Assistant, Pasquotank County
Emily Herring, Assistant Extension Agent, Pender County
Patricia Talley, Assistant Extension Agent, Stanly County
John Thompson, Assistant Extension Agent, Union County
Diane Lynch, County Extension Secretary, Wayne County

2009 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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