ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

The Academic Programs Office is hosting the Southern/North Central Region Joint Academic Programs Section Staff Workshop on May 21-22. As a result, our office will be down to a very small crew since our staff will be participating in the workshop and many of the senior staff will be helping to facilitate the workshop. We hope that this collaborative workshop will provide an excellent opportunity to learn, share ideas, and view innovative programs being utilized by our peers.

CALS Teaching and Advising Summer Workshop
Registration is now open for the CALS 2008 Teaching and Advising Summer Workshop. What is Moodle? A new kind of soup? Our morning session will focus on using a new course management system, Podcasting technology and web advising tools. After lunch, learn more about how to “know” your students and also hear effective teaching tips and strategies from faculty who STUDENTS recognize as outstanding teachers who practice the scholarship of teaching.

The workshop is sponsored by the CALS Effective Teaching and Advising Committee. Graduate Teaching Assistants, New Faculty and Experienced Faculty will all find something new to learn and enjoy the opportunity to share with colleagues.

So we may plan for adequate numbers for lunch, please RSVP at http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=179

CALS Teaching and Advising Workshop -- May 14, 2008 -- 1400 Williams
Session I: Technology in Teaching and Advising
8:30-8:45 am Introduction - Dr. Sarah Ash
8:45-9:45 am On line advising tool and website- Ms. Jenny Ellerbe
9:45-10:00 am Break
10:00-11:00 am Moodle and Podcasting- Ms. Leigh Jay Hicks
11:00-noon Faculty experts share their teaching with technology innovations in the classroom: Drs. Keith Harris (video clips) and Chris Daubert (flash cards) from the Department of Food, Bioprocessing, and Nutrition Sciences, and Clyde Sorenson, from Entomology (on-line forums) and more…

Noon to 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Room 2 Ricks
May 14, 2008
VALS Teaching and Advising Workshop
Room 2 Ricks Hall
Session II: Teaching Tricks From Award Winning Teachers
Noon- 1:00pm Lunch
1:00-1:50 pm Intro- Tips to Effective Teaching- Mr. Herman Sampson
1:50-2:45 pm “Profiling” Your Student’s Learning Style- Dr. David Jones
2:45-3:00 pm Break
3:00-4:30 pm Teaching tips from Award Winning Teachers:
Drs. Jeannette Moore, Chad Jordan, Billy Flowers
Bill Grant, Jan Spears, Gary Moore

CALS Hosted Two Visitation Days in April
- April 18 was a visitation day for seniors who have been accepted. We had 45 students attend the event.
- April 25 was the Agricultural Institute Visitation Day. We had 20 students attend the event.

Thank you to everyone who made both of these visitation days successful.

An end of the year banquet was held for the CALS Ambassadors on April 18. The event was held at the McKimmon Center. It was a great night of recognition for the CALS Ambassadors for all the hard work they do for our college.

CALS New Student Orientation 2008

Admissions Information on New Students
Of the 2,877 freshmen who had applied for entrance into CALS as of April 16, 2008, 1808 have been accepted by the University and 569 have already responded that they will accept their offer of admission.

For CALS, the average SAT Total is 1196, the average high school GPA is 4.25 and 56.3% are in the top 10% of their class. This is comparative to the overall numbers for the incoming accepted class (SAT = 1208; HS GPA = 4.19; % in the top 10% of their class = 49.1%). It also represents an increase over the numbers for last year’s accepted class in CALS (SAT = 1182; HS GPA = 4.15; % in top 10% of their class = 47.1%). Of those admitted:

- 1,231 were female (68%) and 577 were male (32%)
- 1,428 were from in-state (79%) and 380 were from out-of-state (21%)
- Diversity breakdown:
  - White 75%
  - American Native 1%
  - African American 9%
  - Asian 8%
  - Hispanic 3%
  - Unknown 3%
  - International 1%

Note: If you would like additional information and breakdowns of enrollment data, you can access this information by visiting the University Planning and Analysis website and accessing the “Secure Data” link. The link for University Planning and Analysis is: http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/index.html
Upcoming Dates of Importance

- April 28 thru May 6 - Final Examinations
- May 9 - Agricultural Institute Commencement
- May 10 - Spring Commencement
- May 19 - First day of classes, Summer Session I
- May 20 - (Summer I Session & Ten-week Session) 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 21 - (Summer I Session & Ten-week Session) 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.
- May 26 - Holiday (Memorial Day); university closed
- June 3- (Summer I Session only) Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- June 4-(Summer I Session Only) Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- June 19-(Ten-week Session Only) - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- June 20-Last day of classes
- June 23- (Ten-week Session only) Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- June 23 thru June 24-Final Examinations, Summer Session I
- June 30- July 4-No classes
- July 8- First day of classes, Summer Session II
- July 9- 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.)
- July 10-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.
- July 22-Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 400 level or below. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 400 level or below. Last day to change to credit only. Last day to submit Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for Undergraduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- July 23-Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 500-900 level. Last day to change from credit to audit at the 500-900 level. MyPack Portal closes for Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- July 29- Last day of Tuesday/Thursday classes for Ten-week Session participants
- July 30-Last day of Monday/Wednesday classes for Ten-week Session participants
- July 31-Final examinations for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 4-Final examinations for 5:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 5-Final examinations for 7:15/7:40 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday classes (Ten-week session only) August 6-Final examinations for 7:15/7:40 p.m. Monday/Wednesday classes (Ten-week session only)
- August 8-Last day of classes for Summer II participants
August 11 thru August 12 - Final Examinations for Summer II participants

2008 Spring Commencement Exercises
The 2008 Spring Commencement Exercises will be held at the RBC Center on Saturday, May 10. Festivities will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a concert by the Amalgam Brass Ensemble. Graduation Exercises will start at 9:00 a.m. The distribution of diplomas to our graduates will take place in departmental ceremonies as listed below. With the exception of those marked with an asterisk, all departmental graduation ceremonies will begin at 1:30 p.m.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - 1:30 p.m. (except for those marked with an asterisk)
Agricultural and Resource Economics
(ABM, BBM, NRM, ESE Majors/Concentration) ............... 3400 Nelson Hall
Agricultural and Extension Education........................Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
*Agronomy, Turfgrass Science, Crop Science,
and Soil Science - 1:00 p.m......................... 2215 Williams Hall
Animal Science ....................................................... McKimmon Center
Biological and Agricultural Engineering ....................... Pavilion, D. S. Weaver Laboratories
*Biological Sciences - 3:00 p.m ................................ Reynolds Coliseum
Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences and
Biological Science - Nutrition Concentration.................. Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College, 300 Hillsborough Street
Horticultural Science .................................................. Ruby McSwain Education Center,
..............................JC Raulston Arboretum
Microbiology...................................................... Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center
*Molecular and Structural Biochemistry - 4:00 p.m ................ McKimmon Center
Plant Biology .......................................................... 3712 Bostian Hall
Poultry Science .................................................... 106 Scott Hall
Sociology and Anthropology
(Applied Sociology/Criminology) .............................. Athens Drive High School Auditorium,
..............................1420 Athens Drive
*Zoology - 3:00 p.m ................................................ Reynolds Coliseum
Interdepartmental Graduate Programs (Environmental Sciences,
Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology ..........Location of Major Faculty Advisor

Career Services Office
Career Services will host Backpack to Briefcase on May 14-15. This two-day seminar is designed for seniors who are graduating without a job. We will cover job search strategies, networking techniques, and career opportunities, all in a supportive environment. The second day will consist of a field trip to the Environmental Protection Agency in RTP. This is a great opportunity for any senior who is still undecided about their career future. Interested students can register on-line at www.cals.ncsu.edu/career and choose Backpack to Briefcase under the Quick Links menu.

In April, we awarded 20 Kick Start certificates to students who completed the program. Dr. Esbenshade and Tricia Buddin represented the College Administration at our award ceremonies.

Agricultural Institute Office
The AGI Senior Breakfast was held Wednesday, April 23. There was a tremendous student turnout. A big thank you to the AGI Alumni Committee for sponsoring the breakfast and Dr. John Russ and Dr. Lynn Turner, as well as a number of AGI Club members, for preparing the food!
The AGI Commencement Ceremony will be held Friday, May 9, 2008. The ceremony will begin at 3:00 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. This will be your final opportunity to visit with graduating students and their families. We look forward to seeing you there.

**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**Extension’s Program at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis**
Dr. Blake Brown is coordinating our Extension program at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis. Annette Dunlap, Diane Ducharme and Leah Chester-Davis work with Blake to develop programs and workshops on value-added agriculture in the areas of fruits and vegetables. They are also working on projects for agents and others on biofuels and other emerging enterprises in North Carolina.

**WC Breeze Family Farm Agricultural Extension & Research Center**
This 169-acre property in Orange County was donated to the NC Agricultural Foundation in 2004 along with a charitable trust. The NC Cooperative Extension Service and NC Agricultural Research Service will work with Orange County to manage this farm. This farm will develop and implement innovative, environmentally sound, and economically viable agriculture enterprises to invigorate farms, grow local food systems and strengthen farming systems in the Piedmont Region.

**National Extension Technology Conference**
The 2008 National Extension Technology Conference (NETC) will be hosted by North Carolina State University. This conference will be held April 27 through May 1 in the Raleigh area. Many thanks to Rhonda Conlon and the Extension Information Technology group for all of their hard in planning this conference. For more information, visit the conference website at [http://netc08.ces.ncsu.edu/](http://netc08.ces.ncsu.edu/).

**Annual Meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents**
The 2008 National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting will be hosted by North Carolina. This meeting will be held July 13 through July 17 in Greensboro. Many thanks to all of our agricultural agents for their hard work in planning this meeting, especially Karen Neill and Mark Tucker, the Annual Meeting Co-Chairs. For more information, please visit the meeting website at [http://www.ncacaa.org/2008ampic/](http://www.ncacaa.org/2008ampic/).

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**2008 Field Days**
The interest in Field Days and tours appears to be up for 2008. We anticipate approximately 20 or more field days or tours beginning the last week of April and ending in October. For information on the 2008 Field Days and tours, go to the web site [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/writing/Field_Days/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/writing/Field_Days/) where you can find a calendar, which will be continuously updated throughout the season so that contact information, programs and tours are current.

The Field Days offer a great opportunity for the citizens of North Carolina to see cutting edge research that is being developed by our faculty.

**Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Stations Directors Meeting**
The Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Stations Directors Meeting (SAAESD) had their spring meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. Directors from all southern states, St. Croix and Puerto Rico attended.
A number of issues were discussed, with a great deal of discussion regarding the budget situations at the various Land-Grant Universities in the South. Most are experiencing significant reductions in budget. In addition, there was a tour of Oak Ridge National Laboratories where, in collaboration with the University of Tennessee, they are working in bioenergy research (see http://www.ornl.gov/info/press_releases/get_press_release.cfm?ReleaseNumber=mr20070626-00).

Another topic of discussion was developing a reporting system that would simplify faculty reporting their impacts, etc. each year. Most of the Land Grant directors are attempting to develop systems that are better and more accurately capture impacts made by their college.

NC Agricultural and Life Sciences Research Foundation Board
The NC Agricultural and Life Sciences Research Foundation Board of Directors met on April 24, when they completed work on the Foundation’s first three-year strategic plan. Foundation board members attended from Montreal, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, and from across North Carolina.

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

JC Raulston Arboretum's Annual Gala in the Garden -- May 4, 2008, 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Please join us! For more information, visit:

http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum/calendar/2008/events/05-may/gala/gala.html

Save the Date for Upcoming CALS ALUMNI & FRIENDS sponsored events for 2008
  ● AGI Reunion - Saturday, September 27, 2008 (tentative date) – L.R. Harrill Youth Center (NC State vs. S. Florida game) Time TBD
  ● CALS Alumni Awards Banquet - Friday, October 3, 2008 - Univ. Club (5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
  ● CALS Retiree Luncheon - Saturday, December 6, 2008 – McKimmon Center (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

CALS Tailgate 2008!!! - Celebrate the Tradition
CALS Tailgate 2008 has been scheduled for Saturday, September 6 in Dorton Arena. (Time TBD) in conjunction with the NC State vs. William and Mary football game. Celebrate the tradition and join over 1500 plus faculty, staff, students, alumni and their families and enjoy this great event! Online registration will be available soon. Early registration is requested as football tickets are limited and a printable form is available.

Would you like to help out for this event as a volunteer? Volunteers are needed, so sign up with the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office. All departments and student clubs are welcome to set up exhibits. The exhibit form will be available online soon. www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/alumni>.

Tax-deductible Auction items are being accepted now at the CALS Alumni & Friends Society Office. All proceeds of this silent auction go to CALS student scholarships.

We hope to see you at the largest event in our College!!

For more information on these events, contact julia_brooks@ncsu.edu or call 919-515-7222 or 919-515-6212.
CALS Chronicle Enewsletter!
The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, updates and departmental news for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

The Silver Wolf Newsletter
The second edition of The Silver Wolf Newsletter (bi-annual publication) will be published this summer. The Silver Wolf is a hard copy newsletter for CALS Retirees and their spouses. If you have departmental information, retiree information, announcements, events, printed material you would like to insert, resource information, or a "departmental ad" to submit for our next edition, please send to Julia Brooks, julia_brooks@ncsu.edu by May 15.

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

Got Gifts-In-Kind?
If you have received donations of equipment, materials, supplies or services, 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.

Call Chris at 919-515-7678 if you have any questions about non-cash gifts.

CALS Gift Legacy Web Site
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://cals.giftlegacy.com/.

You may support any area of the College and join or renew your Arboretum membership online using our secure website. Visit http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/givenow for safe, convenient online giving!

Advancement Advantage Guide to Services
College Advancement is pleased to announce the availability of our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services on-line. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. This web site is a work in progress and will be updated on a regular basis. To access this information, just click on the following link http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

CALS PERSONNEL – NEW HIRES FOR APRIL 2008

New Campus Employees - Faculty
Francois Philippe Birgand, Assistant Professor, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
New Campus Employees - Staff  
David E. Hall, Extension Associate, 4H Youth Development & Family and Consumer Sciences  
Andrew B. Slate, Research Assistant, Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
Carrie M. Brinton, Research Specialist, Crop Science  
Gary S. Hamm, Research Technician, Crop Science  
Johnny W. Durham, Jr., Research Technician, University Field Laboratories  
Xiang Qing Kong, Research Associate, Zoology

New County Employees  
Valerie M. Reed, Program Assistant, 4H, Greene County  
Vivian A. Turner, County Extension Secretary, Edgecombe County  
Pattie J. Braswell, Assistant Extension Agent, Halifax County  
Thomas N. Reynolds, Assistant Extension Agent, Haywood County  
April D. Madison, Assistant Extension Agent, Moore County  
Gary L. Levesque, County Extension Secretary, New Hanover County  
Richard G. Sloan, Assistant Extension Agent, Pender County  
Maryann Mickewicz, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Transylvania County  
Elizabeth E. Moretz, Assistant Area Specialized Agent, Yadkin County

UNIVERSITY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Please mark your calendars. The University Awards for Excellence Luncheon will be held Monday, May 19 at 11:45 a.m. in the McKimmon Center. College/Unit Awards for Excellence winners will be honored at the luncheon and five distinguished employees will be named University Award for Excellence winners.

Please come and support OUR winners and their guest and wish them luck on the University level!! Our winners are: Linda Warrick (Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics), Wendy J. Moore (Department of Zoology), Peggy Longmire (Department of Soil Science), Roberta Miller-Haraway (Department of Soil Science), Pamela Jordan-Carrington (NC Cooperative Extension - Durham County), and John Dorner, II (Area Specialized Agent, Information Management, Western District).

Each Honoree and his/her guest (1) will be provided a complimentary ticket when they arrive at the luncheon. Honorees are to RSVP to Rob Stevenson and will pick up their tickets at the luncheon. There is a reserved table with a reserved seat for honoree and [1] guest.

All other individuals, including deans, directors, and department heads must purchase tickets in order to attend. Tickets are $10 and are on sale through Friday May 9th or until tickets are sold out.

Luncheon:  
Mixed Romaine Salad with 2 dressings  
Southern Fried Chicken  
Pasta Primavera  
Green Bean Almondine  
Roasted Potatoes  
Honey Glazed Carrots  
Dinner Rolls  
Cheesecake with Strawberry Toppings  
Marble Cake  
Coffee, Iced Water & Iced Tea w/ Lemon
Tickets:
**On sale starting April 14.** Please see Claudia Mello in room 112 Patterson Hall, claudia_mello@ncsu.edu or call 515-6211 to make arrangements for tickets. Money dropped off before 2:00 will make the tickets available for pick up after 4:30 in my office. This year we accept check, money order or IDT’s.

IDT Information – Inter-Departmental Transfers are also accepted. Please submit the following information with ticket order forms for the IDT:
- Department Name:
- Bookkeeper Name:
- Bookkeeper Phone Number:
- Bookkeeper Email Address:
- Account Number:
- Department OUC:

You may also purchase tickets directly from the HR-Benefits if your office is closer to the Benefits Office. The office is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and is located at: 2nd Floor of the Administrative Services II. Call 515-4312 for more information. You can also log onto: http://www7.acs.ncsu.edu/hr/benefits/easummary.asp for more information.

### 2008 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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2008 FIELD DAYS

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