TIME AND LOCATION FOR DEPARTMENTAL CEREMONIES
(Ceremonies will take place on Saturday unless it specifies on Friday)

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - 1:30 p.m. (except for those marked with an asterisk)
Agricultural and Resource Economics ................................................................. 3400 Nelson Hall
Agricultural and Extension Education ............................................................. Cary Church of Christ, 6640 Tryon Road, Cary
Agricultural Science ......................................................................................... Cary Church of Christ, 6640 Tryon Road, Cary
*Agronomy, Plant and Soil Sciences, Turfgrass Science,
Crop Science, and Soil Science - 1:00 p.m. ................................................................. 2215 Williams Hall
*Animal Science - 7:00 p.m. ............................................................................. McKimmon Center
Biological and Agricultural Engineering ............................................................. Pavilion, D. S. Weaver Laboratories
*Biology (Biological Sciences and Zoology) - 3:00 p.m. ................................. Reynolds Coliseum
Food Science (1:30), Bioprocessing Science (1:30) and
*Nutrition Science (2:30) .......................................................... Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College, 900 Hillsborough Street
*Genetics(1:00) .................................................................................. Stanley G. Stephens Conference Room, JC Raulston Arboretum
Horticultural Science .................................................................................. Ruby McSwain Education Center, JC Raulston Arboretum
Microbiology .................................................................................................. Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center
Molecular and Structural Biochemistry .......................................................... Room 2, McKimmon Center
Plant Biology .................................................................................................. 3712 Bostian Hall
Poultry Science .................................................................................................. 2722 Bostian Hall
Sociology and Anthropology 
(Applied Sociology/Criminology) .......................................................... Athens Drive High School Auditorium, 1420 Athens Drive
4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences ..................... Kresge Auditorium, Cate Student Center
Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street
Interdepartmental Graduate & Undergraduate Programs (Environmental Sciences,
Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology) .................................. Location of Major Faculty Advisor

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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**Remaining Spring Visitation Days:**
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. Please visit cals.ncsu.edu/ambassadors to learn more and register online.

**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](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=704)

**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.  

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

Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 4:00 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**

**Speed Networking:** This event will take place on Tuesday, April 3rd in Talley Ballroom. There is currently 1 open spot in the Sales and Business category. Please encourage students to sign up. Even if there is a waitlist in their desired category, there is a chance they will be able to attend. Speed Networking is a great way for students to meet professionals and gain insight and advice to help them make decisions about entering the field. To see more information, go to: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=893.

**MasterMinds 9 Monsanto Tour:** Students involved in the MasterMinds 9 program had the opportunity to tour Monsanto in RTP on Friday, March 23rd. This trip gave students a better understanding of Monsanto, the career opportunities available there, and a chance to meet professionals.

**Resume Marathon:** On April 5th, CALS Career Services will host a resume marathon. Students have registered online for the opportunity to have their resumes critiqued throughout the day in preparation for summer internships and job interviews. Encourage students to sign up for an appointment slot in ePACK.

**Career Fellows:** The 2012 cohort of Career Fellows was completed over Spring Break. Thirty CALS students, across majors were placed with professionals and in organizations related to their career goals. Students gained insight into possible job opportunities and professional contacts in their field. Shadowing sites included: John Deere Landscaping, WakeMed, Duke Lemur Center, Raleigh Orthopedic, NIEHS, Novozymes and many others.

**Get Hired:** There are two sessions available for students to attend the Get Hired presentation. The dates are April 18th (recommended for undergraduates) and April 19th (recommended for graduates) starting at 5:30 p.m. in Williams 2312. This is a fresh workshop that helps students prepare for the job search. More information is available at: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=1500.

**LinkedIn Kick Start Workshop:** On March 19th and 22nd, the CALS Career Services graduate and student intern gave a presentation on the importance of LinkedIn. Twelve students attended the first workshop where they learned what to include on their profile, how to best connect, and how to make the most of all the benefits of the site. Rob Humphrey, a LinkedIn representative, presented to the April 19th session and even helped give a student a profile makeover. Students were excited to hear of a new social network that can help their professional presence online.

**Shine While You Dine:** Forty-eight students attended this event where they learned to master the difficult challenge of eating in a professional setting. Peer Counselors gave a professional fashion show that helped students understand what outfits are expected at different company events. Representatives from Macy’s also came to the event to help prepare the peer counselors for the fashion show. AgCarolina sponsored this event. To see pictures from this event, visit our facebook fan page at http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/CALS-Career-Services/358999011384.
**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

Mark your calendars!

**AGI Senior Visitation Day**
The Agricultural Institute will host an AGI Senior Visitation Day Friday, April 20, 2012. The event will be held at the Beef Educational Unit on Lake Wheeler Road. RSVP: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=728

**Senior Breakfast**
Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast for graduating seniors will be held Tuesday, April 24, 2012. The breakfast will begin at 7:30am in 2405 Williams Hall. RSVP: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=741

**Graduation**
The Agricultural Institute commencement ceremony will be Friday, May 11, 2012, 3:00pm in Stewart Theatre. All are welcome to attend. RSVP: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=742

**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 resume in April**
Cooperative Extension’s District Conferences began March 20 and continue through April 5. March conferences were in the West, North Central and South Central districts.

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.

Remaining conference dates and locations are:
April 4, Northeast District, Williamston

April 5, Southeast District, Kenansville

Registration is closed, and employees are asked to attend the conference site where they are registered.

**Extension part of N.C. State service award**
N.C. Cooperative Extension is recognized as one of the factors in North Carolina State University receiving the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement – a Presidential Award. As part of the 2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, N.C. State is one of only five Presidential Awardees nationwide, and one of two in the “general community service” category.
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.

Extension directors named for Iredell and Davie counties
Nancy Keith, who has directed North Carolina Cooperative Extension programs in Yadkin County since 2007, has been named Cooperative Extension director in Iredell County. Lyndsie N. Young, Davie County’s 4-H leader for the last five years, has been named to direct North Carolina Cooperative Extension programs in that county.

Container gardening guidance
A new publication from N.C. Cooperative Extension gives Piedmont gardeners guidance on growing fruits, herbs and vegetables in containers.

Beyond the yuck factor
Why do Americans continue to flush their toilets with drinking water? It’s a question that an N.C. State University team of soil scientists contemplates every day as they work to show that small-scale wastewater reuse can be a way to ensure a safe and plentiful water supply in the face of projected nationwide water shortfalls.

4,000+ Extension Master Gardeners help make N.C. a greener place
With spring on its way, Extension Master Gardeners across the state are working in full gear, helping fellow gardeners – beginners and experts, young and old – enhance their landscapes, grow their own fruits and vegetables and learn about the science behind gardening.

Extension Master Gardener, Master Messenger
Wake County grower practices on his farm what he preaches as N.C. Master Gardener Volunteer Association president.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Program finalists to give presentations
The two finalists to become the next associate administrator for The Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University have seminar presentations that will be open to SAES faculty, staff and students scheduled: beginning with a seminar by Dr. Karen G. Gehrt on Tuesday, April 3, and followed with a presentation by Dr. Fletcher Barber on Monday, April 9. Both seminars will be at the Godfrey Multi-Purpose Room at A&T’s Coltrane Hall, and both will begin at 11 a.m.

North Carolina communities receive planning support for incubator farms
Several North Carolina communities will receive support in establishing incubator farms, thanks to the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) and the Bringing New Farmers to the Table Project. Incubator farms provide new farmers with plots of land to begin their operations and hone their farming skills before they make an investment in a more permanent location.

NC Choices receives Rural Center grant
NC Choices, an initiative of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS), has received a $325,000 grant from the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center. The funds will be used over two years to provide small-scale, commercial meat processors across the state with assistance, including business development and technical training. The project is expected to help meat processors grow their businesses, create jobs and advance the niche meat industry in the state.
**Ready Business workshops will be offered**

Fifty individuals in North Carolina outreach organizations were recently trained to help North Carolina businesses be better prepared for disaster. Trainers with North Carolina Cooperative Extension, the Industrial Extension Service and the Small Business and Technology Development Centers and N.C. Community Colleges are now organizing teams to present workshop for small and medium business owners across the state.

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**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](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](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.

**Sustainability in Agriculture: A Bayer Executive Course**
Faculty from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Poole College of Management have developed a unique Executive Course that focuses on sustainability in agriculture. This science based 2-day course is the first in the U.S. that integrates science, economics, and business management. It informs corporate executives on the current factors driving changes in resource availability, environmental regulation, and climate change that are impacting agriculture in North America and globally, and the appropriate paths for maintaining successful, sustainable businesses in the future. The initial series of courses is being presented to managers and executives of Bayer CropScience, a top innovator in the area of crop protection, and to corporate leaders in Bayer’s product market. The purpose of the course is to develop leadership for sustainable agriculture in the private sector. It emphasizes growing sustainable businesses and reducing the world’s agricultural footprint. This course is being lead by the new Coordinator for CALS Sustainability Programs, Dr. Danesha Seth Carley.

The first iteration of the course was held March 19-21, at the Umstead Hotel, in Cary.

The next version of the course is already being developed for Fall of 2012.

**NC Aquaculture Conference/Shellfish Growers/Aquaculture Association**
On February 10-11, approximately 350 were in attendance for the NC Aquaculture Association and NC Shellfish Growers meeting at the New Bern Hilton for their meeting, tradeshow and workshops. Members of the North Carolina Aquaculture Association and North Carolina Shellfish Growers heard presentations on a range of aquacultural topics from College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty members and others during the North Carolina Aquaculture Conference Feb. 10-11, 2012. North Carolina aquaculture producers are concerned about public perception that wild-caught seafood species are better than farm-raised species, while shellfish growers are concerned about meeting demand for their product.

**Eastern Christmas Tree Growers Meeting**
The North Carolina Eastern Christmas Tree growers held their annual meeting Feb. 18, 2012 at the Horticultural Crops Research Station in Clinton. Among topics of discussion were trees adapted to eastern North Carolina conditions and the share of the Christmas tree market eastern North Carolina growers command. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

**Plant Pathology Society of NC Annual Meeting**
The Plant Pathology Society of North Carolina held its annual meeting March 1 in Morrisville. The day-long meeting included presentations by College of Agriculture and Life Sciences faculty members Jean Beagle Ristaino, Christina Cowger and Peter Ballnt-Kurti as well as Ph.D. candidates Rodrlgo Olarte and Jessica Houle. The meeting, attended by approximately 50 people, was sponsored by Bartlett Tree Experts, Bayer CropScience and Syngenta.
North Carolina Christmas Tree Association Board of Directors Meeting and General Membership Meeting
The North Carolina Christmas Tree association held its board of directors and general membership meeting beginning March 1 in Boone, NC. During the board of directors meeting on March 1, Jeff Owen, who was substituting for Dr. Tom Melton, gave a brief report on NCSU activities related to Christmas tree production. The board of directors meeting was followed by the general membership meeting then a day and a half of educational programs. Educational programs were presented by the following NCSU faculty: Jill Sidebottom, John Frampton, Eric Hinesley (retired), Jeff Owen, Jerry Moody and Jim Hamilton.

NC Muscadine Grape Growers
Approximately 80 muscadine grape growers and others attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Muscadine Grape Growers Association March 9, 2012 at Hinnant Vineyard in Pine Level. The meeting included presentations by CALS faculty members Sara Spayd, Penny Perkins-Veazie and Hannah Burrack and a tour of vineyards and winemaking facilities. Among the attendees was a Chinese commerce delegation interested in buying muscadine products. Growers see a bright future for fresh market grapes as well as value-added products such as smoothies, juice, frozen grapes and supplements.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY

Explore NC State visit by SC State University
CALS sponsors Historically Black College or University (HBCU) student visit: Honor students from South Carolina State University will be visiting NC State to learn about graduate degree programs in the life sciences, physical and mathematical sciences, and veterinary medicine. The event will be held on April 20, 2012. The program is co-sponsored by the NCSU Graduate School, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences.

CALS 8th Annual Female Faculty Professional Development and Networking Meeting
On March 14, 2012, Dr. Lisa Guion Jones and Dr. Sylvia Blankenship hosted the 8th Annual Female Networking & Professional Development and Networking Meeting. After a small reception and social hour, Dr. Lee-Ann Jaykus, Dr. Becky Boston, and Ms. Dollie Moore presented information on gaining “The Competitive Advantage: Nuts and Bolts of Winning Large-Scale Interdisciplinary, Inter-Institutional Grants.” The focus of the presentation was the inside scoop on developing, submitting, and receiving large scale, multi-year, multi-million dollar interdisciplinary, inter-institutional research grants that have extension outreach components and demonstrate broad impacts. The event was held at 2:00 p.m. in the D.H. Hill Library.

CALS Graduate Student Seminar
On March 15, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Thomas Hall, Graduate Student Representatives on the CALS Diversity Council presented a seminar on Graduate School Funding. The seminar was led by a discussion panel, which included, Dr. David Shafer, Dr. Erin Banks, Dr. Sue Carson, and Ms. Veronica Mbaneme. The panel spoke about available funding opportunities for graduate programs; grant reviewer expectations while reviewing applications; and grant reviewers’ perspectives about what it takes to have a successful application. The panel also provided insight from current fellowship recipients. All CALS students were invited to attend.

The OIED, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs awards College Performance Awards
As in years past, college performance awards are given to those colleges that had 50% or more of their freshman class (African American, Native American & Hispanic students combined) to achieve a 3.0
or greater semester grade point average. This is the 12th year that MSA has given college awards. CALS received an award for 55% of their underrepresented freshman students earning a 3.0 or higher G.P.A.

**Dr. Larry Goodridge visit**

Dr. Lary Goodridge, Associate Professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University, spoke at NC State on February 2, 2012. The CALS Office of Diversity Affairs, along with the Department of Microbiology hosted Dr. Goodridge’s visit. During his visit to the Department of Microbiology, Dr. Goodridge presented a seminar on, “Design and Development of De Novo Diagnostics Using Bio-markers of Active Infection in Elk.” Dr. Goodridge also presented a lecture to CALS students from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the African American Cultural Center. In this lecture, Dr. Goodridge shared strategies and lessons he’s learned about overcoming barriers that can prevent college students from being successful in the sciences.

**iMAPS Regional Pre-Health Conference**

On Saturday, February 25, 2012, the NCSU Minority Association of Pre Health Students (MAPS) in partnership with the UNC MAPS and its affiliated UNC SNMA Chapter, sponsored the iMAPS Regional Pre Health Conference. The conference included four educational sessions that were delivered to over fifty (50) participants who are college students from MAPS chapters at four North Carolina universities. Speakers at the event included: Dr. Faye Hobb; Dr. Ronald Baynes Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health and Pathobiology; Dr. Gerald Mulvaney, OB/Gyn; Dr. Eric Davis, DDS; and Dr. Lloyd Edwards, UNC Public Health Researcher, and others.

**American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Region VII Conference**

CALS Ambassadors exhibited at this year’s AISES Region VII Conference, held at North Carolina State University on February 25, 2012, on the Centennial Campus at the College of Textiles. Over 150 students, parents, and teachers participated in the event. The conference focused on educating high school and undergraduate college students about the engineering discipline, business etiquette for college students, financial aid, admissions and summer bridge programs, and undergraduate research experiences. The event also served as a college fair for students.

**Register for Opening Doors 2012**

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 six 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 university-sponsored Opening doors Workshop will be held on May 23-25, 2012, and is absolutely free to all NC State employees including all meals and lodging. The last CALS sponsored session of this year will be held on September 19-21, 2012. 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. There must also be two participants willing to drive the van. Registration is open for all remaining 2012 Opening Doors sessions at:

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

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.

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.

JC Raulston Arboretum Plant Sale
April 13, 2012 (Friday) – 4:00 PM–7:00 PM – JCRA Members Only Preview Sale
April 14, 2012 (Saturday) – 9:00 AM–5:00 PM – Open to the Public

Children's Program
Guided Children's Tours
April 14, 2012 (Saturday) – 11:00 AM–4:00 PM – tours on the hour
April 15, 2012 (Sunday) – 1:00 PM–3:00 PM – tours on the hour

Pi Alpha Xi Plant Sale at the JCRA
April 21, 2012 (Saturday) – 8:00 AM–4:00 PM
April 22, 2012 (Sunday) – 10:00 AM–3:00 PM

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**

Thank you to those who nominated your deserving employees. Nominations are still open until 5:00 Friday, March 30. Please follow the detailed instructions in the Dean’s letter of solicitation on submission. Good luck to all.

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