ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

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, Alpha Zeta and Agri-Life Council will serve as co-hosts.

Spring 2010 Schedule: Last seminar of the semester
- Innovation in Agriculture: What’s the next “big thing”? - Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m., 1404 Williams Hall, NCSU Main Campus
  
Farmers and agribusinesses have driven drastic changes in the way our food is grown over the past two decades, but more major advancements are right around the corner. What kinds of equipment are our manufacturers designing for tomorrow’s farms? What breakthroughs in biotechnology are just around the corner? What consumer trends will drive agriculture in new directions? Come find out what the experts believe is the next “big thing” in agriculture, as Commissioner Troxler asks the brightest minds in the industry about their plans for changing the future of our industry.

Fall 2010 Seminar Course led by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler:
Agriculture Perspectives and Opportunities
- ALS 495-004 (30343) and AGI 95-005 (29396)
- 1 semester credit hour, S/U credit
- Wednesday 4:30 – 5:20 in Fox 306
- Seats are limited to 15 ALS and 15 AGI students

Other Upcoming Events – Hold the Dates:
- Thursday, April 22: UG Teaching & Research Symposium, McKimmon Center
- Monday, May 3: Celebration of Teaching
  Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 3:00 p.m.– 4:30 p.m. for a reception and awards program recognizing the 2009-10 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners. The celebration will be held in the Atrium of David Clark Labs. The excitement builds as CALS award winners continue to be announced!
- **Tuesday, May 18: CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop**
  The annual CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop is one day this year. The workshop will be held in 308 Ricks from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Seating is limited so please register at:

The schedule for New Student Orientation has been set. Please mark your calendars now for the following dates:
- Friday, June 28 - Transfer A
- Tuesday, July 6 - morning advisors meeting (exact time and location tba)
- Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7 - CALS freshmen - group 1
- Wednesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 8 - CALS freshmen - group 2
- Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 - CALS freshmen - group 3
- Monday, July 26 - Transfer B

**Spring 2010 - Important Academic/Scheduling Deadlines:**
- **April 1 - 2** - Spring Holiday; no classes
- **April 5** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- **April 26 - 30** - "Dead Week" - Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any test or quizzes or assign any additional papers or project during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.
- **April 30** - Last day of classes
- **May 3 - 4** - Reading Days
- **May 5 - 13** - Final Examinations
- **May 15** - Spring Commencement

**Summer I 2010 – Important Academic/Scheduling Deadlines:**
- **May 24** - First day of classes
- **May 25** - Last day to add a course without permission of instructor. MyPack Portal closes for adds at 11:59 p.m. (After this day, adds processed in 1000 Harris Hall.)
- **May 26** - Last day to register (includes payment of tuition and fees) or to add a course. Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment. (NOTE: The tuition and fees charge is based on the official number of hours and courses carried at 11:59 p.m. on this day.)
- **May 31** - Holiday (Memorial Day); university closed
- **June 9** - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at all levels. Last day to change from credit to audit at all levels. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit First Year Course Repeat forms. MyPack Portal closes drops at 11:59 p.m.
- **June 25** - Last day of classes
- **June 28 - 29** - Final Examinations

**UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**
The Admission Office will use the following deadlines and notification dates for the 2010 Fall Semester admissions process:
For freshmen applying for Summer or Fall 2010 admission (domestic, excluding College of Design):

- **Deadline 1:** October 15, 2009  
  Notification Date: December 15, 2009 – Decisions Finalized
- **Deadline 2:** November 1, 2009  
  Notification Date: January 30, 2010 – Decisions Finalized
- **Deadline 3:** February 1, 2010  
  Notification Date: March 30, 2010 – Decisions Finalized

**Of the 3,413 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of March 16, 2010** (does not include final admissions decisions made this week):
- 1,417 were admitted
- 1,006 were female (71%) and 411 were male (29%)
- 1,139 were from in-state (80.4%) and 278 were from out-of-state (19.6%)
- Diversity breakdown:
  - White 76.4%
  - American Indian or Alaska Native 0.5%
  - Black or African American 5.9%
  - Asian 7.6%
  - Hispanic 3.8%
  - Race and Ethnicity Unknown 1.7%
  - Nonresident Alien 1.7%
  - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.0%
  - Two or more races 2.4%
- Test Score Averages are as follows for those admitted to CALS:
  - Average SAT Total (math & verbal only) 1223
  - Average SAT Math Score 624
  - Average SAT Verbal Score 598
  - Percent Ranked in Top 10% of HS Class 60.4%
  - Average High School GPA 4.37

**For transfer students applying for summer or fall admission:**
- **Deadline:** April 1, 2010

**For entering freshmen and transfer students applying to the Agricultural Institute:**
- **Deadline:** July 1, 2010

For additional information on admission deadlines and requirements, visit the Undergraduate Admissions web site at: [http://admissions.ncsu.edu/](http://admissions.ncsu.edu/)

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

Thirty Career Fellows shadowed their mentors over the Spring Break holiday. We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback from both the students and the mentors on how successful the shadowing days went. To celebrate the success of the program, the students and their mentors will enjoy a banquet in their honor on Sunday, March 28th.

Speed Networking was held on March 24, 2010. Similar to the idea of “speed dating”, students meet with professionals in an informal setting to practice their networking skills. Professionals from the Animal, Health Care, Biotechnology, Sales and Business industries as well as numerous physicians participated in the event. Networking contacts were made and students had a great experience meeting professionals within their field of study.
The eXternship program held its first tour at Novozymes on March 26th. Twenty students were transported to Novozymes’ facility for a morning of touring and networking with professionals at the company. The selected students were able to catch a glimpse of the day-to-day working world in their field of study and ask professionals job-related questions. The next two tours will be held at Lab Corp on April 7th from 9:00am to 11:00am and the NCSU Veterinary School on April 26th from 10am to 12pm.

Get Hired will be held on April 7th in SAS 2225. This workshop is catered to juniors, seniors, and graduate students who are on the road to full-time employment after graduation. Whether these students are just starting their job hunt, applying but not getting the results they want, preparing for interviews, or wondering how to approach salary and benefit negotiation, this workshop can help them with each step along the way. Please encourage your students to attend this event to learn tips that will set them apart in the job market.

April

- **Get Hired-April 7th**
  Stressing out about your job search? Don’t worry! Learn the tools and skills you need to secure a job after graduation.

- **Mystery Kick Start-Specific tips on Career Directions**
  Wednesday, April 7 or Thursday, April 8

- **Professional Development Certificate Presentation**
  Wednesday, April 14 or Thursday, April 1

- **Knowledge Empowers Your Success (KEYS)-April 12th, April 19th, April 26th**
  This three workshop series is designed to give you the skills you need to unlock the door to workplace success. Check out our events link for details on how to sign up.

**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Agricultural Institute Visitation Day**
The Agricultural Institute will be hosting a visitation day on Friday, April 23. This day will be for high school seniors that have applied or are interested in the Agricultural Institute. Agricultural Institute faculty, advisers and coordinators will receive additional information soon.

**Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast**
The AGI Senior Breakfast will be Wednesday, April 28 in 2405 Williams Hall. The event will begin at 7:15am. Please visit the following url to RSVP:

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=409

**Agricultural Institute Spring Commencement**
The AGI spring commencement will be held Friday, May 14 at 3:00pm in Stewart Theatre. Please visit the following url to RSVP:

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=408
AGI Fall Orientation
Transfer Dates:
Monday, June 28, 2010
Monday, July 26, 2010

New Student:
Thursday, July 29 – Friday, July 30, 2010

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

New district Extension directors announced
Three new district Extension directors have been named for North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Dr. Dan Smith, McDowell County Extension director, has been named district Extension director for North Carolina’s West District. He replaces Harvey Fouts, who retired March 1. Greg Hoover, Davie County Extension director, has been named the Extension director for the state’s Southeast District. Hoover replaces Danny Shaw, who retired last July. Read more about Smith and Hoover from Extension Online News.

Dr. Travis Burke, Pasquotank County Extension director, has been named the Northeast District Extension director for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, effective March 1. Burke replaces Dr. Wanda Sykes, who retired in October. Read more from Perspectives Latest News

Communication Services and Creative Services will merge
Two of N.C. State University’s largest communication units -- University Creative Services and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Department of Communication Services -- are merging to enhance the image and awareness of N.C. State and to create an efficient and effective one-stop shop for communication services. The merger was announced to the communication staffs Wednesday afternoon, March 24. Joe Hice, the university’s chief communication officer, will continue to provide overall leadership for University Communication, with Mark Dearmon – now head of the Communication Services Department – providing direction for a unit to be known as Communication Services. Read more from Extension Online News

Extension educators are all a-Twitter
When agricultural Extension agent Debbie Roos first learned about the Internet service Twitter, she was, as she puts it, a decided non-believer. Why in the world, she wondered, would people want to send and receive messages limited to just 140 characters – fewer letters than are in this sentence? But today, after 383 ”tweets” and counting, Roos – or @GrowSmallFarms, as she’s known in the Twitterverse – has done an about-face. ”I fell in love with Twitter last summer. It really works,” she says. ”A lot of people who follow me now on Twitter weren’t familiar with my programs, and the potential to reach even more people is high,” she says. Read more from N.C. State’s Bulletin

Van der Hoeven is Extension’s tax man
You could call him North Carolina Cooperative Extension’s taxman: But unlike the taxman made famous by the Beatles, Guido van der Hoeven doesn’t tax streets, seats, heat, feet – or anything else, for that matter. But he does spend most of his working days helping others understand income and estate tax rules and how they relate to people’s lives and businesses. For the first four months of the year, right up until April 15, van der Hoeven fields a steady stream of income-tax-related questions by phone and email. And throughout the year, he researches, writes about and provides statewide training related to income taxes, estate planning and farm financial management.
Regional editions of Extension Gardener now available
The regional editions of Extension Gardener's spring e-newsletter are now available online via the Extension Gardener Web site. Editions for the coastal plain, mountains and Piedmont include regional events, gardening tips, information on garden spots to visit and articles about food crops and ornamentals for home gardeners: www.cals.ncsu.edu/extgardener/latest%20issue_eg.htm
The spring 2010 editions also include statewide articles on fragrant shrubs for the home garden, asparagus and pollinators. A seasonal pest alert focuses on gypsy moths.

New Extension publications now available online
Recent Cooperative Extension publications are now available online, at the links listed below. Read more about these new publications from Extension Online News. For more information, visit Extension’s educational resources database: www.ces.ncsu.edu/xrdb/

Webinar series on agritourism continues through April 6
N.C. State University’s Tourism Extension, based in the College of Natural Resources, has teamed with colleagues from Rutgers University to offer a free webinar series on agritourism. The East Coast Agritourism Webinar Series includes five different sessions designed to provide an overview of important information related to agritourism. Two sessions remain, and recordings of past sessions are available at: http://www.ncsu.edu/tourismextension/WebinarSeries.html

Remaining topics include:
Creating the Customer Experience: March 30
Social Media 101: April 6

SARE scholarships available to attend workshops
North Carolina Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (N.C. SARE) announces Travel Scholarships for the 2010 Seasons of Sustainable Agriculture workshops sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Farming Systems. N.C. SARE will cover up to $100 for registration, travel and mileage. All scholarships are reimbursement only. Please send fill out and send the attached application to Carol Moore at carolmoore27@gmail.com.

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

NIFA Workshop
USDA-ARS and NCSU faculty representatives attended a successful workshop on March 19 to explore opportunities for collaboration across different disciplines in developing research programs to meet the new NIFA objectives. Faculty with interest in submitting a proposal to compete for these new opportunities are encouraged to work with the NCSU Research Proposal Development Unit by registering interests and intent to submit through a newly established website <http://web.ncsu.edu/usda-afri/>. This website is designed to allow faculty to express their interest in participating in team efforts to develop proposals, to facilitate faculty connections, and to allow college and university administration to strategically allocate support to proposals and teams. This website is available only to NCSU personnel and will require your unity id and password.

NC SweetPotato Campaign for Excellence Continues to Work Toward Goal
The NC SweetPotato Commission Campaign for Excellence continues to work toward its $1.3 million goal to support sweetpotato research and extension efforts. In 2009, Burch Farms, Ham Farms and Produce, the Hershel and Agnes Williams family, Hill Top Farm and Equipment Company, Warren
Farming Partnership, Henry and Laurie Chancy, George Wooten, and Michael L. Godwin Farms committed to the creation of new sub-endowments under the umbrella of the Covington Endowment. Ken Pecota and AgCarolina Financial made major lead gifts to the endowment. 2009 contributors were celebrated in a signing ceremony at the NC State University Club. Combined with previous endowment founders, gifts and pledges to date total $710,000. Committee members have pledged to complete the drive in time to celebrate at the January 2011 annual meeting of the NCSPC.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Visitors**
China Institute of Tobacco
The Plant Biology Department, in conjunction with NCARS, hosted a Tobacco Symposium for six Chinese delegates affiliated with the Tobacco Institute of China. The symposium was held March 31, 2010. Dr. DeYu Xie, Assistant Professor in Plant Biology directed the meeting which involved a series of research presentations from CALS faculty and from the delegates. Collaborations are anticipated with China and NCSU for tobacco research. Please contact Dr. Xie (deyu_xie@ncsu.edu) if you would like more information on the delegation and future opportunities. Dr. Xie extends gratitude to all faculty and staff who participated in making the symposium a success.

**Rosetta Stone Program Available for Waitlist**
The CALS International Programs Office now has a dedicated website from Rosetta Stone Language Software for use by faculty and staff. This is a pilot program and we have 30 licenses available for use at any one time for a period of 12 – 14 weeks. The available languages are: Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English (British), English (American), Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish (Spain), Spanish (Latin American), Swedish, Tagalog, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

If you are interested in using the software and registering for a license, please email patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu with your language preference and a short statement of use indicating how you intend to use the language training with your position. You will be placed on a waiting list and notified when a license becomes available. The next group of licenses will become available in late June.

The IPO office will be the administrator for these licenses and will monitor the use of the each license. If a registered account is not being used, it is only fair to give the registration to another person on the waiting list. Users will always be contacted with at least two ‘notification’ messages regarding usage prior to any action taken. If you are currently registered, please be certain you have begun your course of study and your registration is in full-use. Call or email with any further concerns 515-2818 / patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu.

**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 four years, the College has implemented it as a foundation component of our
work to foster system change around pluralism and inclusion. The 2010 Opening Doors workshops for CALS employees will be held at the Eastern 4-H Center on May 12-14, 2010 and September 14-16, 2010. The workshop is absolutely free to all CALS personnel including meals and lodging. NC State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion is sponsoring the May session of Opening Doors which is free to all NCSU faculty and staff, including CALS.

Research Grants for Under-represented Junior Faculty- New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Foundation, while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. The program invites Junior Investigators-scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities-to address specific questions posed by one of RWJF's program areas including: Childhood Obesity, Coverage, Human Capital, Public Health and Vulnerable Populations. For more information or to submit a proposal, visit http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21061. The deadline is April 7, 2010.

Atlanta Consortium: Recruitment Event for Spellman College and Morehouse College Undergraduate Students: The NCUS Graduate School, in conjunction with The Graduate School at UNC Chapel Hill, hosted students from Morehouse and Spellman Colleges for a formal visitation program on Friday, March 25 and 26, 2010. Dr. Guion coordinated the visit for 8 students (5 form Morehouse and 3 from Spellman) interested in CALS graduate degree programs. The CALS session included an orientation/presentation about CALS by Dr. Guion followed by departmental visits. The departmental visits were coordinated by Dr. Jon Allen, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences; Dr. Harry Daniels, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Biological Sciences; and Dr. Jerry Spears, Professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Animal Science.

Presentation at Visitation Days- Dr. Lisa A. Guion, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Outreach and Engagement made a one-hour presentation and provided information to prospective high school students and their parents during the African American Visitation Day on Saturday, March 27, 2010 and Latino Visitation Day on Saturday, April 17, 2010. These Visitation Day programs are sponsored by the NCSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions. African American and Latino high school students who have been accepted for admission to NC State receive a special invitation from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to attend these respective events. The purpose of these events is to provide these outstanding students with first-hand information on degree programs, scholarships and financial aid, housing, etc; and encourage them to attend NC State. Dr. Guion makes presentations to students majoring in CALS disciplines and their parents. A panel of current CALS students provides insights on courses, undergraduate research opportunities and student life which is immediately followed by question and answers from the students and their parents.

The American Association of University Women, in a new report, weighs in on the social and environmental factors that contribute to the underrepresentation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The report, titled "Why So Few?" and released March 23, 2010, follows a series of recent efforts to reverse that pattern, including work by colleges to support female scientists, another report on the issue from three Berkeley researchers, and a push by the National Science Foundation's Advance program. The report is available at http://www.aauw.org/research/whysofew.cfm.
Other Diversity Events:
What's Race Got to Do with It? The Staff Senate Diversity Committee is hosting a Diversity Film Series that will feature an opportunity for the NC State community to participate in a facilitated one-hour session featuring the viewing and post discussion of a diversity-related documentary film. The sessions will be 1 hour long each month from January to June, and will allow for in-person, or in-office viewing. The sessions are currently scheduled from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. in Room 313 in the Monteith Engineering Research Center (MRC) on Centennial Campus. The sessions will be held on: April 16th, May 14th, and June 11th. Seating is limited to a max of 80 people. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in the actual room discussions. However, employees and/or student not able to attend the session may view the film via the DELTA MediaSite and submit questions during this allotted time.

National Observances for April is…
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- National Autism Awareness Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- National Occupational Therapy Month
- National Parkinson's Awareness Month

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Upcoming Events:
The Gala in the Garden! Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 2, 2010, 3:00 p.m., for the JC Raulston Arboretum's signature fundraising event -- The Gala in the Garden! This year is "Gala in Wonderland" and will feature an outstanding silent auction with more than 300 rare and unusual botanicals and non-botanical items, plus gourmet food and drinks not to be missed. A garden party like no other! For more information, go to http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/gala

Save the Date: The date for the spring Joint Board Meetings for Ag, Dairy and Tobacco has been set for April 14, 2010.

Save the Date: The NC Tobacco Foundation, Inc. is hosting the 2010 US Tobacco Forum scheduled for June 10 - 11, 2010 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Conference Center, Research Triangle Park, NC. More information to come!

Save the Date: The 2010 CALS Donor Recognition Event will be held October 31 - more info to follow.

CALS Advancement News Items:
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 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.

**Secrets of Success: North Carolina Values-Based Leadership makes a perfect motivational gift!** General H. Hugh Shelton’s coffee table-book takes a very special look into leadership and values. Through the beautiful black-and-white portrait photography and the book’s voices you’ll experience leadership first-hand from some 35 men and women with a unique and special North Carolina connection. Readers will learn how leadership impacted pivotal moments in world politics, business, the military, athletics, religion, and the arts. Proceeds from the sale of this book will support programs for the General H. Hugh Shelton Leadership Center, including 4-H Shelton scholarships, and enhanced initiatives for young people statewide. Available through your local bookstores and Amazon.com. Visit [http://cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/secrets-of-success/](http://cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/secrets-of-success/)

**Dr. George T. Barthalmus' original murder mystery, Revenge Through Me – now in its second print run!** Dr. Barthalmus has asked that all profits from the sale of the book continue to support the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment. Book sales have been strong enough to help us provide our first Barthalmus Scholarship this academic year. To order, go to [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/RevengeThroughMeBarthalmusBook.htm](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/RevengeThroughMeBarthalmusBook.htm).

**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.calsgiftplanning.org/](http://www.calsgiftplanning.org/).

You may support any area of the College and join or renew your Arboretum membership online using our secure website. Visit for safe, convenient online giving!

**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 HIRES FOR MARCH, 2010

Important Information Regarding Changes to the Health Plan
The State Health Plan's Annual Enrollment continues through April 9, 2010. This year is different from all prior year enrollments due to the requirements associated with the new Comprehensive Wellness Initiatives (CWI), in particular, the Tobacco Cessation Component.

As required in the legislation, the SHP will move all employees currently enrolled in the PPO Standard (80/20) plan to the PPO Basic (70/30) plan effective July 1, 2010. Employees who choose to move back to the PPO Standard (80/20) MUST TAKE ACTION during this annual enrollment period.

From March 15th through April 9th, NC State University Employees opting for the PPO Standard (80/20) plan WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO ONLINE to attest that they and covered dependents ARE NOT tobacco users. Paper applications/forms WILL NOT be accepted for this annual enrollment.

To access the online site, please visit: https://ncsubenefits.hrintouch.com/

If you have questions, or require assistance, please contact Steve Norris at 919-515-1383 (County employees) or Michael Boykin 919-515-4316 (all others).

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service Now Recruiting for 53 Positions!
NC Cooperative Extension is currently recruiting for 53 positions. The positions include County Extension Director, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Agricultural Agent, 4-H Agent, and Family & Consumer Sciences Agent. The full list of open positions can be found at http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/Bar/jobs/.

CALS RPT 101 to be Scheduled in Early May After Finals
Dr. Sylvia Blankenship and the Personnel Office will once again host a detailed RPT information session suitable for all faculty scheduled for review in the 10-11 cycle, those who are considering a non-mandatory review, department heads, and personnel representatives. We will communicate specific details via CALS listservs in the next few days. If you have any questions about the RPT process, please contact Rebecca Zuvich at 919-515-2641.

Welcome New Employees!
New Campus Employees - Staff
Jennifer Hruska, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences
Steven Roberson, Research Technician, Entomology
Emily Spence, Research Technician, Genetics

New County Employees
Elena Papadatos, Program Assistant, Cabarrus County
David Cozzo, Associate Area Specialized Agent, Cherokee Reservation
Elizabeth Johnson, Area Specialized Agent, Cherokee Reservation
Ivelisse Colon Diaz, Program Assistant, Guilford County
Arnicia Mae Morgan, Program Assistant, Guilford County
Clytia Johnson, Program Assistant, Hertford County
Rhonda Lilley, Program Assistant, Martin County
Sharon Pearson, Program Assistant, Mecklenburg County
Ava Maria Locklear, Program Assistant, Robeson County
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**DEAN’S OFFICE**

2010 CALS Awards for Excellence Results:
I am pleased to announce the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences “Award for Excellence” recipients for the calendar year 2010. They are:

- **Sue C. Strong** On-Campus Supervisory/Administrative Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences
- **Leena Kathuria** On-Campus Secretarial/Clerical Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics
- **Richard Santangelo** On-Campus Technical Department of Entomology
- **Kimberly L. Jett** Off-Campus Secretarial/Clerical NC Cooperative Extension – Sandhills
- **Dreama C. Milks** Off-Campus Technical/Supervisory Department of Plant Pathology – Fletcher
- **Diane Ducharme** EPA Horticulture & Food Safety & GAPs Programs

A luncheon honoring these recipients will be held on **Friday, April 23 at 12 noon at the University Club**, 4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. Anyone who would like to attend the luncheon may do so at a cost of $15. Please send your RSVP to claudia_mello@ncsu.edu by noon on Friday, April 16 if you would like to attend. Checks should be made payable to NC State University and mailed to Claudia Mello, Box 7601, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695.

Our college winners are also being submitted to the University Committee for consideration for the University Awards for Excellence. **Unit winners will also be recognized during a Reception which is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9 at the Talley Student Center Ballroom, NC State University campus – this is recent change in type of event, time and location.** Tickets for the Dessert Social will be for sale in the near future and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please join us in congratulating our college winners!