ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

Orientation
Due to Talley renovations and the need to be flexible with space, there will be 3 CALS freshman sessions (see dates below) and 3 transfer sessions (Monday, June 24, Friday, July 12, and Friday, July 26). Please mark your calendars with these dates:

- **July 18 & 19** (session 13)
- **July 22-23** (session 14)
- **July 23 & 24** (session 15)

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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 lunch in a campus dining hall with CALS Ambassadors. We are offering guests academic packets based on areas of interest, and providing them the undergraduate’s email if they have specific questions about their major. Visits are open most Mondays and Fridays this semester.

Spring Visitation Days
- Friday, February 15, 2013 – WISE Visitation Day
- Friday, February 22, 2013 – Park Finalist College Visitation Day
Incoming Freshmen
The first two rounds of admissions decisions from Fall 2013 admits have been released. Congratulations letters have been sent 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. Interviews will be held this month and we will notify students before Spring break. Our goal is to have 20 students on the team.

CALS IT Director
Four candidates for the CALS IT Director position were interviewed in December and early January. The candidate pool was outstanding and decision will be made shortly following review of input from the search committee and other participant in the interview process.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE
Master Minds 9 (MM9) applications were due on January 25th. This exclusive 9-week program provides a unique support system for highly motivated juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Participants are selected and matched into teams based on their career and educational goals. Much like "workout buddies," team members commit to meet weekly for 20 minutes to hold each other accountable for their progress. Each MM9 team will be assigned a group facilitator and a success coach. The orientation session will be on February 1st.

The Career Educators will begin hosting “Power Half Hour” workshops during CALS club meetings later this month. These workshops will focus on professionalism. If you are a club advisor and would be interested in scheduling a workshop for your club, please contact Melissa Kahn (melissa_kahn@ncsu.edu) or Kasey Henry (calscsintern@ncsu.edu).

The Kick Start Your Career workshops have begun and are off to a great start! As a reminder, these workshops are open to all CALS students and do not require pre-registration. They are held on Mondays in SAS 1216 at 4:30 pm and on Thursdays in Riddick 339 at 6:00 pm. The Monday session is targeted at freshmen and sophomores while the Thursday session is targeted at juniors and seniors, however, students may attend any session their schedule allows.

The spring “Focus on Your Future” workshop will be held on Saturday, February 2nd. Over 60 students have registered so far, and we anticipate this to be a successful workshop!
Melissa, Marcy and the Career Educators are currently presenting classroom announcements during the first few minutes of several CALS classes. These announcements serve to inform students of upcoming programs.

Career Fellows interviews took place January 22nd through 29th. Freshmen and sophomores are selected to participate in 2-day formal job shadowing opportunities with successful professionals in career fields related to their majors and interests. This is a perfect opportunity for students to network, get an inside look into CALS-related career paths, and ask crucial questions. The orientation for accepted students will take place on February 20th, and job shadowing will occur in March on the students’ dates of choice.

A new workshop called “Fill in the Gap” will take place on Saturday, March 16th. This workshop will explore the concept of a gap year and allow students to determine if this is a good option for them after they finish school. Details are still being finalized and will be publicized as soon as they become available.

CALS Career Services Newsletter

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

‘In the Garden’ wins second regional EMMY Award
N.C. State University’s television show, In the Garden with Bryce Lane, won a regional EMMY® Award Jan. 26 in the Instructional/Informational Series category. Bryce Lane, the show’s host and instructor in the Department of Horticultural Science, brings more than 30 years of teaching experience to television.

‘Fotonovela’ will help teach Latino families about 4-H
4-H leaders have a new tool to help Spanish-language families understand the value of 4-H activities to their young people. Cintia Aguilar and her N.C. Cooperative Extension colleagues have developed a fotonovela – a book similar to a graphic novel with photos – to tell the story of 4-H in both English and in Spanish.

Recording available for branding webinar
North Carolina Cooperative Extension had a great turnout at the National Extension Branding Initiative launch webinar on Jan. 10. View the recorded session at:
http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p3tw0ff8no6/

New state obesity prevention plan announced
Dr. Carolyn Dunn, N.C. Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist, is lead author of new obesity prevention plan released by Eat Smart, Move More North Carolina.

CEFS Annual Lecture is Feb. 27
The Center for Environmental Farming Systems and the N.C. Agricultural Foundation Inc. have announced that Maya Wiley will deliver CEFS’ Annual Sustainable Agriculture Lecture on Feb. 27, 7 p.m. at the Durham Armory (220 Foster Street, Durham). Wiley’s lecture is entitled, “Unmasking Inequities: Building Toward a More Just Food System for All.”
**Walden receives Order of Long Leaf Pine award**
Dr. Mike Walden, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of agricultural and resource economics and N.C. Cooperative Extension economist, is a recipient of North Carolina’s Order of the Long Leaf Pine award.

**Bledsoe will join National FFA as chief operating officer**
When Joshua Bledsoe entered high school as a freshman in 1987, he was surprised to find agricultural education listed as his elective at Surry Central High School in Dobson. Soon this N.C. FFA leader will join the national organization as chief operating officer.

**Entomologists are racing to stop the cankerworm**
Controlling cankerworms is tricky, but on a foggy Friday, entomologist Steve Frank and his colleagues head out on their weekly mission: preventing the cankerworm, an annoying pest, from defoliating North Carolina’s urban deciduous trees. Read more in N.C. State University’s Bulletin.

**Two CALS faculty involved in award-winning crop protection efforts**
Two College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty members were involved in award-winning efforts to protect soybean growers from Asian soybean rust, a new disease that threatened the United States soybean crop beginning in 2004.

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**Beef Cattle Sale – record prices**
The NC Beef Cattle Improvement Program has been testing young bulls and selling the best bulls for 29 years at the Butner Beef Cattle Field Laboratory and at the Mountain Research Station for 33 years. At public auction the average price per animal was $3,050 which sets a record for this sale by nearly $500. North Carolina cattlemen who assign their young bulls to this program have their animals evaluated for performance on test, health, confirmation and disposition. Typically, only 60% of the young bulls entered into the program meet the standards to be included in the public sale. The program is operated as a partnership between NC State University and the NC Cattlemen Association.

**The Genome Sciences Lab (GSL)**
Now offers single tube sequencing for the low, low price of $4 a reaction. Drop off by noon, receive data around 5pm, plus late drop off/overnight sequencing as well. The GSL will start pick up services on satellite campuses soon. For details please call 513-3882 or email GSLNCSU@gmail.com

**Center for Environmental Farming Systems to Host Lecture by Food Justice Advocate Maya Wiley**
Media Contact: Dr. Nancy Creamer, CEFS Director, NCSU (919- 515-9447 or nancy_creamer@ncsu.edu)

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) and the NC Agricultural Foundation Inc., are proud to announce that Maya Wiley will deliver CEFS’ Annual Sustainable Agriculture Lecture on February 27 at 7 pm at the Durham Armory (220 Foster Street, Durham, NC 27701). Ms. Wiley will present a free lecture entitled “Unmasking Inequities: Building Toward a More Just Food System for All!” “Ms. Wiley’s lecture promises to be stimulating and thought-provoking. We hope that it will spark further dialogue around food justice and creating equitable and fair food systems accessible by all North Carolinians,” said Nancy Creamer, CEFS Director from NC State University. John O’Sullivan, CEFS Director from NC A&T State University, added, “We are looking to stimulate greater engagement in the resurrection of a local food system inclusive of people of color – as producers, in value-adding,
careers for youth, and in discussions of the best paths to follow to achieve equity and fairness in the food system”.

Maya Wiley is the Founder and President of the Center for Social Inclusion, a national public policy strategy organization that works to unite public policy research and grassroots advocacy to transform structural racial inequity into structural fairness and inclusion. Ms. Wiley graduated from Columbia University School of Law in 1989 and is a frequent speaker on the national stage and author of many influential policy articles.

In addition to the Lecture, other associated events will include a “meet-the-speaker” Friends of CEFS reception just prior to the Lecture, a high school speaking engagement and community luncheon in Goldsboro, a food justice leadership dinner, and a dialogue with faculty, administrators, and students at NC A&T SU in Greensboro, NC. Compass Group is a sponsor of the lecture and associated events. Says Ms. Wiley, "We all need to eat and we all need that food to be healthy. We aren't there yet, as a nation. We need to talk about how small family farms can be viable businesses that supply healthy food, and we also need to link farming to jobs that pay workers of all races a wage that ensures that they can buy what they help produce, no matter their race.”

The CEFS Sustainable Agriculture Lecture series has traditionally featured dynamic and world-renowned thinkers and doers including Carlo Petrini, founder of the international Slow Food organization; Judy Wicks, co-founder of Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE); Will Allen, MacArthur Genius Award recipient and founder of Growing Power, Inc.; and USDA Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Kathleen Merrigan.

CEFS, now approaching its 20th anniversary, is a partnership of NC State University, NC A&T State University, and the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Our mission is to develop and promote food and farming systems that protect the environment, strengthen local communities and provide economic opportunities in North Carolina and beyond. CEFS is proud to help stimulate a statewide dialogue about food justice as a critical component of food systems.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**
The 2013 Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Distinguished Lecture on Global Service to Society and Environment has been confirmed for the afternoon of April 16, 2013 to coincide with NCSU Earth Week activities. Frances Seymour, Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research, is our honored guest lecturer. This year, we are pleased to announce the lecture will be held in the new Hunt Library Auditorium on Centennial Campus beginning at 3 PM. There will be refreshments served after the lecture and award ceremony. Please look for additional details on this year’s speaker and event details in upcoming briefs and around campus.

**2013 Norman E. Borlaug Service to Society and Environment Award**
Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 Norman E. Borlaug Service to Society and Environment Award. This award is open to all tenure-track faculty of N.C. State University and is presented annually at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Natural Resources “Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Distinguished Lecture on Global Service to Society and Environment.”
Faculty members from any of N.C. State’s colleges are eligible for this award and recognizes exemplary service to the environment and society in academics, research or service through enhancing global practices, new technologies, impact on students or global communities. The 2013 award will be presented at the lecture event on April 16.

**Award nomination packets are due March 11**
Please send nomination packets to:
Dr. Joel Pawlak, Campus Box 8001, N.C. State University.

Nomination packets should include the following:
1. Nominee’s complete resume
2. Letter of support from department head, dean, associate or assistant dean or university officer
3. Statement from the nominee about the impact of his or her work and future plans
4. Letters of support from outside the university are encouraged, but not required. Such letters should describe the impact of the nominee’s accomplishments and intended to encourage future work.

Nominations can originate from individual faculty members on their own behalf or from colleagues at any level of university administration. However, nomination packets must be submitted to the selection committee via the person writing a letter of support (see No. 2 above.)

The awardee will have a chance to briefly address the audience assembled for the Borlaug Lecture and will receive an award certificate, a $1,000 prize, a gift from the selection committee and his or her name engraved on a university plaque.

For information contact John Sabella, CALS, jasabell@ncsu.edu, 919.515.2665; or Joel Pawlak, CNR, jjpawlak@ncsu.edu, 919.515.2890.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY**

**Visiting Prospective Graduate Students**
On February 11, 2013, the College will host four visiting students for the Graduate School’s Visit NC State Day program. The Visit NC State Program is recruitment strategy committed to extending educational opportunities for talented students from underrepresented groups who are interested in pursuing a graduate degree. The two-day event includes opportunities for participants to: interact with world-class faculty in the discipline and research area of their interest, visit several state-of-the-art research facilities and laboratories, be exposed to research opportunities, network with current graduate students and other prospective students, and meet academic administrators. In order to qualify for admittance, students need to be seriously considering attending one of NC State University’s graduate programs, have a minimal GPA of 3.25, be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and be sophomores through seniors (Fall only) in college, or be an enrolled Master's student, or an interested post-baccalaureate. The four students will visit the departments of Animal Science and Toxicology.

**2013 Dean’s Graduate Research Assistantship**
For Fall 2013, there will be two Dean’s Graduate Research Assistantships available. First, there will be one assistantship for a Ph.D. student that provides a maximum total stipend of up to $25,000 a year for two academic years of study with the department agreeing to provide two additional years of funding at the same funding level or higher. Second, there will be one assistantship for a M.S. student that provides a maximum total stipend of up to $20,000 for one academic year of study with the department agreeing
to provide the second year of funding at the same funding level or higher. Thus, we are accepting applications for both M.S. and Ph.D. students. The Diversity Council may opt to select two doctoral or two M.S. students based on the qualifications of the applicants. **The deadline for receipt of all application materials is 12 noon on February 22, 2013.**

**Application Guidelines**

By the above deadline, Directors of Graduate Programs must mail or deliver to Dr. Lisa Guion Jones a: 1) copy of the students’ complete Graduate School application package (official transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.), 2) name of the student’s graduate faculty research mentor, 3) short statement detailing why this student should receive the assistantship, 4) **supplemental application form completed by the student**, and 5) Letter of Commitment for continued financial support in the form of a Research Assistantship (not a TA) in an equal or greater amount for one year if submitting for a M.S. student and two years for a Ph.D. student. This letter must be signed by the Department Head.

**Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Students can not apply directly.**

**Applicants Qualifications:** The student must:

- Be formally admitted to a doctoral or masters program in the agricultural or life sciences in a NCSU-CALS department.
- Be a new, full-time graduate student (The purpose of this assistantship is to recruit new students. Thus, continuing or current NCSU students are not eligible.).
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Not have funding other than the NCSU Graduate School Diversity Enhancement Recruiting Fellowship and/or Diversity Enhancement Grant (This assistantship cannot run concurrently with other fellowships from NIH, NSF, HHMI, ASM, USDA, DOD, or any other organization/entity).

**Sisterhood Dinner**

The 31st Annual Sisterhood Dinner, sponsored by the Provost’s Advisory Council on the Status of Women, will be held Monday, February 25, 2013 at 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 Ms. Barbara Mulkey, an NC State alumna, Chair of the NC State Board of Trustees, and Chairman and Founder of Mulkey and Associates. The program will also include the annual Equity for Women Awards. Through the support and generosity of Dean Richard Linton, CALS will once again sponsor two tables for this event.

**Excellent Graduate Student Recruitment Opportunity**

If you are interested in recruiting outstanding graduate students from underrepresented groups, then prepare now to attend the 1890 Agricultural Research Directors (ARD) Conference. The first ARD Research Symposium was held in 1976 to commemorate the United States’ Bicentennial and to showcase the varied accomplishments of research scientists and students at the 1890 Institutions. Similarly, the 17th Biennial Research Symposium will provide opportunities for scientists and students to present research papers and posters that share innovative and practical research findings in the food and agricultural sciences. The 17th Symposium will be held on April 6 - 10, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency.
Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL. This Symposium is expected to attract more than 700 participants and more than 500 research papers and posters will be presented in five areas: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products, Animal Health and Production and Animal Products, Food Safety, Nutrition and Health, Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment, Family, Youth, Community and Economic Development. Registration information can be found at: http://www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium/DatesAndDeadlines.aspx. The CALS Office of Diversity Affairs will be an exhibitor. If you are unable to attend, but would like to have some of your graduate degree program materials shared with prospective students, please provide those to Ms. LaTosha Bradley by March 22, 2013.

National Observances for February
- Black History Month
- National Freedom Day - February 1
- Susan B. Anthony Day - February 15

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

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

GALA IN THE GARDEN:  Save-the-date… Sunday April 28, 2013

Nope… It’s not the first Sunday in May.  Yep… The 22nd Gala in the Garden is changing to the last Sunday in April for this year, so mark your social calendars for Sunday, April 28, 2013, for Raleigh’s Garden Party -- the Gala in the Garden at the JC Raulston Arboretum.

The Gala is the Arboretum’s main fundraising event of the year, and it provides critical unrestricted funds that support daily operations, staff salaries, R&D of plant collections, garden maintenance, and so much more.

We are very pleased that Mike and Sandie Worthington (Worthington Farms in Greenville, NC) have accepted the roll as Gala Honorary Co-Chairs. Mike is the 2nd Vice Chair for the JCRA board of advisors, and Sandie and Mike have supported the Gala for many years.

We are also thrilled that Sally Linton, wife of the new Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (Dr. Richard Linton), has accepted the roll of Gala Event Chair.  The Lintons moved to Raleigh in September, and during his first week, Dean Linton and Sally helped the Arboretum celebrate the dedication of the new Lath House and the 10th Anniversary of the McSwain Center.  Sally and the children have also supported and enjoyed the Arboretum’s children’s program.

Please save this date (April 28, 2013) and join us for fabulous fun, food, friends, an extraordinary botanical and non-botanical silent auction – and yes, there will be NC State Howling Cow Ice Cream again.  In the words of our Director, Ted Bilderback, “Our Gala in the Garden has become a harbinger of spring and summer gardening.”  And indeed it has and will continue to be!
CALS Advancement News Items

From JC Raulston Arboretum:

Membership DOES make a difference, and there is something for every member: 2013 Membership Benefits Program

Many local businesses, area garden centers, nurseries, restaurants, plus the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program are partnering with the JCRA to offer some really fantastic benefits – simply when JCRA members present their current membership cards. For a current list of benefit providers, please visit our web site. (2013 updates coming soon!)

http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/join_and_support_us/membership/benefit_providers/benefit_providers.html

The JCRA appreciates the generous support of these partners, so please visit and shop often. And when you do visit, remember to present your current membership card, and give them a BIG “thank you” from the JC Raulston Arboretum!

If you have a business or know of a business that would like to be part of this special benefits program, please contact Anne Porter, 919-513-3463 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu

Got Gifts-In-Kind?
If not, think about this: In tough economic times, we have to adapt and become more entrepreneurial as we try to find support for our programs. Often, companies and individuals are able to continue donating equipment, materials and supplies, even if they must cut their cash contributions. If you receive any non-cash gifts, please complete the form BA-151 (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc) and forward to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu. We will make sure your donors are sent University receipts and acknowledgment letters showing how important their support is to CALS. If you have any questions about non-cash gifts, please call Chris at 919.515.7678.

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

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

CALS Chronicle Enewsletter
The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, and updates for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the 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 an email to calsalum@ncsu.edu so that they can be added to our list.

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**CALS ADMINISTRATION**

**Awards for Excellence**
The 2013 CALS Awards for Excellence nomination process is fast approaching. The Awards for Excellence program recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of permanent, full-time NC State SPA or EPA employees who do not hold faculty rank.

The CALS Awards for Excellence nomination process presents an excellent opportunity to recognize employees who make a significant contribution to their department, division or the University community. I look forward to working with you and making the 2013 Awards for Excellence program a great success.

Please note that the nomination process will begin Monday, February 4th. The deadline for turning in the nominations to Claudia Mello is Monday, April 1, 2013. More instructions will follow on Monday’s Call for Nominations email.

Please consider nominating your fellow employees for these awards -- $250.00 check, eight hours of paid annual leave and a plaque for each college winner! CALS is designated to have 5 SPA and 1 EPA. The deadline for turning in the nominations is Monday, April 1, 2013. [no joke] Those 6 winners will then move on to the University level. Good luck to all!

**CALS Excellence in Safety Award**
New this year! This year the CALS Safety Committee will be awarding 2 employees who promote safety through their action and encourage excellence in safety for their work environment.

Each recipient of the CALS Excellence in Safety Award will receive a plaque and $125.00.

This call for Nomination will be included with the Awards for Excellence on Monday, February 4, 2013.