**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 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.
NC State University Commissioner’s Speakers Series – Please see the attached poster and register at:  
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=704

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 Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop - Due to annual scheduling conflicts with DELTA workshops in May, we are offering the CALS Teaching Workshop prior to our Celebration of Teaching on May 1.

Event Title: One-stop for Teaching and Advising Resources

The Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee invites you to a mini-workshop that will help you identify useful resources on campus relating to teaching and advising. You will explore the brand new CALS Faculty and Advisers Toolbox Site, in a discussion-filled and interactive format. This workshop is for you if you have any questions about advising or need resources to enhance your teaching methods, professional development, networking, etc. The workshop is offered twice on May 1st: from 9:00-11am and from 1:00-3:30pm. Register at: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=715

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 1: CALS Celebration of Teaching in the Riddick Hearth

Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Riddick Hearth for a reception and awards program recognizing the 2011-12 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners, and CALS Honors students.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

The Master Minds 9 program is well underway with 44 students in undergraduate, masters, and PhD degrees. These students are supporting each other while achieving their career goals. The Summit
was held on Friday, February 24th. The Summit gave students an opportunity to meet their “success coaches”, individuals who are professionals in their field of interest. On March 23rd, participants will have the chance to tour Monsanto and be exposed to networking opportunities.

Shine While You Dine will be held March 13th in the Talley Walnut room. This event is designed to help students master the challenge of eating in a professional setting, as well as, an opportunity to discuss proper dress attire for such events. The dinner is sponsored by Ag Carolina Financial. Signups have already taken place with 48 students signed up to attend. Waitlist signups are available so keep encouraging your students to attend!

Speed Networking online registration opened on Monday, February 27th at 8:00 a.m. This event is like speed dating with a professional twist! Students register for one of the following categories: animal related; health care; physicians; sales & business/entrepreneurship; or scientific & biotechnology. There are 6 seats available per category and seats fill up fast! There will be a waitlist available for this event as well.

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 27, 2012

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

District Extension Conferences will be held in March, April
Cooperative Extension’s District Conferences begin March 20 and continue through April 5. Registration for all conferences is now closed. Employees are asked to attend the conference site where they are registered.

The conference theme is “Focusing on Our Future.” Conferences begin at 9 a.m. with a poster gallery. Each county will present a poster illustrating its programming in the area of local foods. An awards luncheon will be held in each site at noon, and conferences will adjourn at 3 p.m.
Conference dates and locations are:
March 20, West District, Fletcher
March 21, North Central District, Greensboro
March 22, South Central District, Carthage
April 4, Northeast District, Williamston
April 5, Southeast District, Kenansville

Garden classroom offers ‘endless possibilities’ in Caswell County
A new outdoor classroom on the grounds of Caswell County’s Stoney Creek Elementary School promises to be a healthy learning environment in more ways than one. The facility was built at the school through a project led by Brandi Boaz, assistant 4-H Extension agent.

CEFS hosts workshops on ginger, shiitake mushroom production
Two workshops in Goldsboro focus on the production of ginger and shiitake mushrooms. Details and registration information on the two workshops are listed below. For more information, visit the Center for Environmental Farming Systems’ website, www.cefs.ncsu.edu.

Specialist shows how ‘Ozzie and Harriet’ scenario was not norm
Amidst hectic family lives, it is tempting to recall the days of “Ozzie and Harriet” families, where Dad returned home from work each day to sit down to dinner with Mom in a dress and pearls and 2.3 kids. But a study by an N.C. State University faculty member shows that the nostalgic family of television fame was not the norm of American society that we believe today.

Website for blackberry, raspberry growers wins award
N.C. MarketReady received the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science Extension Blue Ribbon Communication Award for its Blackberry & Raspberry Growers Information Portal.

N.C. State helps agribusinesses gain $1.2 million in USDA grants
N.C. State University’s North Carolina Value-Added Cost Share (NCVACS) program provided more than $100,000 in matching funds to help N.C. agricultural producers apply for and secure nearly $1.2 million in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants. The USDA last week announced the recipients of its Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG), eight of which are N.C. businesses that were assisted by NCVACS.

College Profile: Fred Yelverton
Weed science specialist Fred Yelverton’s sphere of influence spans the globe, but is most felt at home in North Carolina.

Small Farms Week begins March 26
The itinerary for The Cooperative Extension Program at A&T’s annual celebration of small-scale agriculture is set. The kickoff will be Monday, March 26, in Martin County; Tuesday’s (March 27) educational forum will feature tours of two farms where livestock and produce production are innovatively amalgamated, and the educational forum Wednesday morning (March 28) prior to the Small Farmers Recognition Luncheon will include presentations by a number of authorities on increasing profits from livestock production.
CULTIVATE YOUR FUNDING PARTNERS:  
COMPLEMENTARY SPACES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

NC Agricultural and Life Sciences Research Foundation Conference
Stewards of the Future: Research for Human Health and Global Sustainability

April 17, 2012 – McKimmon Center

INFO:  http://cals.ncsu.edu/researchconference

Five complementary spaces at the Research Conference are available to each CALS Department upon request. Departments and individual faculty members are encouraged to invite your current and prospective funding partners to the event to further cultivate their interest, give them the opportunity to hear internationally known speakers, and network with other industry and academic leaders.

Please contact conference organizers for print or email invitations to share, and then to add your confirmed complementary attendees to the official registration list at ncalsresearch_conference@ncsu.edu. Please be prepared to share their name, organization, mailing and email address so they can receive necessary conference communications. They will not have to register online!

In addition, all CALS faculty members are welcome and encouraged to invite an unlimited number of external collaborators. To ensure that the guest list includes current and prospective funders of your research program, we ask that you:

1. Share the names of your current and prospective funders with conference organizers by sending their names and contact information (mailing and email address) to: ncalsresearch_conference@ncsu.edu.

2. Send your personal invitation to them to encourage their participation. Printed and electronic invitations will be provided through each department head or, upon request, directly to you by emailing: ncalsresearch_conference@ncsu.edu

3. Don’t forget to register to attend the conference yourself, and consider entering an exhibit in the Innovation Fair.

Registration is required, but is free of charge for NC State faculty, staff and students. Register online at: http://cals.ncsu.edu/researchconference

As you consider your invitees, include the following individuals:
-CEOs, directors and managers of R&D and business development, research project leaders, and other decision makers from ag and life science companies
-entrepreneurs working in ag and life science-related fields
-venture capitalists
-leadership and program officers from public grant-making agencies
-public officials who have supported – or who influence – industries supported by your department
Thank you for helping ensure that *Stewards of the Future* serves you and your research program.

**North Carolina Commercial Blackberry and Raspberry Growers Annual Meeting**

On February 7, approximately 54 people attended the NC Commercial Blackberry and Raspberry Growers annual meeting at Cleveland Cooperative Extension Center in Shelby, NC. This was the fifth annual meeting of this organization. Growers from North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee were in attendance. The meeting included educational sessions, a small trade show (4-5 vendors), silent auction and sponsored lunch (with blackberry cobbler). CALS faculty spoke, which included Katie Jennings, Gina Fernandez and Hannah Burrack. Other speakers included Richard Blaylock, from the U.S. Department of Labor, who discussed the role his department plays in enforcing the Fair Labor Standards Act. Ervin Lineberger, a grower from Kings Mountain, discussed the status of the National Blackberry Promotion. Debbie Hamrick, NC Farm Bureau, updated attendees on the Food Safety Modernization Act. There was a business meeting during lunch. Two positions on the board needed to be filled, and three growers were on the ballot.

**NC Winegrowers Annual Meeting, Wine and Grape Council meetings**

On Feb. 3-5, 2012 in Twin City Quarter, Winston-Salem, NC, the NC Winegrowers had their annual meeting. There were many educational sessions, a wine tasting opportunity with a banquet and awards, along with a trade show. The educational sessions were concurrent on Friday and Sunday but not on Saturday. Saturday was predominantly marketing and branding which is an important issue to this group. Faculty who spoke were Sara Spayd, John Havlin and Hannah Burrack. There were also faculty from Wake Forest and Appalachian State who spoke. Surry Community College and UNC-Greensboro also had representatives there as well.

**Southeast Apple Growers Meeting**

On January 10 & 11, 2012 in Asheville, NC, the Southeast Apple Growers had their meeting. There were educational talks, a small trade show, with a banquet. A number of CALS faculty spoke, along with faculty from the other states. They brought in Dr. Jim Luby who developed the HoneyCrisp apple, therefore, a good bit of discussion of apple varieties.

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

Save the Dates:

The **2012 NC 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards**, to be held on **April 11, 2012 at the McKimmon Center**, are your chance to "Meet Our Future." This year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Pender County 4-H alumnus Mr. Larry Wooten of NC Farm Bureau. Two National 4-H Laureates will be honored that night. The first, Mr. Francis Pressly, Director Emeritus, National and International Programs for the National 4-H Council, is an Iredell County 4-H alumnus and 4-H Honor Club member. North Carolina's other inductee to the National 4-H Hall of Fame is Dr. Mike Davis, the fifth State 4-H Leader, and a Guilford County 4-H alumnus and 4-H Honor Club member. The annual event is a part of North Carolina 4-H’s annual fund drive. Gifts will send 4-H youth to camp, provide money for scholarships, support 4-H presentations, among other activities. 4-H is the youth organization of Cooperative Extension. 4-H serves more than 235,000 young people in North Carolina, building them into citizen leaders. For more information on the 2012 NC 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards, visit the website at [http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/Lifetime_Achievement_Awards](http://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/Lifetime_Achievement_Awards).
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://www.alumni.ncsu.edu/Lifetime_Achievement_Awards http://cals.ncsu.edu/researchconference

**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.

**Friends of the Arboretum Lecture**
"Express Yourself—Garden Art That Enhances and Inspires" by Helen Yoest, Gardening With Confidence; March 1, 2012 (Thursday) – 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

**Triangle Camellia Society's 4th Annual Camellia Show and Plant Sale** Hosted by the Triangle Camellia Society in cooperation with the American Camellia Society, the JC Raulston Arboretum, and the Raleigh Garden Club; March 10, 2012 (Saturday) – 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

**Plantsmen's Tour** "Early Spring Perennials" by Mark Weathington, Assistant Director and Curator of Collections; March 13, 2012 (Tuesday) – 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

**JC Raulston Arboretum Spring Symposium** "A Passion for Plants 2.0"; March 23 and 24, 2012 (Friday and Saturday) - *A Fresh Look at Southeastern Landscapes for All Gardeners*

**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.
**ADMINISTRATION**

**Awards for Excellence 2012:** Call for nominations for the 2012 Awards for Excellence Program which started February 1, 2012. Please consider nominating your 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. Those winners will move on to the University Level.

**Deadline: Friday, March 30, 2012**

If you have any questions, please see the email from Claudia Mello of February 1, 2012 regarding 2012 Awards for Excellence Call for Nominations.

Good luck to all!

**NCSU Employee Appreciation Day:** The 2012 Employee Appreciation Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th at the Carmichael Gym from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Faculty and Staff should come out to enjoy free food, music, games, giveaways and more! Bring your NC State ID card, wear your sneakers and be ready to have some fun as we celebrate you and 125 years of NC State University.

**What Can You Expect On Tuesday, March 6th at Employee Appreciation Day…**

Free food, ice cream, cake, games centered around the 125 years of NC State and promotional giveaways will highlight the day. You can also have your picture taken with Mr. and Ms. Wuf, take a slap-shot at the Carolina Hurricanes booth, speak with Benefits vendors, have a snapshot of your and your friends at the vintage photo-booth and much more!

**What Else Should You Expect?**

A variety of games and activities focused around the 125th Anniversary will be offered, for example:

- **FOUNDERS DAY ERA (1887)** Pass the NC State Birthday Present Game
- **ROARING 20’s ERA (1920’s)** Games of Chance
- **FUNTASTIC 40’s ERA (1940’s)** B-I-N-G-O
- **LOVE & HAPPINESS ERA (1950’s & 1960’s)** Trike Race, TWIST Contest & Karaoke
- **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ERA (1970’s & 1980’s)** Basketball Shoot-Out
- **NEW MILLENNIUM & BEYOND ERA (1990’s & TODAY)** Wolfpack Trivia Fusion

**Is The Food Really Free?**

YES! Two slices of pizza, a drink, ice cream and cake will be provided at no cost.

Additional pizza or drinks may be purchased for $1.00.

**How Do I get There?**

The Carmichael Gymnasium is located at the corner of Cates Avenue and Morrill Drive. Activities will be held on Courts 1 through 8 directly across the street from the Talley Student Center main entrance! If you need driving directions, please visit: [http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/carmichael/visitors/directions.php](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/carmichael/visitors/directions.php). There’s also a WolfLine bus stop right outside the gym and a parking deck across the street. To get more information about both, please visit: [http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/](http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/).

**How About the Faculty and Staff Who Can’t Attend?**

We understand that everyone that works for NC State, doesn’t necessarily work in Raleigh or cannot make it to the event. We appreciate all our employees, so we decided to have some online FUN! If
you cannot attend Employee Appreciation Day, you can still participate in the fun by playing NC State Family Feud!

Before we can play, we need your help. NC State Employees are asked to answer 20 random questions to make our NC State Family Feud game a success. Please take some time between now and February 28th to complete the survey found online at: http://ncsu.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_ebAGyAK3dpWWFN2

On March 6th, go to: http://www.ncsu.edu/human_resources/benefits/appreciation/ to play NC State Family Feud. Ten employees who get the most points will win a special prize.

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