MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT HEAD SEARCH
We’re in the process of interviewing three candidates for the Head of Microbiology. We would like to remind our Microbiology faculty and staff, administration and others to participate in these interviews. Please visit the following website for the latest itineraries http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?showpage=378. Please plan to participate as appropriate.

The evaluation forms are also located on this site and we ask that everyone fill out an evaluation form after each interview is held. Deadline for posting your evaluation is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2007.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

AGI Visitation Day
As a reminder, we have several visitation days planned for the spring semester. Each year one of the highlights of the day is the time you spend chatting with future students and their parents. They learn about you and your programs in research, teaching and extension. We ask that you mark these dates on your calendar, and are particularly interested in having you attend from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. for refreshments, visiting, and introductions of faculty, staff and administration to the visitors. Additional correspondence will be provided at a later date regarding time, location, and your participation. Please know that visitation opportunities will also be available during scheduled lunches, but access may be limited to early responders for each event since space will be limited.

- Friday, March 23, 2007 - AGI Visitation Day
- Monday, March 26, 2007 & Friday, April 13, 2007 - Senior Accepted Visitation Days
- Friday, April 20, 2007 - Junior Visitation Day

Agricultural Institute Office
1. The Agricultural Institute will host its first Visitation Day on March 23, 2007. High school seniors will have the opportunity to learn the “ins & outs” of the Agricultural Institute, they will receive the classroom experience through a “mock lecture” and tour several field laboratories. If you know of any high school senior that may be interested in the Agricultural Institute, please direct them to the following URL to register: www.cals.ncsu.edu/agivisit - password, “crops”. The registration deadline is Friday, March 16. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Holder at 919-515-9716.

2. We are proud to announce a new leadership opportunity for students in the Agricultural Institute – the Agricultural Institute Leadership Team. AGI students will be selected to represent the Agricultural Institute in a leadership role at special events and various recruiting activities. Student application and faculty nomination forms will be available mid-March.
Career Services

1. Career Services is partnering with the CALS Alumni & Friends Society and the student R.E.A.C.H. team to host “Speed Networking” on March 27. Think “speed dating” with a professional twist. Students will rotate among six professionals each and have four minutes to meet and greet before they move to the next professional. Following the networking portion will be a picnic with alumni, professionals, faculty, and students. Please encourage your students to register for this unique opportunity. Sign-ups begin Thursday, March 1 in 111 Patterson Hall.

2. Sign-ups will also begin March 1st for our annual Etiquette Dinner and Fashion Show. Kraft Foods will be sponsoring this event scheduled for April 11th. Interested students should come to 111 Patterson Hall to sign up (after 3/1/07). Students will learn to dine with professionals and look like one too. This is a great learning experience for those who have become so used to eating in dining halls and wearing pajamas to class!

3. Kick Start sessions this month include Powers and Dangers of Technology on March 1 or 2, The Graduate School Choice…Keeping Your Options Open on March 14 or 15, and Taking a Gap Year After Graduation on March 21 or 22. Kick Start is held in 106 Patterson at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and in 104 Fox at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

4. Recruiters coming to campus in March:
   - Murphy-Brown LLC – March 14
   - Quintiles – March 15

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Program News
2007 Extension Conference
2007 Extension Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2007 at McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education in Raleigh. Registration for this event is closed.

New and Aspiring CED Leadership Series
“The New and Aspiring CED Leadership Series” is a program that seeks to develop future leaders from within the field faculty of North Carolina Cooperative Extension (NCCE). Developed and delivered through a partnership between District Directors and Personal and Organizational Development (POD), the program exposes selected individuals to twelve separate leadership development sessions over the course of the year. The sessions, based on the core competency model developed by POD, delivers powerful and interactive training designed to increase the participant’s potential as a future leader in NCCE. The current class of eighteen members of the field faculty began the program in May of 2006 and will participate in graduation on April 19, 2007 at 3:30 pm.

Personnel Updates
The positions of Extension Associate, Small Business Development and Management and Extension Associate, Food Safety are currently being advertised on the NCSU Job Site. These positions will be based at the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis, North Carolina. For more information regarding these positions, please contact Dr. Ed Jones or Dr. Tom Melton.
CALS 2007 Resource Development Awards
DUE Thursday, March 15!!! CALS 2007 Resource Development Awards! Cash awards for faculty/staff, retired faculty and student organizations recognizing outstanding efforts in private resource development!!! Nominations can be done online this year (be sure to use the entire URL): http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=3643

View the winners from previous years at: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/foundation/2006winners.htm

Legacy Gifts
At a recent conference, the closing speaker asked the group of 600 attendees who could tell him the names of their four grandparents. About 100 people raised their hands. Then he asked who could name all eight of their great grandparents. Only two people in the entire audience raised their hands. His response was “Well then that’s all there is…within two generations after your death, no one will remember who you were or what you stood for!” He went on to point out that the only way for us to be remembered was to make a “Legacy Gift” to a charity of our choice in order to ensure that our beliefs, values and, yes, even our names continue forever.

In the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Legacy Gifts can range from a $15,000 scholarship or programmatic endowment to $25 million to name the entire College. Your Legacy Gift may be funded through something as simple as a codicil to your will or through gifts of cash or appreciated assets including real estate and securities. These gifts can also provide you and members of your family with lifetime income, charitable deductions and reduced estate taxes.

To learn more about Legacy Gifts in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, contact the CALS Advancement Office at 919.515.9262 or visit our website at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/index.htm.

Gift Planning Web Site
To 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://cals.giftlegacy.com/.

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!

Employee Retiree List
We need your help! We request that all departments and county offices please continue to send us your updated retiree lists, with all contact information available. Once an employee retires, just send Julia Brooks (julia_brooks@ncsu.edu) a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our list.

Advancement Advantage Guide to Services
College Advancement is pleased to announce the availability of our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services on-line. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. This web site is a work in progress and will be updated on a regular basis. To access this information, just click on the
CALS Tailgate 2007!
Please mark your calendars for CALS TAILGATE 2007 for Saturday, September 1 to be held in the Dorton Arena, NC State Fairgrounds. Time to be announced in conjunction with NC State vs. Central Florida football kick-off time. More information will follow. Check AFS website for more updated information: www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni or contact Julia Brooks in the Alumni & Friends office at 919-515-6212.

CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon
The CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2007 in the Jane S. McKimmon Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ASSISTANT DEAN FOR DIVERSITY, BRENDA ALSTON-MILLS

Student Admissions
We are doing very well with Latino recruitment. As of February 15, there are 35 students who have been admitted. We are not doing as well with American-Indian student recruitment. To date, there are 6. Our African-American students admission is at 72. The Phon-a-Thon is scheduled for March 14 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Each of these students will be called by one of our student representatives to encourage matriculation.

Hispanic Professional Summit
Once again, we will participate in the Hispanic Professional Summit on March 31 at the McKimmon Center. This event has students, parents, teachers and counselors from across the state encouraging 7-12 graders to continue their education.

22nd Annual Career Fair and Training Conference
The 22nd Annual Career Fair and Training Conference is sponsored by Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) and will be held in Birmingham, AL on March 29-31. Seven students from our College will attend with eight others from the College of Natural Resources. Four students will be presenting in competition, two from each college. The students are being funded by BASF in Research Triangle Park. We are sponsoring a booth of graduate recruitment materials and an information session by Dr. Leon Boyd, Food Science. We will contact the individual department heads and graduate directors to alert you of students who are interested in your programs.

Opening Doors: A Personal and Professional Journey
Our next Opening Doors: A Personal and Professional Journey will be held March 28-30 at Avila Retreat Center outside of Durham. To date, 19 people have signed up to attend. Sixteen of those who signed up are from our College. We continue to encourage participation in this program.

CALS PERSONNEL -- FEBRUARY NEW HIRES

New Employees – Cooperative Extension (County Operations)
Mary Morris - Assistant Extension Agent, Bertie County
Max Nunez - Assistant Extension Agent, Brunswick County
Kerri Rayburn - County Extension Administrative Secretary, Jackson County
Marcia Doering - Assistant Extension Agent, New Hanover County
L. Paige Burns - Assistant Extension Agent, Richmond County

**New Employees – Campus - with Academic Rank**
Fletcher Arritt, III – Assistant Professor, Food Science
Sarah Liehr – Research Assistant Professor, Poultry Science

**New Employees – Campus – without Academic Rank**
Chrystal Bartlett – Marketing Director, Administration-Extension Services
Carol Young – CAS Program Coordinator, Administration-CALS Personnel
Magdalena Smigielska – Administrative Support Specialist, Agriculture and Extension Education
Robert Blackburn – Lab Manager, Biochemistry
Jennifer Stamey – Technology Support Analyst, Dairy Records Processing
Matthew Miller – Research Specialist, Entomology
Derek Frank – Research Assistant, Horticultural Science
Luz Davila – Accounting Technician IV, Center for Integrated Pest Management
John Asbury – Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, Mountain Horticultural Crops Research & Extension Center
Leonel Mejia Sanchez – Visiting Scholar, Poultry Science
Elizabeth Smith – Research Technician, Poultry Science
Marcia Mock – Administrative Support Specialist, Sociology and Anthropology
Martha Rudisill – Administrative Support Associate, Soil Science
Keith Bunce – Facilities Maintenance Technician, University Field Laboratories
Stephen Byrd – Research Specialist, University Field Laboratories
Robert Poole – Facilities Maintenance Technician, University Field Laboratories
Kirby Uzzell – Research Technician, University Field Laboratories
Robert Clark – Research Specialist, Zoology
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