Welcome our Visiting Scholar:
Ms Haiyang Tang, Vice Dean of the College of Life Sciences at Zhejiang University, will be a Visiting Scholar in the Academic Programs Office from January 27th through mid-May of this year. She is visiting NC State University as part of the Administrator Training Program recently formalized between her university in Hangzhou, China and NC State. She will be working with Dr. Gerry Luginbuhl on projects related to student-centered education and the promotion of student exchanges. Please stop by room 111 Patterson Hall and welcome Ms Tang to our college.

The Commissioner’s Speaker Series:
The Commissioner’s Speaker Series is a joint project of North Carolina State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The mission of the Speaker Series is to combine the resources of the College and Department to further an interest common to both of them, namely preparing today’s college student to lead and succeed in the agricultural sector upon completion of his or her education. Leaders in the agricultural community have recognized the need to better develop the next generation of agricultural “influencers,” and this program is an excellent step in that direction.

A light reception may be offered after the sessions to provide students and faculty an opportunity to further interact with College leaders, the Commissioner and the featured guests. Funding for these receptions will be provided or arranged by the Department and CALS Alumni and Friends Society. Students from the Agricultural Institute, Alpha Zeta and Agri-Life Council will serve as co-hosts.

Spring 2010 Schedule:
- **International Agriculture Marketing: Lessons from North Carolina’s Experts** - Thursday, February 18, 4:00 p.m., 104 Fox, NCSU Main Campus
  In this session, Commissioner Troxler will offer an overview of how North Carolina’s agricultural sector has plugged itself into the global economy and then moderate a discussion of business and industry leaders who are currently engaged in international marketing of North Carolina products.

- **The Realities and Rewards of Farming as a Career Choice Ag Awareness Week Forum** - Thursday, March 11, 6:00 p.m., 3712 Bostian Hall, NCSU Main Campus
  North Carolina’s farmers now come in all sizes and shapes. Whether deemed conventional, local, sustainable, organic, traditional, large-scale or small-scale, young and old alike are engaged in farming throughout our state. What advice do producers have for those considering farming as a career choice? Commissioner Troxler will provide background information on North Carolina’s diverse agricultural economy, and offer insight from his thirty year career as a family farmer. He will then direct a discussion among North Carolina farmers, who will take your questions regarding the joys and discomforts of agricultural life.
Innovation in Agriculture: What’s the next “big thing”? - Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m., 1404 Williams Hall, NCSU Main Campus

Farmers and agribusinesses have driven drastic changes in the way our food is grown over the past two decades, but more major advancements are right around the corner. What kinds of equipment are our manufacturers designing for tomorrow’s farms? What breakthroughs in biotechnology are just around the corner? What consumer trends will drive agriculture in new directions? Come find out what the experts believe is the next “big thing” in agriculture, as Commissioner Troxler asks the brightest minds in the industry about their plans for changing the future of our industry.

Committee on Effective Teaching & Advising will host the following Brown Bag Lunch Seminars:

February: Graduate School opportunities
Hear about opportunities from representatives in our NCSU Graduate School for students interested in going on to graduate school. Helpful information for advisers as you counsel with students at pre-registration and throughout their UG careers.
Tuesday, February 9 from 11:30-1:00 Room 308 Ricks

February: Pre-VET Advising
Vet-PAC and Pre-Veterinary Student Services, Dr. Shweta Trivedi, Animal Science and Jeff Huckel, DVM Admissions Director are the presenters. This is your opportunity to hear about the VetPAC Advising Center, meet our coordinator, Dr. Shweta Trivedi and get your admission questions answered from the admissions director. Helpful information for you to share with your pre-vet advisees!
Wednesday, February 17: Room 308 Ricks from 11:30-1:00

Other Upcoming Events – Hold the Dates:

- 2010 New Student Visitation Events
  - Friday, February 12 – WISE Visitation
  - Friday, February 19 – PARK Finalist Visitation
  - Friday, March 4 – Honors Visitation

- Ambassador Capstone Event
  This year’s capstone speaker will be Wayne Hampton of Disney. He will present on Leadership, Customer Service, and Cultural Communication. The event will be Tuesday, March 30 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Talley Student Center Ballroom. If you are interested in joining us, please email Melissa at Melissa_kahn@ncsu.edu.

- Thursday, April 22: UG Teaching & Research Symposium, McKimmon Center

- Monday, May 3: Celebration of Teaching
  Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for a reception and awards program recognizing the 2009-10 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners. The celebration will be held in the Atrium of David Clark Labs. Further information on registration will be available in mid-March.

- Tuesday, May 18: CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop
  The annual CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop is one day this year. The workshop will be held in 308 Ricks from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Registration materials will follow at a later date.
The schedule for New Student Orientation has been set. Please mark your calendars now for the following dates:

- Friday, June 28 - Transfer A
- Tuesday, July 6 - morning advisors meeting (exact time and location tba)
- Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7 - CALS freshmen - group 1
- Wednesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 8 - CALS freshmen - group 2
- Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 - CALS freshmen - group 3
- Monday, July 26 - Transfer B

Spring 2010 - Important Academic/Scheduling Deadlines:

- **March 8** - 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.
- **March 15 - 19** - Spring Break; no classes
- **March 22** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- **March TBD** - Enrollment (Registration) begins for the 2010 Summer Sessions and Fall Semester.
- **April 1 - 2** - Spring Holiday; no classes
- **April 5** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- **April 26 - 30** - "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 30** - Last day of classes
- **May 3 - 4** - Reading Days
- **May 5 - 13** - Final Examinations
- **May 15** - Spring Commencement

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
The Admission Office will use the following deadlines and notification dates for the 2010 Fall Semester admissions process:

For freshmen applying for Summer or Fall 2010 admission (domestic, excluding College of Design):

- **Deadline 1**: **October 15, 2009**
  Notification Date: December 15, 2009 – Decisions Finalized
- **Deadline 2**: **November 1, 2009**
  Notification Date: January 30, 2010 – Decisions Finalized
- **Deadline 3**: **February 1, 2010**
  Notification Date: March 30, 2010 – Decisions Pending

Of the 3,029 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of January 19, 2010:

- 680 were admitted
- 474 were female (69.7%) and 206 were male (30.3%)
- 557 were from in-state (81.9%) and 123 were from out-of-state (18.1 %)
- Diversity breakdown:
- White 81.3%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 0.6%
- Black or African American 4.4%
- Asian 4.9%
- Hispanic 3.8%
- Race and Ethnicity Unknown 1.9%
- Nonresident Alien 1.0%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.0%
- Two or more races 2.1%

Test Score Averages are as follows for those admitted to CALS:
- Average SAT Total (math & verbal only) 1200
- Average SAT Math Score 616
- Average SAT Verbal Score 584
- Percent Ranked in Top 10% of HS Class 59.5%
- Average High School GPA 4.33

For transfer students applying for summer or fall admission:
Deadline: April 1, 2010

For entering freshmen and transfer students applying to the Agricultural Institute:
Deadline: July 1, 2010

For additional information on admission deadlines and requirements, visit the Undergraduate Admissions web site at: http://admissions.ncsu.edu/

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

On January 23rd, CALS Career Services hosted the “Focus on Your Future” event for over 60 students. Representatives from UNC Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Schools, Lab Corp, GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis, Quintiles, Disney, Syngenta had a chance to speak to students about networking, writing winning resumes, and transitioning into the real world. There was also a “Mocktail Hour” where students received the chance to mix and mingle with the speakers and ask them career related questions. The event was a great success!

The Master Minds event is quickly approaching! On February 1st and 2nd, small groups of motivated job seekers will meet to discuss job and internship searches. These students will commit to 20 minutes of time each week to support and update one another about their career exploration process. More information about this program is available on our website, under the Events & Workshops tab.

2010 is jam packed with career help for CALS students. To learn more about all of these programs go to www.cals.ncsu.edu/career or call 515-3249 or stop by 107 Patterson Hall. Please encourage students to take advantage of the upcoming events listed below and on the Career Services website.

February
- Master Minds
  Need a support system for your job search? We have small groups of motivated job seekers who commit to 20 minutes of time each week (like a workout buddy). Register online on the events link for this new program.
• **Spring 2010 Kick Start Schedule**
  No registration is required. Stop in to any of the workshops! Finding Your Dream Job or Internship
  Wednesday, February 3 or Thursday, February 4

• **Resumania (and Cover Letters too)**
  Wednesday, February 10 or Thursday, February 11

• **How to Distinguish Yourself in an Interview**
  Wednesday, February 17 or Thursday, February 18

• **Mock Interview Day-Tuesday, February 23rd**
  Sign up on our events link and practice your interview skills with an actual hiring manager. Receive feedback on how you can improve for the real thing.

• **Perfecting Professionalism**
  Wednesday, February 24 or Thursday, February 25

**March**

• **Networking Works**
  Wednesday, March 3 or Thursday, March 4

• **Back Up Plans –Pre-Vet: March 9th/Pre-Health: March 10th**
  Many of our students apply to Med/Vet school, but are not admitted the first time they apply. Hear about some alternatives!

• **ePortfolios-The Wave of the Future**
  Wednesday, March 10 or Thursday, March 11

• **Dining Etiquette-Tuesday, March 10th**
  Come to 107 Patterson Hall to get your tickets to this 5-course meal where you will learn professional etiquette skills. This will sell out fast, and tickets are available first come first served starting on January 25th.

• **Career Fellows**
  Two-day shadowing event held over Spring Break, March 15-19

• **Smart Choices with Technology**
  Wednesday, March 24 or Thursday, March 25

• **Speed Networking-Wednesday, March 24th**
  Think “speed dating” with a professional twist. Come speak with professionals in your area of interest, but do it quickly! You will rotate through six professionals and have a chance to mingle at the reception afterward. View our events link for details on how to sign up.

• **EXternship**
  EXperience the day-to-day work life of a professional in your career field. This program is an EXcellent way to gain an insider’s view of the working world. Field trips will be scheduled for late March and early April.
April

- **Get Hired-April 7th**
  Stressing out about your job search? Don’t worry! Learn the tools and skills you need to secure a job after graduation.

- **Mystery Kick Start-Specific tips on Career Directions**
  Wednesday, April 7 or Thursday, April 8

- **Professional Development Certificate Presentation**
  Wednesday, April 14 or Thursday, April 1

- **Knowledge Empowers Your Success (KEYS)-April 12th, April 19th, April 26th**
  This three workshop series is designed to give you the skills you need to unlock the door to workplace success. Check out our events link for details on how to sign up.

**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

**Agricultural Institute Visitation Day**
The Agricultural Institute will be hosting a visitation day on Friday, April 23. This day will be for high school seniors that have applied or are interested in the Agricultural Institute. Agricultural Institute faculty, advisers and coordinators will receive additional information soon.

**Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast**
The AGI Senior Breakfast will be Wednesday, April 28 in 2405 Williams Hall. The event will begin at 7:15am. Please mark your calendars.

**Agricultural Institute Spring Commencement**
The AGI spring commencement will be held Friday, May 14 at 3:00pm in Stewart Theatre. Please mark your calendars.

**AGI Fall 2010 Orientation**

  Transfer Student Orientation Dates:
  - Monday, June 28, 2010
  - Monday, July 26, 2010

  New Student Orientation Dates:
  - Thursday, July 29 – Friday, July 30, 2010

**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**Welcome to Woodson**
Please join the university community in welcoming our Chancellor-elect W. Randolph Woodson and his wife, Susan, to N.C. State University, Wed., Feb. 17, 4:30 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. The program will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to meet NC State's new chancellor.

**NCACES to meet Feb. 5**
The next meeting of the N.C. Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists will be held Fri., Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in 2405 Williams Hall, N.C. State University. The program includes technology updates, a presentation on “Edutainment in Extension,” a presentation on N.C. State’s scholarship of engagement report, as well as an administrative briefing by Extension Director Dr. Jon Ort.
Nomination deadline for Outstanding Extension Service is Feb. 5
Nominations are being accepted for the Outstanding Extension Service Awards. For the CALS Committee, nominations for this award are due on Fri., Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is eligible to present four Outstanding Extension Service Awards for 2008-2009; two awards for employees in CALS departments and two awards for employees in county Extension centers. “Award Description, Criteria and Schedule” are available at http://www.ncsu.edu/extension/awards/oes.php Please contact Vicki Pettit in Extension Administration at vicki_pettit@ncsu.edu if you have any questions. Nominations should be submitted to:

Dr. Joe Zublena
Outstanding Extension Service Award Committee Chair for CALS
Box 7602, NC State University
120 Patterson Hall
Raleigh, NC 27695-7602

Deadline for ERS entries
Please note that the firm deadline for ERS entries for 2009 is Sun., Jan. 31. On Feb. 1, the system will be converted to the new 2010 objectives and will no longer accept entries for 2009. Please ensure that all county ERS data for 2009 are entered by Sunday.

EFNEP award nominations sought
Nominations for all Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program awards are due by Feb. 15. All criteria and forms are listed on the Extension Intranet wiki at: www.ces.ncsu.edu/admin/wiki/index.php/EFNEP_Awards. Please take a few minutes to nominate a deserving employee for these awards. If you need additional information, contact Linda Cahoon at linda_cahoon@ncsu.edu.

Volunteers needed for UNC Festival
Dr. Jon Ort asks N.C. Cooperative Extension employees to volunteer to answer phones for UNC-TV’s annual fundraiser, Festival, on Sat., Feb. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Extension has committed to providing 20 volunteers on that day. Volunteers will answer incoming calls and accept pledges live in UNC-TV’s studio. UNC-TV is located at 10 T.W. Alexander Drive in Research Triangle Park. Friends and family are also welcome, though volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sonya Williams Harris in Communication Services at 919.513.3170 or by email at sonya_harris@ncsu.edu.

New tomato growers Web site available from N.C. MarketReady
KANNAPOLIS, N.C. - As greenhouse tomato growers in North Carolina are gearing up for the season, N.C. MarketReady, a program of N.C. Cooperative Extension, has launched the Tomato Growers Information Portal. The new Web resource is the third in a series of "growers information portals" developed by the program that provide North Carolina producers with one-stop shopping for their fruit and vegetable production needs. The Tomato Growers Information Portal currently features N.C. State University production resources for both greenhouse and field-grown tomatoes, including materials on economics, energy management and specialized equipment. Growers will find resources on marketing, food safety, integrated pest management, industry events and risk management specific to North Carolina tomato production. The portal can be accessed by visiting N.C. MarketReady online at www.ncmarketready.org and clicking the Growers Information Portals tab on the left menu bar.
Registration now open for popular turfgrass course
The 2010 [N.C. State University Turfgrass Short Course](#) is scheduled for the week of Feb. 22, so mark your calendars. This event provides four days of comprehensive turfgrass education and is appropriate for anyone interested in turf, including homeowners, career-changers and professionals needing a refresher. Lectures are presented by faculty in N.C. State's award-winning turfgrass program, who will cover all aspects of turfgrass management. Successful completion of this course prepares attendees for the Turfgrass Professional Certification program.

Hold the date: Agritourism workshop is March 10
An additional session of the workshop, "The Business Side of Agritourism," will be offered on March 10, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Harnett County Extension Center. This workshop is a follow up to the agritourism workshop conducted in April 2009. During this workshop, Extension agents will get practical answers to help them address clients' questions on agritourism. Successful farmers as well as Extension specialists will cover topics to help Extension agents facilitate successful agritourism ventures. For information on the "Business Side of Agritourism Workshop," contact Gary Bullen at gary_bullen@ncsu.edu.

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**CALS Research Welcomes New Director**
Longtime faculty member Dr. David Smith now leads the research arm of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Smith is the new associate dean for research and director of the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service.
Smith, the Philip Morris Professor and former head of the Department of Crop Science, will have oversight responsibility for $130 million in annual research expenditures.
Smith joined the faculty in 1981 as a Cooperative Extension Service tobacco specialist in the Department of Crop Science. He was named interim department head in 2006 and permanent head a year later. He holds a Ph.D. in crop science from NC State with a master’s and bachelor’s degree in agronomy from the University of Florida.

**Financial Support for Research in Programs**
The annual Joint Conference recently occurred recently in New Bern, NC. The boards for Corn Growers Association of NC, NC Soybean Producers Association, NC Cotton Producers Association and NC Small Grain Growers Association approved financial support to the following programs:

- **Corn Growers Association of NC**: 6 scholarships, $63,000 research, $20,000 support to county agents
- **NC Soybean Producers Association**: $470,000 research and extension projects
- **NC Cotton Producers Association**: Approximately $221,160 research and extension projects
- **NC Small Grain Growers Association**: $198,000 research and extension projects, $5,000 to 4-H

**Monsanto chooses N.C. Research Campus for new lab**
The North Carolina Research Campus at Kannapolis, NC (NCRC) announced January 28 that Monsanto has signed on as a tenant partner at the research campus. The company and David Murdock, owner of Dole Food, indicated the Monsanto laboratory will focus on "taste and nutritional composition of vegetables, and enhanced nutrition in food-focused row crops such as soybeans."
Monsanto signed a long-term lease for research facilities at NCRC; it was particularly drawn to the campus by capabilities of the NCRC proteomics laboratory. Initially, the new tenant is expected to create 20 to 25 new jobs, but longer term, significantly greater employment opportunities might develop.
**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Visitors**
China Agricultural University

The Office of International Programs had a very successful meeting with the China Agricultural University on January 13-14, 2010. We will be following up with this institution to bring CAU graduate students to work with CALS faculty and establish bilateral research programs. If you are interested in finding out more about this institution or have opportunities in your labs for graduates, please contact Paul Mueller at paul_mueller@ncsu.edu / 515-2665.

Republic of Moldova

The IPO also hosted seven members of Parliament from the Republic of Moldova on January 21, 2010. The trip to North Carolina and NCSU was significant as the Republic has just signed a $262 Million compact with Millennium Challenge Corporation. The agreement is a 5-year grant for economic development and rehabilitation in the areas of irrigation and road infrastructure and agriculture production. Moldova has a successful history with CALS and NCSU and chose to return to CALS for assistance with their agriculture and post-harvest issues. The Moldovan Parliamentarians were very pleased with the presentations our faculty and administration shared with them. Upon returning to Washington, D.C., it was reported that Secretary of State Hilary Clinton praised the state of North Carolina and the University for the long-standing relationship and strong partnership it has with Moldova.

The success with The Republic of Moldova has been fostered in partnership and in the initiatives with the North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, her staff and the faculty of CALS through many years of outstanding effort. Thank you to everyone who participated in a well-received meeting.

http://www.mcc.gov/

**Study Abroad**

The deadline is nearly upon us! **February 12, 2010 is the application deadline—tell your students.**

The application is available on the SAO main website. CALS has six (6) programs for this summer. Contact our office (patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu / 515-2818) if you or your students have questions regarding attendance OR scholarships.

Information Session for Costa Rica Study Abroad!

An information session on a summer study abroad experience to Costa Rica will be held Friday, January 29, noon to 1 p.m., in 2405 Williams Hall. The course “Sustainability of Tropical Agrosystems in Costa Rica” will be offered May 19-June 9. Students will interact with a variety of local farmers, agricultural researchers and students and learn about many tropical crops- coffee, sugarcane, bananas, pineapples and much more.

The course Web site is: [http://mulch.cropsoil.uga.edu/courses/tropag/index.php](http://mulch.cropsoil.uga.edu/courses/tropag/index.php), and scholarship information is available on the NCSU Study Abroad Web site: [http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/](http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/). Those who cannot attend the information can contact Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno at michelle_schroeder@ncsu.edu.

**Rosetta Stone Now Available for CALS Faculty/Staff!**

The International Programs Office has been working with Software Licensing Management (SLM) to purchase and administer licenses of **Rosetta Stone** separate from the University offer. IPO will start
with a small number of licenses to ‘test’ the interest level and track and monitor the usage. We will be handling the license usage a little differently than the University. IPO will offer licenses first to faculty/staff, then to graduates/undergraduates. The University SLM is limiting usage of any license to 60 days. IPO will not limit usage to 60 days for faculty/staff. Limits will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

IPO has yet to officially purchase the license and establish the URLs to give to ‘customers’. If you are interested in obtaining a license to begin using the program, please email your name, language preference, and reason for using the program to Patricia Holoman at patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu. If you have already contacted the Software Licensing Management group (there should be ~10 faculty/staff at this time), I am aware you are already on a waiting list and you will get first priority. IPO will announce when the licenses are available.

Please understand, the request for statement of use is for data collection purposes only. I will be requesting this information from students when I begin offering the licenses to this group. This will be necessary to track their usage and be sure that the licenses are being used properly by students. IPO’s intention for purchasing the licensing for Rosetta Stone is to make this tool available for our faculty/staff for assistance with their job duties. Contact our office with further questions or concerns at the above email. We hope by obtaining our own administrative rights to this program, we can offer a valuable service.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY

Attend Opening Doors- Opening Doors is a three-day retreat that provides a framework for increasing diversity awareness and enhances a person’s ability to create an inclusive organization. Opening Doors is open and free to all faculty and staff within the College. The format of Opening Doors provides for open discussion, self-examination and an objective analysis of our social system as well as a constructive means to bridging differences through understanding personal responsibility. As a result, constructive methods of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment are developed. The overall goal of Opening Doors is to facilitate both personal growth and systemic organizational change. Over the past four years, the College has implemented it as a foundation component of our work to foster system change around pluralism and inclusion. The 2010 Opening Doors workshops for CALS employees will be held at the Eastern 4-H Center on March 10-12, 2010 and again on September 14-16, 2010. The workshop is absolutely free to all CALS personnel including meals and lodging. On May 12-14, 2010, NC State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion is sponsoring Opening Doors for all university employees. The university-sponsored session will also be held at the Eastern 4-H Center and is free to all NCSU faculty and staff.

Explore Visitation Program- Dr. Fred Hain and Dr. Wes Watson, Professors of Entomology, are partnering with the Interim Assistant Dean for Diversity to plan a two-day visitation program for undergraduate students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) interested in learning about graduate studies in entomology. This program will afford students an opportunity to learn about the graduate programs in entomology, interact with world-class and world-renowned faculty, visit state-of-the-art research facilities and laboratories, be exposed to research opportunities, and engage with current graduate students. Explore participants will also attend the Entomology Department’s Student Research Symposium and social event. This will afford them the opportunity to learn about innovative research that current graduate students are engaged in as well as gain a view of what the graduate program is like through the lens of our students. The Explore Program will be held on February 11-12, 2010.
CALS Faculty Participate in luncheon on Latino Student Access and Success: Drs. Ken Esbenshade, Lisa Guion, Gerry Luginbuhl, Marcela Rojas-Pierce, Consuelo Arellano, and Julie Grossman participated in a luncheon entitled Latino Access and Success: Why the Two Must Work Together. The luncheon, sponsored by the NCSU Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, was held on January 25, 2010. The keynote speaker was Dr. Estela Lopez, senior program advisor with Excelencia in Education, a national organization which aims to accelerate higher education success for Latino students. Ms. Cintia Aguilar, Latino Affairs Facilitator with the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences, served as a panelist.

Other Diversity Events: What's Race Got to Do with It? The Staff Senate Diversity Committee is hosting a Diversity Film Series that will feature an opportunity for the NC State community to participate in a facilitated one-hour session featuring the viewing and post discussion of a diversity-related documentary film. The sessions will be 1 hour long each month from January to June, and will allow for in-person, or in-office viewing. The sessions are currently scheduled from 12:15 - 1:15 PM. The initial session was Friday, January 29, 2010 for the viewing of "What's Race Got to Do With It". Sessions will be held in Room 313 in the Monteith Engineering Research Center (MRC) on Centennial Campus. Seating is limited to a max of 80 people. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in the actual room discussions. However, employees and/or student not able to attend the session may view the film via the DELTA MediaSite and submit questions during this allotted time. Please mark the following future viewing dates on your calendar: February 19th, March 26th, April 16th, May 14th, and June 11th.

National Observances- February is National African-American/Black History Month (United States) and American Heart Month.

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Upcoming Events:
Masked Ball: Please support the CALS Agri-Life Council by sponsoring or purchasing a ticket for the 3rd annual Masked Ball, February 11, 2010, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, at the JC Raulston Arboretum. This is the Council's main fundraising event, and the proceeds directly support each participating student club and organization, plus a minimum of one student leaders scholarship.

The Gala in the Garden! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 2, 2010, 3:00 p.m., for the JC Raulston Arboretum's signature fundraising event -- The Gala in the Garden! This year is "Gala in Wonderland" and will feature an outstanding silent auction with more than 300 rare and unusual botanicals and non-botanical items, plus gourmet food and drinks not to be missed. A garden party like no other!

Save the Date: The date for the spring Joint Board Meetings for Ag, Dairy and Tobacco has been set for April 14, 2010.

CALS Advancement News Items:
Now Showing: Advancement workshops, featuring CALS development and alumni relations professionals and tailored to your department's needs. These workshops will begin with a 30-45 minute overview of Advancement, especially basic steps in relationship-building and fundraising, and can be followed up with more in-depth small-group sessions (either directly after the overview or on separately-scheduled dates).
Please email the date/time you would like us to visit and begin our workshops with your department. If you'd like us to come to a scheduled faculty meeting, it might be helpful if we are added to the end of your agenda, so that those faculty interested in Advancement (fundraising and alumni/donor relations) may remain for our workshop.

Thank you for involving us! Questions? Just call Chris Wessel at 5-7678 or email chris_wessel@ncsu.edu.

**Recognition Opportunity!** Over the years, the following have received the CALS Faculty/Staff/Retiree/Student Organization Resource Development Awards, presented at the Spring Joint Board Meetings of the NC Agricultural, Dairy and Tobacco Foundations. Please think about faculty/staff/retirees/student groups that have shown outstanding, successful efforts in private fundraising during the past year. Deadline, March 24 5:00 p.m. URL for nominations: [http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=9514](http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=9514)

**Previous Winners:**

**2009**
- Tom Losordo and Jeff Hinshaw (faculty team)
- George Barthalmus (retired)
- Marcy Bullock (staff)
- Agri-Life Council (student org)

**2008**
- Carolyn Bunn (staff)
- Gary Cartwright (staff)
- Charles Stuber (retired)
- CALS Ambassadors (student org)

**2007**
- Tom Monaco (retired)
- Ken Barker (retired)
- Pam Warrick (staff)
- Mike Hoover (faculty/staff)
- Crop Science Grad Student Association (student org)

**2006**
- Todd Klaenhammer (faculty/staff)
- Carlton Blalock (retired)
- Henry Fleming (retired)
- Vic Jones (retired)
- N.C. Cooperative Extension Secretaries Association (staff)
- Animal Science Club (student org)
- Roger Crickenberger (special achievement in resource dev’t)

**2005**
- Judy Mock (retired)
- John Brake (faculty)
- JoAnn Burkholder (faculty)
- Collegiate FFA (student org)

**2004**
- Billy Caldwell (retired)
- Bill Collins (faculty)
- Bob Lyons (faculty)
- Pi Alpha Xi (student org)
2003
Jim E. Easley (faculty)
Thomas J. Monaco (faculty)
Tom Quay (retired)
Agribusiness/NAMA (National Agribusiness Marketing Association) Club (student org)

2002
John G. Vandenbergh (faculty)
Donn R. Ward (faculty)
Gerald H. Elkan, (retired)
Horticultural Science ALCA Team (student org)

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Tyre Lanier (faculty)
Carmen Parkhurst (faculty)
Charles Wright (retired)
Agri-Life Council (student org)

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Robert Anholt (faculty)
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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 enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

Special Membership Offer from The NC State University Club: Over the next 100 days, the NC State University Club is offering membership to all current and retired NC State faculty and staff with $0 entrance fees instead of the normal $750. This offer is in preparation for completion of the $4 million in renovations at the Club that will be finished next summer. See the following link for more information and pictures of the construction effort:
http://www.ncsuclub.com/_filelib/FileCabinet/OTHER/27-3-08_Building_Presentation.pdf
In addition, if you tell them you were recruited by the NC Ag Foundation/Keith Oakley, they will take $35 a month off of your membership dues for 1 year - $92 a month instead of the normal $127.
For more information on this opportunity, please contact Cassie Parks at the Club at 828-0308 or at cparks@ncsu.edu.org

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 Scott Troutman (scott_troutman@ncsu.edu) a quick email letting him know so that he can add them to our list.

Secrets of Success: North Carolina Values-Based Leadership makes a perfect motivational holiday gift! General H. Hugh Shelton’s coffee table-book takes a very special look into leadership and values. Through the beautiful black-and-white portrait photography and the book’s voices you’ll experience leadership first-hand from some 35 men and women with a unique and special North Carolina connection. Readers will learn how leadership impacted pivotal moments in world politics, business, the military, athletics, religion, and the arts. Proceeds from the sale of this book will support programs for the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center, including 4-H Shelton scholarships,

Dr. George T. Barthalmus' original murder mystery, Revenge Through Me – now in its second print run! Dr. Barthalmus has asked that all profits from the sale of the book continue to support the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment. Book sales have been strong enough to help us provide our first Barthalmus Scholarship this academic year. To order, go to http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/RevengeThroughMeBarthalmusBook.htm.

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.

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 continues to update our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services online. 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. To access this information, just click on: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

CALS PERSONNEL – NEW HIRES FOR JANUARY 2010

NC Flex Changes Reflected in January Paychecks
Please review your January paycheck to ensure the correct premiums are being deducted for your 2010 NC FLEX benefit program elections. The coverage is effective January 1, 2010 for selections made during the October annual enrollment period and the premiums should show up on your January check. You can also review your elections by logging into the Employee Self Service area of the Portal. Contact Steve Norris at Steve_Norris@ncsu.edu if you believe any errors exist.

Reminder - Workplace Violence & Safety Training – Required for Supervisors and Managers
Campus/Workplace Violence Prevention and Management REG 04.05.2 states that training for supervisors/managers on workplace violence prevention and response is mandatory. Also, appropriate to attend are non-supervisory employees. Here is information on upcoming training sessions:
E Learning Course Number: EHS 917  
Cost: Free

Description: Attendees will learn what constitutes workplace violence and receive information concerning their roles in providing a safe work environment by preventing, recognizing, and reporting violent acts, as required by the University Workplace Violence Policy.

Objectives:
Understand workplace violence
Identify concerning behaviors
Reporting policies
Strategies how to handle difficult individuals (students, employees, customers)
Identify additional safety concerns and response

Times and Locations: Campus Police Training Room
Wednesday, February 17, 2010 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday, March 17, 2010 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2010 9:00am to 11:00am and 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Capacity:
Space is limited so please register early. If additional dates or times are requested, please contact via email tina_nelson@ncsu.edu and special arrangements will be provided.

New Campus Employees – Faculty
Alexander Stewart, Research Assistant Professor, Crop Science

New Campus Employees - Staff
Gregory Moore, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences
Kyle Craver, Research Technician, Biology
Michael Maher, Research Assistant, Crop Science
Victor Torres-Collazo, Research Assistant, Crop Science
Teresa O’Leary, Research Technician, Entomology
Casey Mckissick, Extension Assistant, Horticultural Science
Timothy Moore, Extension Assistant, NC Research Campus, Kannapolis
Jeffrey Bullard, Research Assistant, Soil Science

New County Employees
Sarah Roberson, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Pitt County
Adam Ross, Randolph County Assistant Extension Agent, Agriculture

2010 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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