ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

Just a reminder to mark your calendars for the spring entry orientation session that is being held on Friday, January 4. Students will hear a CALS welcome from 2:00-2:30 p.m. and then will be visiting their departments (should arrive by 2:45 pm).

We would also like to say a special thank you to each of you that are helping make our spring entry sessions a success. Your hard work and participation are appreciated!

Advisers – The call for ambassador nominations will take place in January. You will be receiving an email soon after the winter break for nominations. Be thinking of students who would be a good fit for the program. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tricia Buddin.

Spend a Day at State will be starting mid-January. Thank you in advance to all of you who help make these visitation days a success.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

This month we have focused on developing and advertising upcoming Spring 2013 events for CALS students. If you know a freshman or sophomore who needs career help, please suggest they participate in Focus on Your Future, Career Fellows, or Kick Start. If you know a junior or senior, tell them about Master Minds 9, Kick Start, or Focus on Your Future. If you have a graduate student in mind, Master Minds 9 will be perfect for helping them gain employment upon graduation. Read on to learn more about these exciting 2013 programs and push your students to take advantage of these useful resources:

- **Focus On Your Future**- Students spend a Saturday afternoon bettering themselves in this fast paced half day program. They will learn about the resources available to help them succeed with their transition from student to professional. Dynamic alumni guests will tell their story and provide advice on how they became a success. Students will learn about- Internships, Resumes & Cover Letters, Networking, Interviewing, and the Federal Hiring Process. They will also get to mix & mingle with the employers and collect business cards. One lucky student will even win a professional makeover, courtesy of our sponsor LabCorp! Focus on Your Future will be Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 1:00PM-5:00PM in 101 David Clark Labs. Registration is first come first served at www.cals.ncsu.edu/career. The event is free and will fill up fast. 90% of last year’s students recommended this to a friend and commented that it was a great use of their time.
• **Master Minds 9**- Juniors, seniors, or graduate students can apply to be a part of this exclusive 9 week program which provides a unique support system for highly motivated students desiring an extra advantage as they prepare to reach their summer goal- be it an internship, job or grad school. A select group of CALS students will be matched in MM9 teams. Teams will be assigned a facilitator and a success coach. Teams agree on a convenient time to meet once a week for only 20 minutes to hold each other accountable for the progress needed to reach their goal. It is like a work out buddy! They will be less likely to procrastinate if they have someone cheering them on. All selected students will attend an orientation where they will meet their team on Friday Feb. 1, 2013 from 3 to 5pm. A summit with all MM9 students and their specially matched success coaches will take place on Friday February 22, 2013 from 3 to 5pm. All participants receive a special MM9 portfolio to organize their handouts, compliments of our sponsor, Helena Chemical, and a certificate of achievement from the Dean of CALS. Students can apply by 1/25/13 at www.cals.ncsu.edu/career. Selected students will be notified by 1/30/13.

• **Career Fellows**- The Career Fellows program is just for CALS freshmen and sophomores who are selected to participate in 2-day job shadowing opportunities with professionals in their field of interest. Career Fellows will receive resumé coaching, preparation for shadowing, and spend time with a Peer Counselor to figure out how the shadowing experience impacts their decisions and next steps. The aim of Career Fellows is to help students clarify their career goals and learn more about the paths they are considering. The job shadowing experience will help students better understand a particular career field and work environment related to their educational pursuits. This is an exciting opportunity and students can apply on our website www.cals.ncsu.edu/career and by January 23rd, 2013!

• **Kick Start Your Career**- This weekly series will give students a Kick Start on their career. They choose the six topics that interests them most from our menu of options listed on-line at www.cals.ncsu.edu/career. Students can attend either Mondays at 4:30 OR Thursdays at 6pm for a fun fifty minutes where they will learn about resumes, interviews, recommendation letters, networking and more. Attendance is taken and they will receive a dinner, T-shirt and professional development certificate from the Dean upon completion of the series, compliments of our sponsor, BASF.

**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**National Branding Webinar is Jan. 10**
Extension employees are encouraged to participate in a webinar Jan. 10, 3-4 p.m., on the National Extension Branding Initiative. The webinar will introduce the national Extension brand and related marketing materials, based on research conducted by marketing and branding experts. N.C. Cooperative Extension hopes to have new marketing materials, with North Carolina photos and success stories, ready to roll out before our centennial in 2014. The webinar URL is: [https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/brandvalue](https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/brandvalue)
N.C. State scientists work to stop the spread of boxwood blight
Since colonial days, the boxwood has been an important part of American gardens and landscapes. Research from N.C. State University is designed to help keep it that way, in spite of the threat to the plant posed by a disease new to the United States.

Young agricultural entrepreneur gets start through 4-H
Taylor Farley’s backyard chicken project grew and helped this once-shy girl open up and become a frequent (and award-winning) speaker and leader for the county’s 4-H poultry activities. It also led three generations of her family into a small, sustainable farming operation called Walk Ahead Farms.

Union County 4-H’ers light up lives of area seniors
Union County 4-H’ers have been spending time off from school installing water-saving aerators and energy-saving light bulbs and water-heater blankets in the homes of area senior citizens. In return, they’ve gotten plenty of hugs, as well as lessons in community service, leadership and energy conservation.

Growing green: Madison Family Farms helps ag rebound
The loss of burley tobacco production and a glut in the Christmas tree market delivered a one-two punch to rural Madison County in recent years, but North Carolina Cooperative Extension and partner Madison Family Farms are helping the agricultural industry rebound through a grant-funded project aimed at opening up retail markets for locally produced Christmas trees and wreaths.

Small Fruits Consortium receives NIFA award
The Southern Region Small Fruits Consortium – a six-member group of land-grant universities including N.C. State – has received the 2012 Partnership Award for Multi-State Efforts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute for Food and Agriculture. The award recognizes exemplary work impacting agriculture, environment, communities or people from a team at a land-grant university, cooperating institution or organization supported by the NIFA.

More than 380 attend meat conference
More than 380 meat producers, butchers, Extension agents and chefs turned out Dec. 3-4 for NC Choices’ second Carolina Meat Conference held at the WinMock Dairy Barn and Event Center in Bermuda Run.

Morrill Act celebrated as part of N.C. State’s 125th anniversary
As N.C. State University celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, all land-grants around the country are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act that led to the creation of land-grant institutions. Last month, N.C. State looked back at the Morrill Act and how it helped shape this institution.

CEFS report describes conservation practices for hog production

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Save the date!
2013 CALS Listening Sessions - Let Your Voice Be Heard! – The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences invites you to attend Listening Sessions to meet with Dean Rich Linton and to discuss the College's Strategic Plan. For more information and to register, please go to http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/index.cfm?pageID=6802.

The CALS Donor Recognition Event, "Transforming the Future," will be held at the McKimmon Center on February 17, 2013 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Our most innovative and transformative academic, research and extension projects will be highlighted for CALS endowment and major donors. Registration will be available January 7, 2013: go.ncsu.edu/2013_CALSDonor_Event

CALS Advancement News Items

From the JC Raulston Arboretum:

**Plantsmen's Tour**
"Evergreen Oaks and Maples"
Mark Weathington, Assistant Director and Curator of Collections
January 8, 2013 (Tuesday) – 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

**Friends of the Arboretum Lecture**
"Tropical Travels: Studying, Working, and Interning in Paradise"
Amanda Wilkins, NC State University Horticulture Student and Former JCRA Intern
January 10, 2013 (Thursday) – 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

**Seasonal Garden Photography Workshop**
"Finding Your Creative Voice in the Winter Garden"
Susan Bailey and Mary Doherty
January 12, 2013 (Saturday) – 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Great JCRA events for the whole family!

**Got Gifts-In-Kind?** If not, think about this: In tough economic times, we have to adapt and become more entrepreneurial as we try to find support for our programs. Often, companies and individuals are able to continue donating equipment, materials and supplies, even if they must cut their cash contributions. If you receive any non-cash gifts, 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.

**Gift Planning:** If you would like to add a section in your print, electronic or any other written piece regarding gift planning, contact De Teague (513-2950 or jdteagu2@ncsu.edu). Sonia can draft a short piece making your alumni and friends aware of how they can support your programs through a bequest, gift of retirement plans, trusts, etc.

**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.legacy.vg/ncsucals.

**CALS Chronicle Enewsletter:** The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, and updates for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the e-newsletter, email calsalum@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. When employees – faculty and staff – retire, just send Jennifer Bernabi (jennifer_bernabi@ncsu.edu) a quick email letting her know so that she can add them to our list.

**2013 COMMODITY MEETINGS**

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