ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

We will be hosting the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) Day on Friday, February 13. All women faculty are invited to join us for mixing and mingling with the students from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. in the Ballroom at Talley Student Center.

Hold the Dates
Mark your calendar for these teaching and advising events being held during the Spring 2009 Semester!

- Brown bag on Interdisciplinary Perspectives Requirement and IP Course Development, Thursday, February 19, 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, Thursday, April 16.
- Two-day New Teacher (faculty and teaching graduate students) Workshop, May 12-13 (Tuesday and Wednesday).

Other Upcoming Dates of Importance

- **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

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 2,608 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of January 16, 2009:
• 552 were admitted
• 376 were female (68.1%) and 176 were male (31.9%)
• 451 were from in-state (81.7%) and 100 were from out-of-state (18.1%) with 1 applicant who has residency still pending (0.2%)

Diversity breakdown:
• White 82.8%
• American Native 0.4%
• African American 3.8%
• Asian 6.2%
• Hispanic 2.0%
• Unknown 4.7%
• International 0.1%

Academic Credentials/Test Score Averages are as follows for those admitted to CALS:
• Average SAT Total (math & verbal only) 1200
• Average SAT Math Score 614
• Average SAT Verbal Score 586
• Percent Ranked in Top 10% of HS Class 60.8%
• Average High School GPA 4.30

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

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE
In February, Career Services will continue our Kick Start Your Career workshop series. This month’s topics include “Dynamic Letter Writing,” “How to Distinguish Yourself in an Interview,” “Using Technology in Your Job Search,” and “Uncovering Your Career Path.” No registration is required – the workshop is held Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. in 308 Ricks and on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in 104 Fox. More details can be found on our website (www.cals.ncsu.edu/career) keywords “Kick Start”.

Our office will also be hosting Mock Interview Day on February 24, 2009. This event will take place in Talley Student Center. Students will have the opportunity to interview with industry representatives and then receive feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement. This is a great opportunity for any student wanting to brush up on their interviewing skills. Interested students can find more information, including registration instructions, on our website, keywords “Mock Interview Day”.

Please encourage students to take advantage of these events and to sign up early, as space is limited.
AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

Mark Your Calendars for these special events

- Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast – The AGI Senior Breakfast will be Wednesday, April 22 in 2405 Williams Hall. The event will begin at 7:15am

- Agricultural Institute Spring Commencement – The AGI spring commencement will be held Friday, May 8 at 3:00pm in Stewart Theatre.

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

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

Stewards of the Future: Research for Global Sustainability Conference
On January 22, 2009, over 450 were in attendance at the Jane S. McKimmon Center, as internationally recognized leaders in sustainable development discussed the imperative of leveraging research partnerships in the agricultural and life sciences to meet urgent challenges to the environment, social well-being and the global economy.

Among the nationally and internationally recognized speakers and panelists, were Dr. Patrick Moore, Chairman and Chief Scientist of Greenspirit, also founding member of Greenpeace, Past President of Greenpeace Canada, former Director of Greenpeace International. Also Dr. Pascal Housset, former Head of the Business Operations unit Environmental Science and member of the Executive Committee of Bayer CropScience since 2002.

The conference included an Innovation Fair with scientific displays by and networking opportunities with College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty. Informative discussions were led by university and industry leaders addressing ways to advance public/private partnerships in sustainable development. As a result, attendees acquired extensive networking information for the research industry. To acquire conference materials by download, please go to: ncalsrf-conference.com

NC State Faculty House -- http://www.ncsu.edu/fysi/phhi/flash/house.html
NC State University Plants for Human Health Institute is pleased to announce the opening of the NC State University Faculty House. The Faculty House is a two- story, five bedroom-suite home located directly across from the North Carolina Research Campus (NCRC) and Cannon Village in downtown Kannapolis. The address is 105 S. Ridge Avenue, Kannapolis, NC 28081.

The Faculty House will be managed and operated in full by NC State University personnel. We welcome and accommodate guests and visitors from all universities and private corporations that have business or research enterprises at the NCRC and surrounding areas.

The nightly rate Sunday through Thursday will be the state rate of $63.75 per night. Friday and Saturday night rates will be $99.00 per night. In addition to the nightly rate, weekly, and monthly rates will be offered. Weekly rates are $385, and monthly rates are $1,150. A 6% occupancy tax will be added for Cabarrus County.
Special rates are available to rent out the entire home (if available) for private retreats, meetings or conferences.

For more information and room reservations, please call the NCSU Plants for Human Health office at 704.250.5400 or by filling out the Faculty House Reservation Request form and faxing it to the PHHI office at 704.250.5409.

New Mailing Address
Plant Virus Genetics Group, Campus Box 7342, North Carolina State University, Department of Plant Pathology, Raleigh, NC 27695-7342
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/plantpath/Personnel/Faculty/faculty.html

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Walden Keynotes Ag Forum
Dr. Michael Walden, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor and Extension economist in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, will be the keynote speaker at the Commissioner's Agricultural Development Forum at the N.C. State Fairgrounds on February 5.

USDA Request for Voluntary Early Retirement Authorization (VERA)
Due to the serious nature of our state budget situation, both this year and in the next several years, we will be seeking approval for a Voluntary Early Retirement Authorization (VERA) from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for our personnel with Federal appointments.

Dr. Harvey Lineberry, Assistant Dean for Personnel, is preparing this request to the USDA. As such, the VERA request has not yet been authorized by the USDA, and the process may take a few months. At such time as USDA has approves our request, we will send you additional information with discrete details regarding the specific application process to participate in the VERA. Until you receive additional information, please note that any requests to participate in the VERA cannot be processed or held in waiting by the CALS Personnel Office. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Dr. Harvey Lineberry or Sheri Schwab in CALS Personnel at 919.515.2708.

Visit Extension Information Technology in iTunesU
Visit us in iTunesU to see screencasts about ERS, Elluminate and updating your e-mail security settings in Thunderbird. Additional screencasts are being added regularly.

Fresh Produce Safety Train-the-Trainer Workshops Coming Up
North Carolina Cooperative Extension and the North Carolina Fresh Produce Safety Task Force would like to invite Cooperative Extension agents to Fresh Produce Safety Training. The intended audience is agriculture, family consumer sciences and any other agents working with clients who deal with fresh produce production, harvesting, storing, transporting and marketing. Grant funds will cover agents’ travel, lodging and per diem. Trainings are scheduled across the state for the following dates:

- Workshops planned for Jan. 21-22 in Wilson have been rescheduled for March 11-12 due to snow.
- February 4-5 at Mountain Horticultural Crop Research & Extension Center, Mills River
Registration is required through the Extension Learning Management System. More information can be found at www.ncfreshproduc.esafety.org or by calling Diane Ducharme at 704.250.5402 (diane_ducharme@ncsu.edu).

**Extension Agent Training on the Business Side of Agritourism**

A multi-state training session for Extension agents titled "The Business Side of Agritourism" will be conducted April 27-29, 2009 in the Asheville area. Grant funds are available to pay for travel, lodging and per diem. If you are interested in attending, please email Gary Bullen at gary_bullen@ncsu.edu.

**Media Relations Made Easy Plans Spring Workshops**

The Media Relations Made Easy training team will host three district workshops this winter and spring. This team -- a partnership of Communication Services, Personal and Organizational Development and county field faculty -- provides media relations training workshops in Extension districts across the state. Workshop locations, dates and team members coordinating each event are:

- Feb. 24, Moore County (South Central), Dalton Dockery
- March 26, Pitt County (combined Northeast and Southeast districts), Rebecca Liverman, Ed Emory and Al Hight

Registration for these workshops will be listed on Extension’s LMS site at: http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/xlms/, and the February 24 workshop is already open for registration. All workshops in the series will be branded “Media Relations Made Easy,” though subject matter will vary according to the training needs assessed by individual training team members. Employees are welcome to participate in the workshop of their choice. Workshops are subject to change depending on the number of registered participants, so please register early!

**2009 ESP Dues Required by January 29**

Now is the time to renew your membership to Epsilon Sigma Phi, or join as a new member. ESP is an honorary fraternity recognizing excellence in the Cooperative Extension community, and membership is open to anyone with three years experience working in Extension. The organization provides opportunities for networking, fellowship and collaborative efforts. ESP fosters leadership development and professional development for Cooperative Extension professionals.

North Carolina’s Xi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi is one of the largest in the nation. We are one of only a few chapters allowed three voting delegates at the national business meeting, based on membership and activity level. We are proud of our professional fraternity and hope you will want to join or renew your membership.

Visit the link to our [Web page on the Extension Wiki](#). Please contact President Debbie Bost or President-elect Peggie Lewis if you have any questions or need further information. The dues deadline is January 29 so we can get our information to the national office. Please send your paperwork and checks to Craven Hudson in Moore County.

**Deadline extended for Small Farm Scholarships**

The deadline for submitting Small Farm Scholarship applications has been extended to February 6. There are still a limited number of scholarships available for small farmers who are interested in attending the activities that will be held on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University as part of Small Farms Week March 24-25. Please share this information with small farmers in your respective counties. For a copy of the application, contact Anita Wright.
Gates County Extension Center Temporarily Closed
Effective Thursday, November 6, the Gates County Extension Center has been closed until further notice. The majority of the staff has been temporarily relocated to the Gates County Department of Social Services. The current phone number to reach staff is 252.357.0075. The fax number is 252.357.2132. The physical address is 122 Main Street, Gatesville, NC, 27938.

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 Dates for Upcoming CALS Alumni & Friends Events
- 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

Please support the CALS Agri-Life Council’s 2009 Masquerade Ball
Thursday, February 12, 2009
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Held at the JC Raulston Arboretum
4415 Beryl Road ~ Raleigh, NC
DONATIONS ARE 100% TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!
All proceeds to benefit the CALS Agri-Life Council
http://clubs.ncsu.edu/agri-life/
NOW it is easy to give to CALS Agri-Life! Just visit…..
https://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/gifts/process_fundsearch.cfm?fund=1749

2009 JC Raulston Arboretum Gala in the Garden
May 3, 2009 ~ 3:00 p.m.
Honorary Chairs: Linda and Rufus Edmisten
Gala Chairs: Cyndy Allison and Tori Callanan
http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/

Available in print for the very first time, Dr. George T. Barthalmus' original murder mystery, Revenge Through Me.

Dr. Barthalmus is donating all proceeds from the sale of the book to the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment. In addition, he will personally sign all copies purchased through
this initial offering! Single editions are just $25, with discounts for purchases of three or more books. Hurry! Prices will increase after this special offer! To order your personalized first edition(s), just click here. More info here.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY**

**New Partnership with NC School of Science and Math**
The CALS Diversity Council is engaging in a collaborative partnership with the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM). The NCSSM, which opened in 1980, is the nation's first public, residential high school with a specialized curriculum in science and math for high school juniors and seniors. The NCSSM is coeducational and there are currently 660 students enrolled. It is widely known that America is facing a serious and long-term problem in educating sufficient numbers of women and minorities in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. The food, agricultural, environmental and life science disciplines are no exception. The United States Department of Agriculture projects a twenty percent shortage of agriculture related graduates in the near future. Given that the combined minority populations are projected to represent approximately 50% of the total U.S. Population by 2050 (Census, 2000), it is imperative that untapped segments of the population be targeted with more tailored recruitment efforts to attract the best and brightest into the food, agricultural, environmental and life sciences.

High performing high schools such as NCSSM are eager to engage their students in research projects alongside faculty from top research intensive universities. The NCSSM endeavors to provide numerous opportunities for their students to interface with scientists at local universities to generate rigorous exploration that will help shape their students’ future academic and professional aspirations. These NCSSM research programs are optional and unfortunately, many males and especially those from underrepresented groups do not participate in such programs. Hence, the **Creating Awareness of Agriculture and Life Sciences Disciplines, Degree Programs and Discoveries Project (CAALS 3-D Project)** was born. The purpose of the CAALS 3-D project is to increase the awareness and interest of these top male underrepresented students in majoring in food, agricultural, environmental and life science disciplines within CALS at NC State. Each year CALS will develop and hold a one-week summer research experience wherein male African-American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American NCSSM students, who are incoming Juniors (first year at NCSSM), will participate in hands-on experiential research projects in a CALS laboratory. This will provide early contact with these outstanding students. There will be up to 30 students participating in the summer research experience.

Faculty who are interested in providing a **hands-on, experiential session for NCSSM students** in their teaching lab or research lab during the CAALS 3-D summer program should contact Dr. Lisa A. Guion, Interim Assistant Dean for Diversity for more information (lisa_guion@ncsu.edu or 919.513.0573).

**National Observances**
There are two national observances during the month of February:
- American Heart Month
- Black History Month

**CALS PERSONNEL**
New Campus Employees - Faculty
Benjamin Chapman, Instructor, 4H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Sciences
Marc Johnson, Assistant Professor, Plant Biology

New Campus Employees - Staff
Olha Sydorovych, Researcher, Agricultural and Resource Economics
Carol Hicks, Research Assistant, Center for Integrated Pest Management
Leah Floyd, Research Assistant, Center for Integrated Pest Management
Greg Bethard, Assistant Director, Dairy Records
Sarah Ringler, Teaching Technician, Biology
Yang-Ju Im, Researcher, Microbiology
Brittany Whitmire, Extension Associate, Plants for Human Health Institute, NC Research Campus

New County Employees
Katherine Copeland, Program Assistant, Bertie County
Evelyn Jenkins, Program Assistant, Dare County
Scott Welborn, Assistant Extension Agent, Davidson County
Christina Ruffin, Assistant Extension Agent, Hertford County
Timothy Britton, Assistant Extension Agent, Johnston County
Caroline Brown, Assistant Extension Agent, Northampton County
Angelo Randaci, Assistant Extension Agent, Wake County

FEBRUARY 2009 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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