ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

The NC Health Career Expo Tour is being hosted this year by NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, and Wake Forest University. The Tour will begin at NC State on March 28th in Talley Student Center ballroom from noon to 4:00 PM. Evening breakout informational sessions and interest group meetings will follow at 4:45 and at 6:00 PM. Please attend and urge your advisees and students to attend. There will be many professional schools represented, so it will be an opportunity to learn more about the health professional schools. Here is a link to the website, where more information is available: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/health_pac/index.cfm?pageID=1740

NC State University Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium important dates:
- Student registration now open
- April 1st - Abstract submission deadline is noon
- April 12th - Symposium 10:30 am – 1:30 pm in the McKimmon Center
(Note: We will need approximately 20 judges for the CALS posters, so please contact Gerry Luginbuhl if you can help out on the day of the symposium.)

The NC State University Graduate Student Research Symposium will be on March 21st from 1:00 to 5:30 pm in the McKimmon Center. Please attend to support our graduate students and to learn of the exciting research they are doing.

The 2011 2nd Annual CALS Open Golf Tournament is right around the corner! The tournament was initiated last year to support leadership development, student travel to conferences, and student programming for the CALS Ambassadors. This year the golf tournament will be held Friday, April 8, 2011 at NC State University on the new Lonnie Poole Golf Course. Gather a few faculty members, a couple of departmental alums, or current students to support the cause. Registration information can be found on the Ambassador website (cals.ncsu.edu/ambassadors). Last year’s department champ award went to Food, Bioprocessing, and Nutrition Science…will they maintain the award or will another department take over?

CALS will be hosting the Honors Visitation Day on Friday, March 4 from 9-3pm. You may see several students and parents walking around CALS buildings that day.

New Student Orientation Dates Reminder: Please mark your calendars for NSO. The dates are as follows:
- Transfer students: Monday, June 27 and Monday, July 25
- Freshmen students: July 26 & 27, July 27 & 28, and July 28 & 29
If you have questions, please contact Tricia Buddin.

Thank you to all faculty who supported our WISE and Park Finalists Visitation Days in February. Your help was truly appreciated.
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 and Alpha Zeta will serve as co-hosts.

Spring 2011 Schedule:
Local and Sustainable Agriculture  
Ag Awareness Week Forum Hosted by Alpha Zeta  
Wednesday, March 23, 5:30 p.m., 2215 Williams Hall  
North Carolina farmers, the state’s most valuable environmentalists, are becoming more aware of their impact on the environment. The “green” movement has caused some farmers to rethink the way in which they produce food. Hear from farmers that focus on sustainable agriculture practices and learn about their presence in the local foods market.

Innovation and Efficiency in Agriculture: How We Will Feed an Exploding Population  
Hosted by Agricultural Institute  
Thursday, April 14, 4:00 p.m., 2215 Williams Hall  
In this session, Commissioner Troxler will offer an overview of how North Carolina’s agricultural sector is becoming increasingly concerned with the food demands of an exploding population. The speakers will offer insight to issues involving international food demand and will discuss the efforts being made by the Department and the agriculture industry to tackle these challenges.

Fall 2011 Seminar Course led by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler:  
Agriculture Perspectives and Opportunities  
ALS 495 and AGI 95  
2 semester credit hour course  
Wednesday, 3:35 -5:25 pm  
Seats are limited to 25 ALS and 15 AGI students

Committee on Effective Teaching & Advising  
First Campus-wide Teaching and Learning Symposium (TLS) on April 8, 2011  
The Office of Faculty Development will be hosting its first campus-wide Teaching and Learning Symposium (TLS) on April 8, 2011. This event will celebrate exemplary teaching at North Carolina State University. Provost Warwick Arden will be presenting university teaching awards and Dr. Maryellen Weimer, Professor Emeritus of Teaching and Learning, Pennsylvania State University, will deliver the keynote address.

A highlight of the event will be a poster session that describes ongoing faculty efforts to enhance teaching and promote student learning. North Carolina State University faculty will present posters in each of the following categories:
1. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.
3. Teaching with Technology.

For more information on the symposium and to register for symposium events, go to http://www.ncsu.edu/faculty-development/events/symposiumfinal.html

- **Tuesday, April 22: UG Teaching & Research Symposium, McKimmon Center, 10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. (abstracts due approximately 2 weeks prior)**

- **Tuesday, May 3: 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 2010-11 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners, and CALS Honors students. The celebration will be held in the Atrium of Riddick Hall. The excitement builds as CALS award winners continue to be announced!

- **Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday 18: CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop**
  **Event Title:** CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop: Achieving Student Success through Innovative Teaching, Advising and Technology

  The annual CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop features several sessions focused on Achieving Student Success over two days this year. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in 308 Ricks Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

  Lunch is a shared cost of $5 for each participant on the second day. The Provost's office will recognize participants during this lunch event.

  An agenda will be sent via email in April. Seating is limited so please register at: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=554

**Summer Programs for Pre-College Students**
CALS is once again offering a variety of summer programs for high school students. Currently listed on our college website are Ag-DISCOVERY, 4-H Camp and Conference Centers, Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders, Poultry Science Summer Institute, and Summer College in Biotechnology and Life Sciences (SCIBLS). If your department’s program is not listed, please contact Gerry Luginbuhl to get it included. Faculty who are interested in developing a summer course for SCIBLS should also contact Gerry Luginbuhl.

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

**Master Minds**
The Master Minds 9 Summit will be taking place next Friday, February 25th. Fifty-one students have planned to attend along with their professional success coaches. From 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. students will be learning about networking and reaching their goals. Our Sponsor is BiogenIdec.
Dining Etiquette
On March 1st, fifty-four students will attend the Dining Etiquette event sponsored by Ag Carolina Financial. The original expectation for the event was 40 students, but when all 40 tickets were claimed by 11:00 a.m. the morning of sign-ups, 14 more spots were added. We are excited to see such a tremendous turn-out for the ticket sign-ups and hope this leads to one of the biggest Dining Etiquettes yet!

Power Half Hour
The first presentation of the new and improved Power Half Hour was given this week to the Agri-life Council. Students were able to interact with each other to build their professional summary, which is the newest thing that employers are looking for. So far 8 clubs have scheduled a meeting for the Power Half Hour presentation including: the Agricultural Institute Club, the Microbiology Club, the Genetics Club, the NAMA Club, the Biochemistry Club, the Biology Club, and the Poultry Science Club. The CALS Career Educators will be presenting and some clubs have been sponsored by companies such as Novartis, Mountaire Farms, and Brickman Landscapes. Power Half Hour uses a new way to meet and educate the students of CALS, through going to meetings that they have an interest in. The presentation is full of useful information for students to apply toward their career goals.

Speed Networking
Speed Networking is designed to give CALS Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors an opportunity to network with professionals in an informal setting (think speed dating with a professional twist). Each student will choose one career category and will rotate to speak with 7 professionals in that field. They can choose from Scientific and Biotechnology, Sales and Marketing, Physicians, Animal Related, or Health Care. When the structured networking portion has concluded, all participants and professionals will attend a mix-and-mingle portion of the event for food, fun, and prizes. Here, students will have a chance to chat with professionals from all categories or to follow-up with a professional with whom they connected. The event will be held on April 5th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Carmichael Recreation Center Play Zone. Please tell students to come to Patterson 107 to sign-up and receive a ticket beginning on Monday, February 28th at 8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE

Mark your calendars!

AGI Senior Visitation Day
The Agricultural Institute will host an AGI Senior Visitation Day Friday, April 15, 2011. 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 Tuesday, April 26, 2011. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2405 Williams Hall. To RSVP, please visit this site: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=550

Graduation
The Agricultural Institute commencement ceremony will be Friday, May 13, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. To RSVP, please visit this site: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=408
Orientation
Orientation for Fall 2011 has been scheduled. The Agricultural Institute dates are as follows:
Thursday, July 28 – Friday, July 29, 2011 (Coordinators please mark your calendars)

Transfer Orientation:
Monday, June 28, 2011
Monday, July 25, 2011

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

NC Choices, CEFS to Host Meat Conference In March
Registration is now open for the Carolina Meat Conference, March 25-27 in Concord. This first-ever statewide conference on meat production is sponsored by NC Choices and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems.
Read more from CALS News Center

Extension Conferences to Be Held In March and April
Cooperative Extension will host six district conferences across the state, beginning March 29 in Madison County. Other conference locations and dates are: March 30, Iredell County; March 31, Greensboro; April 1, Fayetteville; April 12, Plymouth; and April 13, Duplin County. The conferences will include administrative updates, awards presentations and professional development workshops. Registration for the conferences has closed.

Showstopper Plants Will Be Featured At Two Spring Garden Shows
Cooperative Extension will debut the 2011 “Showstopper Plants” at two garden shows this spring. Look for the Extension Gardener display at the Southern Spring Home & Garden Show, March 2-6, at the Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte, and at the Southern Ideal Home Show, April 1-3, at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. In addition to the newest “Showstopper Plants” on display, Master Gardeners, Extension agents and volunteers will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. For more information about the shows and to order tickets online, visit www.southernshows.com.

CEFS’ Creamer to Speak at USDA Forum
Nancy Creamer, director of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems, participated Feb. 24 in the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum 2011 in Washington, D.C. In a session titled Promoting Sustainable Agriculture Through Regional Food Sheds, Creamer spoke about North Carolina’s leadership in building local food economies.
Read more from CALS News Center

New Garden Book Available
Eleven years ago, North Carolina Cooperative Extension launched the newsletter Extension’s Successful Gardener to address the high demand for gardening information across the state. Founding editor Leah Chester-Davis has joined with team member, Extension agent and acclaimed garden-book author Toby Bost to produce a book with some of the newsletter’s best material.
Read more from CALS News Center

South Central Advisors Are “Hungry To Help” Those In Need
Children who rely on school meals for food will have an easier time getting through the weekends, thanks to the efforts of about 120 volunteers with N.C. Cooperative Extension. In late January, these advisors and extension employees gathered to package more than 3,500 meals that will provide some
weekend meals for school children in Extension’s South Central District.
Read more from CALS News Center

Low-Impact Development Project Wins State Award
A N.C. Cooperative Extension-led educational project on development practices to protect water quality recently won a top award from the N.C. Chapter of the American Planning Association.
Read more from CALS News Center

Sharon Runion Rowland Honored By N.C. Bankers
Sharon Runion Rowland, executive director of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service Foundation, has received the Gordon P. Allen Award for Public Service in recognition of her outstanding service to those in need, her ongoing support of her community and her dedication to all mankind.
Read more from CALS News Center

New Position with N.C. Marketready Will Support Farm Businesses
N.C. MarketReady, based at the N.C. Research Campus, has created a farm and agribusiness management position to develop and sustain programs that help N.C. agricultural producers explore efficient economic options and optimize profits for their farming operations. Jonathan Baros joins the N.C. MarketReady team, the Cooperative Extension outreach arm of North Carolina State University’s Plants for Human Health Institute, to work with Extension personnel and other organizations to address farmers’ economic needs.
Read more from CALS News Center

Feed Quality Assurance Is Topic Of Online Publication
Producing high-quality safe feed for farm animals involves employees and processes at all levels of a feed mill: from management to manufacturing and maintenance. A new online guide describes how to make quality assurance part of your mill by assembling a QA team, defining standard operating procedures and establishing critical control points.
Read more from CALS News Center

New County Extension Directors Named
The following individuals recently have been named county Extension directors:

- Seth N. Nagy, an agricultural Extension agent in Caldwell County, has been named director of the Extension center there, effective Feb. 1.
- Anne Edwards, the horticulture agent for Carteret County, has been named to direct the county’s Extension program.
- Ryan Harrelson, an Extension agent in Bladen County for the last five years, has been named to direct the Cooperative Extension program in the county.
- Tyrone Fisher, who spent six years in Harnett County as an Extension livestock agent, is returning to the county as director of the Cooperative Extension program.
- Randy Wood, an Extension agent with extensive Sandhills experience, has been named to direct the Cooperative Extension program in Scotland County.

Anson County Farmer Starts with Extension To Get On Award-Winning Track
Bryan Cash is justifiably proud of his cattle herd in Anson County. When he bought his first cows more than a decade ago, he knew very little about what it took to raise them. But now, the award-winning farmer has a herd of close to 70 healthy cows, plus 42 calves that are thriving.
Read more from CALS News Center
Rockingham County Farm Innovators Team With N.C. State For Results
When Paul and Kristi Marshall imagine their retirement; they see a farmhouse overlooking a thriving muscadine vineyard, a pear orchard, a field of Christmas trees, perhaps even a juice processing plant and bed-and-breakfast cabins. Fifth-generation farmers, the Marshalls bought a tobacco farm near Reidsville in 1989.
Read more from CALS News Center

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

USDA Deputy Secretary Visit
USDA Deputy Secretary praises 10% Campaign
U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan told audiences at N.C. State and N.C. A&T State universities during a Feb. 9 visit that she came to North Carolina because the Center for Environmental Farming Systems’ commitment to promoting local food economies. Read more from CALS News Center (highlight and hyperlink)

NC Tomato Growers Association and Winter Vegetable Conference
The 43rd annual meeting of the NC Tomato Growers Association and the Winter Vegetable Conference Trade Show was held recently in Asheville NC. Over 200 people attended this meeting, including many growers from across North Carolina. Topics covered in the program included critical issues in vegetable production, pest (insect, disease, insect) management, food safety, labor, vegetable transplant production, tomato breeding and fruit set in tomatoes. In addition, industry updates and a special session titled “Working with the New Fumigant Regulations” were included. Also included in the meeting was a trade show featuring many vegetable related companies.

Wine and Grape Council meeting, NC Winemakers Annual meeting
The Wine and Grape Council meeting was right before the NC Winegrowers annual Meeting, Feb. 4 - 6, 2011 in Greensboro, NC. Approximately 325 people attended. The Council discussed research funding. They also discussed their websites, billboards and marketing. There was a yearly update from Appalachian State. The NC Winegrowers meeting consisted of educational sessions, a trade show, wine tasting and a dinner. Talks included NCSU faculty, winemakers from other states, and industry people. It was clear that the industry is very supportive of NCSU specialists, and their talks were well-attended. This is a very interactive group of people.

NC Muscadine Growers Association Meeting
On February 18, 2011 at the Gregory Vineyards in Angier, NC the NC Muscadine Growers Association had a one day educational meeting with several speakers. Our faculty (Fisk, Spayd, Mitchem, Phistor, Harris, and Poling) spoke along with Peter Cousins (USDA-ARS) grape breeder, Donley (Appalachian State), NCDA and Justin Furr from the Wine and Grape Council. Interesting topics covered production practices, food safety, and wine characteristics. There was also a small trade show as well.

NC Agritourism Networking Association
On February 18, 2011 in Carthage, NC - NC Agritourism Networking Association and the NCDA sponsored a two day meeting with self guided tours on the first day, and then an education meeting on the second day. Nancy Creamer, CEFS, was a keynote speaker. There were sessions on marketing, successful strategies and lots of opportunity for discussing issues in the industry such as labor and dealing with the public. This is a very interactive group of individuals who like to share.
NC Pecan Growers Annual Meeting and Workshop
On February 19, 2011 at the Lenoir Co. Extension center and West Orchard in Kinston, NC - the Pecan Growers Association, NCCES, and NCDA sponsored the NC Pecan Growers Annual Meeting and Workshop.
It was an educational meeting, with display tables, and a workshop in the pecan orchard. NCSU faculty included on the program, were Mike Parker, Wayne Mitchem, Allan Thornton and agents Peggy Godwin and Gaylon Ambrose. There were about 80 people at the meeting. The audience asked questions and were very interested in the information.

NCARS launches its new website!
The NC Agricultural Research Service has a new and improved website.
Visit the NCARS website for the latest news and information regarding CALS research: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/ncars/

For more information or if you have a submission to post on the NCARS website, please contact Pam Puryear, NCARS Resource Manager – pam_puryear@ncsu.edu or call her at 513-3150.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Visitors
Universidad de la Empresa (UDE) Montevideo, Uruguay
IPO welcomed back faculty from UDE for a two-week visit to finish work for an on-line Agroecology course. Drs. Javier Durán and Veronica Bertucci from UDE worked with Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno (Crop Science). The course will be launched using the resources of The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) which has offices in all Latin American Countries. Durán and Bertucci also joined Dr. Chris Reberg-Horton for the Virginia Association for Biological Farming Conference in Danville, Virginia and attended a lecture hosted by CEFS given by Deputy Secretary of the USDA Kathleen Merrigan. It was a busy two weeks for our guests and much was accomplished. We will continue our strong relationship with our partner and anticipate new projects on the horizon.

GCU Faisalabad, Pakistan
Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor, Government College Faisalabad in Pakistan visited campus recently to discuss opportunities with his university. He proposed several ideas for post graduate study and exchange of students and faculty with GCUF. GCUF has a long history as a teaching institution and began awarding post-graduate degrees in the 1960s. It currently has about 15,000 students, 70 % of them women. GCUF has strong programs in Statistics, Food Science and Environmental Sciences. We are looking forward to a positive, reciprocal relationship with GCUF.

EHELD News
We have just received news from RTI on the EHELD proposal for Liberia submitted last fall. The project has been awarded to a consortium led by RTI and involves consortium members NCSU, Rutgers University and the University of Michigan. That is all the information we have been given at this time. As soon as we have more official news from RTI—we will make it available to CALS faculty.
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 five 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 sessions will be held on March 23-25, 2011, May 25-27, 2011 and September 21-23, 2011. 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. Register today at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/openingdoorsworkshop.

Dean’s Graduate Research Assistantship.
The goal of this assistantship, which began in 2009 with the first two awardees selected by the CALS Diversity Council for Fall 2010, is to increase the number of students from underrepresented groups completing Doctoral and Master degrees in the agricultural and life sciences at NC State. An examination of trend data reveals that there are groups that have been historically underrepresented in CALS graduate degree programs and continue to remain the most underrepresented today. These groups include African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and Native Americans. A strategically focused, genuine effort to address this issue mandates that eligible candidates be from one of those aforementioned underrepresented groups. For Fall 2011, the Dean’s Graduate Research Assistantship will provide health insurance, some annual meeting/conference travel support, and a maximum total stipend of up to $20,000 a year for up to two years for one M.S. student preferably, but PhD students will be considered at the same stipend level and terms. The deadline for receipt of all application materials is March 11, 2011. For more information visit http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/diversity/index.cfm?pageID=2277 or contact Dr. Guion directly (lisa_guion@ncsu.edu).

CALS Students Honored For Academic Achievements.
The Freshman Honors Convocation was held on February 11, 2011 from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. in Talley Student Center Ballroom. Sponsored by the NCSU Department of Multicultural Student Affairs, the event recognizes African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American freshman who attained a 3.0 GPA or higher during their first semester (Fall 2010) at NC State. CALS had 51 students who received this recognition, which represents nearly 20% of all honorees. Dr. Lisa A. Guion, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Outreach and Engagement, was on hand to assist in presenting awards to the CALS students. Two CALS students, Mr. Justin Hill (pictured below) and Ms. Jennifer Okpala, received Top Scholar Awards that evening for attaining the highest GPA.

CALS Co-Sponsors Show Me The Money! Private Scholarships Information Session.
An information session was held on February 15, 2011 in SAS Hall Room 2102 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Representatives from the Burrough Scholarship Program and Noyce Scholarship Program were present to share information on scholarships they have for students in science or math majors who double major in science education. Nearly 40 students participated.
Funds Available To Recruit Underrepresented Grad Students.
Graduate School Diversity Enhancement Recruiting Fellowships provide NC State graduate programs with a resource for recruiting students who will add to the goal of increasing diversity in graduate education at NC State. Applications from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged. Such underrepresented groups include, but are not limited to, the following: Native Americans, African-Americans, and Hispanic Americans. These awards are designed to supplement TA, RA or fellowship awards to prospective graduate students thereby increasing the total amount of funding offered for the purpose of recruiting such students. Directors of Graduate Programs (DGPs) or Department Heads may apply for fellowship awards up to a maximum of $3500 per student. Eligibility is limited to entering graduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Awards will be based on the student's academic achievements. Priority will be given to applications received by March 20, 2011. To apply, DGPs or Department Heads should complete the brief on-line application form available at http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/diversity/grants.html#process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact David Shafer, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School, at 515-4462 or via e-mail at david_shafer@ncsu.edu.

Graduate School Diversity Enhancement Grant Program.
The purpose of the grant programs is to promote diversity at the graduate level at North Carolina State University. Applicants must be permanent residents or citizens of the United States and must present evidence of achievement and promise as scholars. The student must be admitted to full graduate standing and maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Recipients may be new or continuing graduate students at NC State and must be registered full-time as defined by NC State Graduate School. Applications from underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged. Such underrepresented groups include, but are not limited to, the following: Native Americans, African-Americans, and Hispanic Americans. Stipend amounts are based on financial need up to $3000 for the academic year, with an option of $500 in additional support for study in the summer. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2011. Recipients will be notified by mail of funding decisions no later than July 8, 2011. For more information, please visit http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/diversity/grants.html. Any questions regarding the Graduate School Diversity Enhancement Grant Program may be directed to either Dr. David Shafer (phone: 515-7052, email: david_shafer@ncsu.edu) or Todd Marcks (phone: 515-1481, email: todd_marcks@ncsu.edu).

Sisterhood Dinner.
The 29th Annual Sisterhood Dinner, sponsored by the Provost Advisory Council on the Status of Women and the NC State Women's Center, will be held February 24, 2011 in the Talley Student Center Ballroom at 6:30 p.m. This dinner is designed to celebrate and honor the many significant achievements and contributions of women on campus and abroad. The guest speaker was Mrs. Susan Woodson, a woman of numerous achievements and wife of our 14th Chancellor, Dr. Randy Woodson. Mrs. Woodson's presentation was entitled “Becoming Myself.” Dean Wynne sponsored three tables at for twenty-one (21) faculty members and at a fourth table was sponsored by the CALS Office of Diversity Affairs with seven (7) graduate students.

CALS Co-Sponsors Black History Month Speaker.
Under the leadership of the College of Natural Resources, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Department of Multicultural Student Affairs hosted renowned author and photographer, Dudley Edmondson. On February 9, 2011, Mr. Edmondson presented a seminar on the topic “Understanding the Disconnect Between African Americans and the Outdoors.” While at NC State, Mr. Edmondson was able to serve as guest lecture for a class and take a small group of students on a wildlife photography outing.
National Observances- March is…

- Deaf History Month
- Greek-American Heritage Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Mental Retardation Awareness Month
- National Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month
- National Women's History Month
- Spiritual Wellness Month

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards - Friday, April 8, 2011
The 2011 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards will be Friday, April 8 at 6:00 pm at the Embassy Suites in Concord. This year’s honorees are Dr. James W. Clark, Jr., North Carolina 4-H Historian and a Warren County 4-H Alumnus, and Dr. Dalton R. Proctor, North Carolina State 4-H Leader (1984-1995) and a Wilson County 4-H alumnus. The evening’s events include a silent auction and a reception showcasing the best of 4-H followed by an awards presentation and sit-down dinner. For more information please contact Michael Martin at 513-8254 or mjmartin@ncsu.edu or to register go to http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/fourh/donors/LAA2011.html

Gala In The Garden: Save-The-Date For The 2011 May Day Gala
The JC Raulston Arboretum is thrilled to present Susan Woodson as the 2011 Honorary Chair and Jere Stevens as the 2011 Event Chair. You will not want to miss the Best Garden Party in Raleigh and see what this dynamic duo, along with their outstanding Gala Committee, has in store for the 2011 Gala in the Garden. So remember to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. for great food, friends, and a fantastic silent auction – all in a fabulous garden setting! Feel free to call or e-mail Anne Porter at (919) 513-3826 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu for more information.

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.legacy.vg/ncsucals.

CALS Secure Online Giving: 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! Contact chris_wessel@ncsu.edu for information on linking to online giving for your programs.
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.

CASSADAGA SAVANTS, book two in the murder mystery series by Dr. George T. Barthalmus, has arrived! The sequel to REVENGE THROUGH ME, again with all profits going to the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment, is now available. If you wish, Dr. B. will sign your copy! Order one or both books online, http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/BarthalmusNovels.

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.

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.

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 Campus Employees - Staff
Sheila Jacobi, Research Specialist, Animal Science
Kenyetta Hall, Administrative Support Specialist, CALS Business Office
Heidi Bowman, Researcher, Plant Pathology

New County Employees
New hires
Olivia Jones, Assistant FCS Agent, Currituck County
Jessica Smith-Harris, Assistant 4-H Agent, Granville County
Ana Pinto-Edwards, County Extension Secretary II, Greene County
Diane Silver, Assistant Agricultural Agent, Henderson County
Greg Anderson, Assistant Agricultural Agent, McDowell County
Vonda Vaughn, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Mitchell County
Lisa Rayburn, Assistant Agricultural Agent, Onslow County
Craig Tucker, Assistant 4-H Agent, Orange County
Lauren Brown, Assistant 4-H Agent, Pender County
Andrew Burlingham, Assistant Agricultural Agent, Pitt County
Duncan Malloy, Assistant Agricultural Agent, Robeson County
Elizabeth Jones, County Extension Secretary II, Rockingham County
Jan Taylor, County Extension Secretary II, Surry County

Promotions
Ryan Harrelson, County Extension Director, Bladen County
Seth Nagy, County Extension Director, Caldwell County
Anne Edwards, County Extension Director, Carteret County
Gloria Morning, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Edgecombe County
Margaret Wyatt, Assistant 4-H Agent, Franklin County
Ivylyn Olson, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Henderson County
Leslie Kammer, Assistant 4-H Agent, New Hanover County

CALS ADMINISTRATION

We have done a call for nominations for the 2011 Awards for Excellence Program Please refer to your email from Claudia Mello on January 31, 2011 at 5:03:12pm for your nomination documents and instructions. 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 Thursday, April 7, 2011. Good luck to all!

2011 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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