ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

Orientation:
Due to Talley renovations and the need to be flexible with space, the University has expanded the number of orientation sessions. There will be 4 CALS freshman sessions (held the week of July 23-27) and 3 transfer sessions (Monday, June 25, Friday, July 6, and Friday, July 27). Please mark your calendars for the transfer dates listed above and the following freshmen dates.

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Spend a Day at State:
Technology has definitely changed the way students are “visiting” colleges. The spring SADAS program includes a general CALS overview, class visit for students, Q&A for parents, and two optional sessions (Applying to NC State and Lunch with CALS Ambassadors). You can view more details online at cals.ncsu.edu/spendaday.

Spring Visitation Days:
Friday, February 10, 2012 – WISE Visitation Day
Friday, February 17, 2012 – Park Finalist College Visitation Day
Monday, February 20, 2012 – CALS Group Visitation Day (high school juniors & seniors)
Friday, February 24, 2012 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Friday March 16, 2012 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Friday March 23, 2012 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Friday March 30, 2012 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Monday, April 9, 2012 – CALS Group Visitation Day (high school juniors & seniors)
Friday April 13, 2012 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Friday April 20, 2012 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
CALS Fun Run and Spring Open House Event:
This year the CALS Ambassadors will try a new “CALS Fun Day” for their annual fundraiser. We will have a campus fun run on Saturday, April 21, 2012. We would love to have members from every CALS department participate. Invite your alums back to campus, bring your families out for the festivities, and support your College. More details to follow.

Incoming Freshmen:
The second round of Fall 2012 admits are set to be released at 7 p.m. on January 30. We will send congratulatory letters the second week in February via email from the college. If you would like to send follow-up letters from your department, you may find your students through MyPackPortal reports.

CALS Ambassadors:
Thank you for the student nominations for the CALS Ambassador program. Information sessions have been held; applications are due February 10, 2012 and selected candidates will interview on February 24.

NC State University Commissioner’s Speakers Series

Session 1: March 21, 2012: Feeding the World in 2020
Speakers will explore the role of farm programs, agriculture biotechnology, disaster relief programs, and sustainable practices as we meet the challenge of feeding our world in 2020. Featured speakers include those involved in world hunger initiatives, agriculture production, and major agriculture biotechnology companies.

March 21, 2012
5 PM: Panel begins in Riddick Hall, Room 321
Light reception to follow in the Riddick Hearth
Hosted by Alpha Zeta as part of Ag Awareness Week Activities

Session 2: April 11, 2012: How Agriculture Policy Impacts our Lives and Agriculture
Speakers will address major components of the current and proposed Farm Bill particularly as it relates to the cost of food, production, nutrition, and environmental impact. Featured speakers include those involved in agriculture policy at the state and national level.

April 11, 2012
5 PM: Panel begins in Riddick Hall, Room 321
Light reception to follow in the Riddick Hearth
Hosted by Agri-Life Council and AGI

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 1: CALS Celebration of Teaching
Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a reception and awards program recognizing the 2011-12 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners, and CALS Honors students. Watch for registration, agenda and additional details in March.

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 15: CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop
Event Title: CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop: Advancing the University Mission through Innovative Teaching and Impactful Advising
The annual CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop features several sessions focused on how innovative teachers and impactful advisors contribute to the NCSU Mission. The workshop this year is for one day from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Registration and additional details will follow in March.

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

**Kick Start Your Career**: The Kick Start Professional Development Series is preparing to kick off again for another successful semester! For Spring 2012, Kick Starts will be held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. in SAS 1216 and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Riddick 314. We have added several new workshops, included one on “LinkedIn: The Importance and Relevance in Today’s Society”. If you know of students who are trying to find their passion, need resume or cover letter help or any career related advice, point them in the Kick Start direction! If students attend more than 6 Kick Starts, they qualify for the Professional Development Certificate Presentation on April 30th where they will be provided with lunch, a chance to network with professionals, a Kick Start t-shirt, as well as their certificate signed by the Dean. You can see the complete schedule of workshops at [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=770](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=770)

**Focus on Your Future**: The first Focus on Your Future event was held on Saturday, January 28th with 9 different companies attending. CALS alumni speakers were from all sorts of companies including: LabCorp, PRA, Monsanto, Quintiles, Syngenta, Bayer Crop Science, Duke Clinical Research Institute, Kelly Scientific, and BASF. We appreciate their support and the advice they gave our students. Ninety-six students were enrolled in the program, which was an excited crowd. A mix and mingle was also held at the conclusion of the meeting, giving the students a chance to talk to these employers. Also students who attended were entered to win a professional make-over. The winner will have the opportunity to shop for professional clothes with Marcy Bullock.

Link to the eNewsletter: The latest student eNewsletter was sent out on January 23rd. Take a look here: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/newsletter/public/index.cfm?xNL_IssueID=82&xNL_groupID=1](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/newsletter/public/index.cfm?xNL_IssueID=82&xNL_groupID=1)

**Career Fellows**: This Spring Break career exploration program has 30 students selected to participate. Our staff is currently working on placing students at their shadowing sites with their matched mentor. We will be excited to see the success stories that will result from this experience and thank those faculty members who nominated students!

**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

**Mark your calendars!**

**AGI Senior Visitation Day**
The Agricultural Institute will host an AGI Senior Visitation Day on Friday, April 20, 2012. The event will be held at the Beef Educational Unit on Lake Wheeler Road. More details to follow.

**Senior Breakfast**
Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast for graduating seniors will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2405 Williams Hall.
Graduation
The Agricultural Institute Commencement ceremony will be Friday, May 11, 2012. All are welcome to attend.

Orientation
Orientation for Fall 2012 has been scheduled. The Agricultural Institute dates are as follows:
Wednesday, July 25 – Thursday, July 26, 2012 (Coordinators please mark your calendars)
Transfer Orientation:
Monday, June 25, 2012
Friday, July 6, 2012
Friday, July 27, 2012

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Register this month for District Extension Conferences
Registration is now open for county-based Cooperative Extension employees and administrators to register for the five district conferences that will be held in March and April. County employees should visit the [LMS website and register](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/counties/new_district_map.pdf) for the conference site in their own district.

The conferences will be held in each of the five new Extension districts announced in December. To see a map of the new districts, visit: [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/counties/new_district_map.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/counties/new_district_map.pdf)

Campus-based Extension employees will be notified in a few days about when to register for the conferences. Registration for all employees will close Feb. 17.

Conference dates and locations are:
March 20, West District, Mills River
March 21, North Central District, Greensboro
March 22, South Central District, Carthage
April 4, Northeast District, Williamston
April 5, Southeast District, Kenansville

Acidified foods workshop offered in Asheville
The “Acidified Foods Better Process Control School” will be held in Asheville Feb. 22-24. This entrepreneurs’ workshop will be led by the N.C. State University Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences Extension Program, in cooperation with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

N.C. MarketReady announces 2012 equipment funding cycle
KANNAPOLIS, N.C. – The North Carolina Value-Added Cost Share (NCVACS) program, administered by N.C. MarketReady, is now accepting applications for the 2012 equipment cost share funding cycle. The program, funded by the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, provides up to $50,000 to agricultural producers and processors seeking to purchase specialized equipment to start or grow a value-added operation.

A&T Grassroots Leadership Conferences focus on economic empowerment
The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Program based at N.C. A&T State University is hosting three Grassroots Leadership Conferences entitled, “Economic Empowerment: Entrepreneurship,
Money Management and Workforce Development.” The conferences, which begin Feb. 21, will be offered in each of the three Extension Program regions.

**Workshops will help Extension focus on new farmers**
The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) will host a series of train-the-trainer workshops designed to prepare N.C. Cooperative Extension employees to better support new farmers. “Bringing New Farmers to the Table: Addressing the Supply Side of the 10% Campaign” will be held in five locations, beginning Jan. 19.

**Lifelong learners, lifelong leaders**
Nutrition Leaders come together one last time as they wind up decades of service to N.C. State University’s seafood extension education program.

**Owings named Henderson Extension Director**
Marvin Owings, long-time Cooperative Extension agent in Henderson County, has been named to direct Extension programs in the county.

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**Marc Anthony Cubeta Receives Fulbright Award**
Marc Anthony Cubeta, Professor at North Carolina State University, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala Sweden during the 2011-2012 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Cubeta will teach fungal biology/plant pathology and investigate the ecology and population dynamics of soil fungi that cause disease on forest trees.

Cubeta is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2011-2012.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has given approximately 300,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists, and scientists the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in government, science, the arts, business, philanthropy, education, and athletics. Forty Fulbright alumni from 11 countries have been awarded the Nobel Prize, and 75 alumni have received Pulitzer Prizes. Prominent Fulbright alumni include: Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director and Founder, Grameen Bank, and 2006 Nobel Peace Prize recipient; John
Atta Mills, President of Ghana; Lee Evans, Olympic Gold Medalist; Ruth Simmons, President, Brown University; Riccardo Giacconi, Physicist and 2002 Nobel Laureate; Amar Gopal Bose, Chairman and Founder, Bose Corporation; Renee Fleming, soprano; Gish Jen, Writer; and Daniel Libeskind, Architect.

Fulbright recipients are among more than 40,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. For more than 60 years, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has funded and supported programs that seek to promote mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is administered by the Institute of International Education.

For further information about the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, please visit our website at http://fulbright.state.gov or contact James A. Lawrence, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, telephone 202-632-3241 or e-mail fulbright@state.gov.

Mary Ann Lila receives Gates Foundation grant
Reported by Fox Charlotte News: North Carolina State University scientists working at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis have developed a way to capture a super dose of healthy ingredients and put them in flour. "So this technology allows us to take the fruits, take the other grains put one inside the other with our process and make an ingredient that's easy to make and deliver to the rural villages," said Dr. Mary Ann Lila, Director of N.C. State University Plants for Human Health Institute.

The science all started with a North Carolina crop, the blueberry. The berries are blended and spun so fast that the seeds and skins are extracted. Once the juice is separated scientist add protein rich flour and when combined it absorbs all the antioxidants, making for one super food. It's like a smoothie without the sugar or water. Since the flour is inexpensive and won't go bad It's perfect for people who don't have access to fruits. We felt that we could find a way to modify the technology so that it could actually be used in rural villages in Zambia," said Dr. Lila. She and her team gave the patented technology to the country of Zambia free of charge. "It's incredibly important for children as infants are growing through those early years when they need the best possible nutrition," said Dr. Lila. She received a $100 thousand dollar grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The money will allow her to help more African communities getting one step closer to ending world hunger. Dr. Lila and her team will make frequent trips to Africa to help the villagers learn how to use the flour and eventually make it for themselves.


NC Peach Growers Society Annual Meeting
January 24, 2012 in Southern Pines, NC, the NC Peach Growers Society had their annual meeting. With approximately 60 in attendance, this annual meeting is beginning to attract more attendees from regions of the state other than the Sandhills. About one third of the attendees were from outside the Sandhills counties. The educational program consisted of presentations primarily from CALS faculty, including county agents. Society leadership is attempting to expand and modernize the organization. President Art Williams gave a presentation entitled "The Relevancy of the NC Peach Growers' Society Today." His presentation documented events partially co-sponsored by the society, which included a pruning workshop held on Jan 23, 2012 in Southern Pines and a field day held at the station in July 2011. A major theme of the presentation was that the peach industry needs to step up to the plate in
providing support for university research and extension programs dealing with peaches. In 2011 the peach society established a grower sponsorship to raise funds for their treasury. Eight growers contributed for a total of $1700.

At the business meeting, which was extremely well attended compared to previous years, a motion was passed to explore the process for establishing a check-off or self assessment to raise funds for research and extension. I spoke at the business meeting, addressing the budget reductions we have been dealt in the last few years and how many of the commodity organizations were providing support for our programs. This is a very encouraging first step for an organization that historically has not provided much financial support for our programs.

NC Sweetpotato Commission Annual Meeting
On January 19, 2012, at the Wilson County Agri-Center, the 2012 NC Sweetpotato meeting consisted of presentations on topics of concern to the industry, such as labor and immigration and marketing domestically and internationally. With over 200 in attendance, Dr. Jim Moyer, announced the restoration of the vegetable faculty position in Plant Pathology with a focus on sweetpotatoes and cucurbits. During the awards segment of the program, the late Rick Holder was recognized for his role with GoldenLEAF in championing proposals benefitting sweetpotatoes. An engraved glass bowl was presented to his son. Sue Leggett from the Tobacco trust Fund presented a $60,000 check to the NC Sweetpotato Commission Foundation to fund free reviews of grower sweetpotato storage facilities. The reviews will be conducted by Dr. Mike Boyette. Reviews will include engineering services detailing possible upgrades. Over 90 percent of the all U.S. post-harvest storage capacity is on North Carolina farms.

Sweetpotatoes were grown on 65,000 acres in North Carolina in 2011, another large increase. So far our growers have done well as supply has not met demand. However, with continued production increases, we may reach a point where supply is greater than demand. Expanding use of sweetpotatoes in processing (to produce products such as chips and fries) has fueled demand.

55th Annual Meeting of the Soil Science Society of NC
On January 17-18, 2012 at the McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC, the annual meeting of Society was held and consisted of academic, governmental and private industry soil scientists. Items discussed were concerns with the existing Consulting licensing fees which are being discussed by the legislature.

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Dr. Larry Goodridge - Inaugural Speaker for the Inclusive Excellence Speaker Series
On February 2, 2012, Dr. Larry Goodridge, Associate Professor of Food Microbiology at Colorado State University, will be conducting a research seminar and a presentation. The event is sponsored by the Department of Microbiology, CALS Office of Diversity Affairs, and CALS Diversity Council. Dr. Goodridge’s primary research interests encompass characterization of the genetic determinants of antibiotic and sanitizer resistance in bacteria isolated from food production animals. At 11:00 a.m. he will present a seminar entitled “Design and Development of De Novo Diagnostics Using Bio-markers of Active Infection in Elk” in the Stephens Room. This seminar is open to all CALS faculty, post docs, and graduate students. In collaboration with the Agri-Life Council, Minority Association for Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANNRS) and Minority Association for Pre-Health Students (MAPS), a presentation for undergraduate and graduate students will be from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center SANKOFA Room (Rm. 126). During this session, Dr. Larry Goodridge will make a presentation entitled “Barriers to Success in Science at 21st Century Universities: What you can do to overcome them” wherein he will share strategies and
lessons learned for overcoming barriers that can prevent college students from being successful in the sciences.

**Visit NC State Day**
Visit NC State Day is a Visitation Program sponsored by the Graduate School at NC State and is designed to provide undergraduate students the opportunity to explore their options for graduate education. The program offers participants the opportunity to interact with world-class faculty in their interested discipline and research interest, visit NC State’s state-of-the-art research facilities and laboratories, be exposed to research opportunities, network with current and other prospective students, and meet academic administrators. On February 6th 2012 eight highly competitive and motivated visiting students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions will visit CALS. Dr. Lisa Guion, Assistant Dean for Diversity, is coordinating this visit to our College. The College visit will begin with a presentation entitled “Beyond the BS: A Closer Look At Graduate Education in CALS.” This will be followed by a visit to the departments selected by the visiting students as described below:

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**Sisterhood Dinner**
The 30th Annual Sisterhood Dinner, sponsored by the Provost Advisory Council on the Status of Women, will be held February 21, 2012 in the Jane S. McKimmon Center at 5:00 p.m. This dinner is designed to celebrate and honor the many significant achievements and contributions of women on campus and abroad. The invited guest speaker will be Senator Kay Hagan. Dean Wynne has sponsored three tables at the event again this year. We thank Dean Wynne for his long standing support of the Sisterhood Dinner.
Register for Opening Doors 2012
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 six years, the College has implemented it as a foundation component of our work to foster system change around pluralism and inclusion. All Opening Doors sessions will be held at the Eastern 4-H Center. The CALS sponsored sessions will be held on February 22-24, 2012 and September 19-21, 2012. The workshop is absolutely free to all CALS personnel and includes meals and lodging. Transportation is provided from NC State to the Eastern 4-H Center on a first come first served basis. There must also be two participants willing to drive the van. The university-sponsored Opening doors Workshop will be held on May 23-25, 2012 and is absolutely free to all NC State employees including all meals and lodging. Transportation is provided from NC State to the Eastern 4-H Center on a first come first served basis. Registration is open for all 2012 Opening Doors sessions at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/openingdoorsworkshop.

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

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Save the Dates:

Plan now to attend Stewards of the Future: research for human health and global sustainability on April 17, 2012 at the McKimmon Center. For details and to register, visit the website at http://cals.ncsu.edu/researchconference

Friends of the Arboretum Lecture: "Sex in the Garden: Hidden Secrets!"
Brian Jackson, Assistant Professor, Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University
February 2, 2012 (Thursday) – 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Plantsmen's Tour: "Scintillating Cypress"
Mark Weathington, Assistant Director and Curator of Collections
February 7, 2012 (Tuesday) – 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

A Walk in the Winter Garden
February 12, 2012 (Sunday) 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Including lecture by Cindy Watson, Cam Too Nursery

Save-the Date:  2012 Gala in the Garden - Sunday, May 6, 2012
Frank Grainger is the Honorary Chair for one of the year's best parties. Yes, there WILL be birthday cake in celebration of NC State's 125th Birthday.

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 Sonia Murphy (513-0637 sonia_murphy@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 enewsletter, 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 Scott Troutman (scott_troutman@ncsu.edu) a quick email letting him know so that he can add them to our list.

**2011 COMMODITY MEETINGS**

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