ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Celebration of Teaching and Learning
The Celebration of Teaching and Learning event is re-scheduled for the Fall Academic Programs Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

Faculty Recognition
Congratulations to 2008 – 2009 CALS Faculty recognized for outstanding teaching, advising and contributions to academic programs. Please contact Barbara Kirby at Barbara_Kirby@ncsu.edu to add other recognitions to this list.

- Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching: CALS Nominee
  Sarah Ash, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences

- Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor Award
  Brian Farkas, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences

- Outstanding Teacher Award and Academy of Outstanding Teachers
  William C. Fonteno, Horticultural Science
  Lisa Parks, Biology
  John S. Russ, Agricultural and Resource Economics

- The Gertrude Cox Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching and Learning with Technology
  Keith Harris, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences

- USDA Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences
  Gary Moore, Agricultural and Extension Education

- NACTA Teacher Fellow
  Melissa Hendrickson, Agricultural and Resource Economics

- NACTA Teacher Fellow
  Gary Roberson, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

- NACTA Teaching Award of Merit Certificate
  Robert Patterson, Crop Science

- NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award
  Elizabeth Rueschhoff, Plant Biology
- NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award
  Krista Sondergaard, Genetics

**CALS Faculty Professional Development Workshop**
The CALS Faculty Professional Development Workshop is scheduled for May 12-13 (Tuesday and Wednesday) and is limited to 20 participants. New faculty appointed in the last two years will have priority. The workshop will feature CALS and University faculty sharing teaching strategies and effective tools. Topics include: Preparing for the first day, teaching face to face and with technology, the syllabus tool, integrating writing, motivating students, formative and summative assessment, learning styles and classroom management. McKeachie's *Teaching Tips: Strategies, Research, and Theory for College and University Teachers (College Teaching)* (Paperback) is the workshop reference. Pre-register at: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=285](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=285)

**Nominate Outstanding Advisers**
Please encourage your students to nominate their outstanding advisers for the CALS Outstanding Adviser Award. Students should go to [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/facstaff/index.cfm?pageid=978&awardid=87](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/facstaff/index.cfm?pageid=978&awardid=87) to nominate their adviser. A call has also been issued from Academic Programs.

**CALS Adviser Evaluation Form**
With the close of the pre-registration, CALS students are being asked to complete the CALS Adviser Evaluation form. The form is on-line. The survey is intended to be a formative evaluation for advisers. Results will be available to advisers at the CALS adviser evaluation site after May 15. Please encourage students to go on-line to complete the evaluation at [http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/studentevalforms/1index.cfm](http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/studentevalforms/1index.cfm). A call has also been issued from Academic Programs.

**Hold the Dates**
- The CALS New Faculty Workshop will be held Friday, August 14th, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- The CALS Academic Programs Fall Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- New Student Orientation Dates Reminder – please mark your calendars for NSO. The dates are July 13 & 14, July 14 & 15, and July 15 & 16. If you have questions, please contact either Tricia Buddin or Julie Holder at 919-515-2614.

**Time and Location for Distribution of Diplomas**
**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 (AED, AEX, AEC) ........... Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
- Agricultural Science .......................................................... Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
- *Agronomy, Plant and Soil Science, 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
*Biology - 3:00 p.m. ................................................................. Reynolds Coliseum
4H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Science........Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
Food Science, Bioprocessing Science, Nutrition Science and Biological Science - Nutrition
Concentration..................................................Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College, 900 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

Upcoming Dates of Importance
- **April 27 to May 5** - Final Examinations
- **May 9** - Spring Commencement
- **May 18** - First day of classes for 2009 Summer Session I (SS 1) and 2009 Ten-week Summer Session (10-WK)
- **May 19** – (SS 1 & 10-WK) - 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 20** – (SS 1 & 10-WK) Last day to register or to add a course. Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment.
- **May 25** - Holiday (Memorial Day); university closed
- **June 3** - (SS 1 only) - 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 Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for drops at 11:59 p.m.
- **June 19** – (SS 1 only) - Last day of classes
- **June 22** – (10-WK only) - 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 Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for drops at 11:59 p.m.
- **June 22 to June 23** – Final Examinations for 2009 Summer Session I
- **June 29** - First day of classes for 2009 Summer Session II (SS 2)
- **June 29 to July 3** – (10-WK only) – No classes.
- **June 30** – (SS 2 only) - 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 1** – (SS 2 only) - Last day to enroll or to add a course. Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment.
- **July 3** - Friday No classes; university closed for the holiday (Independence Day)
- **July 15** – (SS 2 only) - 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 Request for Course Repeat Without Penalty forms. MyPack Portal closes for all drops at 11:59 p.m.
- **July 31** – (SS 2 only) - Last day of classes
- **August 3 to August 4** – (SS 2 only) - Final Examinations
- **August 5** – (10-WK only) – Last day classes
- **August 6 to August 7** – (10-WK only) - Final Examinations
- **August 19** - First day of classes for 2009 Fall Semester
- **August 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)

**Undergraduate Admissions Information**
The Admissions Office will use the same notification dates and application process again this year. The notification dates are:

- Application Deadline #1: October 15  
  Notification Date: December 15 - completed
- Application Deadline #2: November 1  
  Notification Date: January 30 – completed
- Application Deadline #3: December 1  
  Notification Date: March 15 – completed
- Application Deadline #4: February 1  
  Notification Date: March 30 – completed

Of the 2,990 who have applied for entrance into CALS as of April 16, 2009:
- 1,824 have been admitted
- 1,260 are female (69.1%) and 564 are male (30.9%)
- 1,413 are from in-state (77.4%) and 410 are from out-of-state (22.5%) and one applicant’s residency is still pending (0.1%)

Diversity breakdown:
- White 74.3%
- American Native 0.7%
- African American 7.2%
- Asian 7.3%
- Hispanic 4.2%
- Unknown 5.4%
- International 0.9%

Academic Credentials/Test Score Averages are as follows for those admitted to CALS:
- Average SAT Total (math & verbal only) 1197
- Average SAT Math Score 611
- Average SAT Verbal Score 587
- Percent Ranked in Top 10% of HS Class 52.5%
- Average High School GPA 4.24

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**
Backpack to Briefcase

Backpack to Briefcase takes place May 13-14. This workshop is designed for fresh graduates of CALS to help them get a jump-start on their careers. The first day will be filled with guest speakers providing important advice and guidance, while the second day will consist of a field trip to the Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park. Students can register on-line at www.cals.ncsu.edu/career by clicking the Backpack to Briefcase button on the home page. Please encourage those who are about to graduate without a job to attend this valuable workshop.

Career Services will host their annual advisory board meeting May 6, 2009 at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum. Topics of discussion will include using technology to engage students, peer-to-peer marketing, new programs, and job-searching during a recession.

Career Services, the Alumni Association, and CALS Alumni & Friends Society will co-host a webinar for alumni who have been affected by the recession. “Pack’s Professional Parachute” will be presented by Marcy Bullock, Director of CALS Career Services and Sue Simonds, Director of Alumni Career Services on April 30, 2009 at 1:00 pm EST. Topics will include “Where are the jobs,” “Writing a resume that will be noticed,” “The best ways to network,” “Technology tools,” and “Retraining and retooling.” All participants must register to receive the URL for the webinar. Registration details can be found at http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageid=1544

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

Hold the Dates

- Agricultural Institute Spring Commencement – The AGI spring commencement will be held Friday, May 8th at 3:00 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. To sign up, please visit the following url http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=282

- Agricultural Institute Orientation – The Agricultural Institute will welcome the class of 2011 on Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30.

Brickyard Farmers’ Market

On a blustery Earth Day April 22, the N.C. State University community had the opportunity to purchase local produce, meat and other products from a Brickyard farmers’ market that supporters hope will become a tradition this fall. A number of Ag and Life Sciences students were instrumental in organizing the market. Senior Eric Ballard, an agricultural communications major and associate director of student government’s Sustainability Committee, coordinated the effort to hold a market on campus. Ballard said the market will serve as a convenience for the N.C. State community, but it also serves an educational purpose. Students in Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno’s Advanced Agroecology class developed marketing materials to share, emphasizing the importance of supporting local farms. Student government hopes to continue the market this fall.

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

The mission of the NCALS Research Foundation is to increase funding, raise awareness, and facilitate partnerships in support of CALS research programs.

Awards and Accolades

The paper entitled “Economic Evaluation of Methyl Bromide Alternatives for the Production of Tomatoes in NC” (Hort Technology 18:705-713) by Olha Sydorovych, Charles Safley, Rob Welker,
Lisa Ferguson, David Monks, Katie Jennings, Jim Driver and Frank Louws was recently named the American Society for Horticultural Science’s Outstanding Extension Publication Award winner for papers published in 2008. The paper represents a large collaborative research and extension effort across departments (ARE, Plant Pathology, Horticultural Science) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences that evaluated the economics of methyl bromide alternatives for tomatoes.

David Monks has been selected to receive the American Society for Horticultural Science’s (ASHS) 2009 Outstanding Extension Educator award. He will receive this award at the upcoming 106th Annual Conference for ASHS in St Louis in July.

Stephanie L. Hansen was awarded the Kenneth R. Keller Award for Excellence in Doctoral Dissertation Research on April 22. This award was established to recognize excellence in doctoral dissertation research in agriculture and life sciences. Stephanie received her PhD under Jerry Spears and worked on “Effects of Manganese on Growth and Reproductive Performance of Beef Heifers.”

Elsa Youngsteadt was also awarded the Kenneth R. Keller Award for Excellence in Doctoral Dissertation Research on April 22. Elsa received her PhD under Coby Schal and worked on "Neotropical Ant-Gardens: Behavioral and Chemical Ecology of an Obligate Ant-Plant Mutualism."

David Tarpy received the NCSU Outstanding Extension Service Award was inducted into the North Carolina State University Academy of Outstanding Faculty Engaged in Extension on April 21. In addition, David will receive an NCSU Alumni Outstanding Extension and Outreach Award on May 7. These awards recognize the quality and impact of David's extension program in apiculture.

Coby Schal will receive an NCSU Alumni Outstanding Research Award on May 7 in recognition of his the quality, productivity and impact of his research program.

New State of the Art Microscope

A new state of the art Zeiss LSM 710 confocal microscope is now operational in the CALS Cell and Molecular Imaging Facility (CMIF). This instrument has advanced imaging capabilities offering high sensitivity, spectral analysis with a 34 channel detector and the ability to monitor dynamic changes of multiple fluorophores. Environmental control chambers for temperature and CO2 and modules for advanced confocal applications such as Fluorescence Energy Transfer (FRET), colocalization analysis and Recovery After Photobleaching (FRAP) are available.

For further details about the instrument and how to access it please refer to the CMIF website: http://www.ncsu.edu/project/cmif-micro/ or contact Dr. Eva Johannes, CMIF Interim Director (919) 515-3525; johannes@ncsu.edu.

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BRIEFING

CEFS Farm to Fork Summit Rescheduled

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems has rescheduled the 2009 Farm to Fork Summit May 11-12 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The goal of the summit is to help produce a Statewide Action Plan for Building a Local Food Economy. The day and a half conference will explore the outcomes of six regional meetings held last fall, and Working Issues Teams will provide input about
“game changer” and “local tool box” ideas. For more information, visit the Web site: www.cefsfarmtofork.com.

New County Extension Directors Named
Ms. Rebecca Liverman, 4-H Agent in Washington County since 1999, became County Extension Director there on April 1. She replaces Frank Winslow, who was serving as Extension Director for both Washington and Tyrrell Counties and is now serving as Extension Director for Tyrrell County alone.

Rockingham, Union and Buncombe Counties will have new County Extension Directors in May. Brenda Sutton, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent in Rockingham since 2003 when she joined Cooperative Extension, has been named county Extension Director there, effective May 1. She succeeds Scott Shoulars, who retired after a 33-year Extension career.

Stephen Duckett, Rutherford County Extension Director since July 2005, has been named Buncombe County Extension Director effective May 11. Duckett succeeds Kenneth Reeves, who retired from Cooperative Extension in November 2008. Richard Melton, Agricultural Extension Agent in Anson County since 1995, has been named Union County Extension Director effective May 1. He succeeds Jerry Simpson, who retired from Cooperative Extension in January.

Media Relations Made Easy workshop in Guilford County canceled
The MRME has canceled its May 21 workshop at the Guilford County Extension Center due to budget and travel restrictions.

4-H Ice Cream Available for Purchase
The three ice cream flavors that were candidates for 4-H centennial ice cream are now available for purchase in 512 Brickhaven. 4-H Campfire Delight, a graham-cracker flavored ice cream, was chosen at the centennial ice cream. The two flavors not chosen -- Clover Crunch and 100 S'More Years -- will be available in pints from the 4-H Development Fund for $5 will be kept in limited quantity. Once they are gone, they are gone! If you would like to purchase a pint to take home, please come by Sarah Ray’s office. Three-gallon tubs are also available for $40 each, and these will require transport lead time to have an order here for pick-up.

4-H Campfire Delight is a graham cracker ice cream with chocolate chunks and a marshmallow cream swirl; Clover Crunch, chocolate ice cream with toffee pieces and a butterscotch swirl; and 100 S'More Years, chocolate ice cream with graham cracker pieces and a marshmallow cream swirl.

Johnston County Safety Workshop is Wake-up Call
“You never think it will happen to you.” That was the haunting refrain behind the safety messages delivered at the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids workshop at the Johnston County Extension Center March 12. There an audience of more than 80 participants heard about farm safety and health programs for children, youth and families. The event coordinated locally by North Carolina Cooperative Extension, N.C. Agromedicine Institute/AgriSafe North Carolina, N.C. Farm Bureau and Ashe/Alleghany Rural Community Safety 4 All Seasons. The workshop was sponsored by USDA Risk Management Agency through a grant to the Farm Safety 4 Just Kids (FS4JK) organization.

Read more from Perspectives Latest News.

Almanac Gardener Begins 26th Season in April
Almanac Gardener began its 26th season on Saturday, April 4, at noon on the statewide UNC-TV network. The Saturday show will be repeated at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Almanac Gardener is a half-
hour home horticultural program telecast for 20 weeks from April through August. Almanac Gardener is one of the longest running series on UNC-TV and is a co-production of UNC-TV and Cooperative Extension at N.C. State University.

Regular Cooperative Extension panelists include: Karen Neill, Horticultural Agent, Guilford County; Linda Blue, Horticultural Agent, Buncombe County; Bill Lord, Environmental Agent, Franklin County; Lucy Bradley, Urban Horticultural Specialist, N.C. State University; Stephen Greer, Horticultural Agent, Forsyth County; Charlotte Glenn, horticultural agent, Pender County and Amy-Lynn Albertson, Horticultural Agent, Davidson County. Mike Gray is a co-producer and host of Almanac Gardener.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY

CALS students receive awards at National MANRRS Conference
Fourteen students accompanied by an advisor from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and from the College of Natural Resources recently attended the National Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Career Fair and Training Conference held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The annual affair is designed as a networking and career fair workshop where students from traditional agriculture universities present research papers and posters, interview for summer internships and professional job placements, and network with other students and professionals representing a broad array of food and agricultural related industries. Several of the students presented oral research papers and posters with three students winning various competitive events which include: 1) Porche’ Spence, Ph.D. Candidate, Soil Science; 2nd place graduate research poster; 2) Wanida Lewis, Ph.D. candidate, Food Science, 3rd place graduate oral research competition; and 3) Jasmine Shaw, M.S. College of Natural Resources, 2nd place graduate research competition.

CALS Faculty Gives an Invited Lecture
Dr. Leon Boyd, the retiring advisor for the North Carolina State University Chapter of MANRRS, was invited to give a talk to the African-American Faculty Staff Organization on April 22, 2009. Dr. Boyd’s talk was entitled “Twenty-three years and counting: Putting It All in Perspective”. He recounted his 23 years at North Carolina State University and his involvement with undergraduate and graduate students from an academic, extension, and research perspective and the importance of faculty and staff engagement in assuring student success here at North Carolina State University.

CALS Faculty Selected As National Curriculum Development Coach
Dr. Lisa Guion was invited to serve as a curriculum development coach for Science, Education and Technology curriculum and resources by Dr. Ryan Schmiesing, National Program Leader - Mission Mandates, National 4-H Headquarters. Selected Extension faculty from across the country will serve as coaches throughout the curriculum development process wherein national writing teams will submit their materials, in draft form, to receive feedback in one of four different areas (1) diversity; (2) content; (3) positive youth development; and (4) evaluation. Dr. Guion will be a coach in the area of diversity over the next two years.

New Report – Broadening Participation in Graduate Education
The Council of Graduate Schools released a report on April 23, 2009 that states that “our system of higher education is arguably the best in the world, and graduate education is its bedrock, attracting top domestic and international students to our nation’s graduate programs. At a time when the need for STEM professionals is growing, the percentage of U.S. students pursuing graduate study in these fields is declining. If it continues this decline in the U.S., participation will inevitably result in fewer
discoveries by scientists within the U.S. and a decline in the technology development and innovation on which U.S. economic success has depended in the past. Our nation is becoming increasingly diverse, yet Hispanic and African-American students are highly underrepresented in graduate schools, particularly in fields such as science and engineering, where each group makes up less than 10 percent of graduate enrollment and approximately 5 percent of new Ph.D.s. While women are the fastest-growing group in graduate education, they too remain underrepresented in some key fields. These demographic trends present long-term challenges that can be overcome only by a national commitment to developing all our country’s talent. A full copy of this report is available at http://www.cgsnet.org/Default.aspx?tabid=365.

New Study Published – A Model of Employee Satisfaction: Gender Differences in Cooperative Extension
Dr. Richard Vlosky, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, and Dr. Francisco Anguilar, University of Missouri, conducted a nationwide study on gender differences in employee satisfaction among 1862 land-grant university based Cooperative Extension Service employees. The article can be found at http://www.joe.org/joe/2009april/a2.php.

National Observances
There are several national observances during the month of May which includes:

- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month
- Jewish-American Heritage Month
- National Better Hearing and Speech Month
- National Mental Health Month
- National Older Americans Month
- Women’s Health Care Month

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Lifetime Achievement Awards Celebration Marks 4-H Centennial
The North Carolina Centennial 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Celebration took place April 23 in Concord, where the annual fundraising event honored the lifetime achievements of former 4-H members, families and supporters. N.C. State University basketball legend Tommy Burleson received the 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award, and Family Legacy Awards were presented to the Teeter and Vanderbilt/Cecil families for their support of North Carolina 4-H. The event included a Showcase of Excellence, with 4-H’ers from across the state demonstrating 4-H science and technology, community service and leadership projects. Their interactive exhibits featured topics such as healthy lifestyles, technology, 4-H history and animal agriculture. Also during the celebration, current and former 4-H’ers took the stage for the Dee-Dee and Cam Harris Talent Showcase.

Gala in the Garden is May 3
On May 3 from 3 to 7 p.m., the JC Raulston Arboretum will hold its annual Gala in the Garden. Themed "An Enchanted Garden Party," the gala is open to the public. In addition to the silent auction, guests will enjoy live music by the Southern String Band and gourmet hors d’oeuvres, including a special dessert reception. Gala tickets are $60. Proceeds from the event will benefit the JC Raulston Arboretum, a working research and teaching garden of N.C. State University. To become a corporate sponsor or to purchase tickets, contact Anne Porter at 919-513-3826 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu.
**Cook Smart Eat Smart Event**
The NC Family and Consumer Sciences Foundation and the Family and Consumer Sciences Program will host the Cook Smart Eat Smart Curriculum launch and donor recognition event on May 15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. The development of this new curriculum is being funded through the support of the Dinah Gore Foods, Nutrition and Fitness Endowment. Mr. and Mrs. Gore will be honored at this celebration event. For more information or to register, contact the NC Family and Consumer Sciences Foundation at 919-515-1680.

**2009 US Tobacco Forum**
The NC Tobacco Foundation, Inc. is proud to be hosting the 2009 US Tobacco Forum scheduled for July 16-19, 2009 at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC. We are planning an exciting program that will provide a public opportunity to explore the varied interests in tobacco. For more information and to register, please visit: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ustobaccoforum09.htm](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ustobaccoforum09.htm)

**CALS Retired Faculty and Staff Spring Social**
The CALS Alumni and Friends Society is proud to host the second annual CALS Retired Faculty and Staff Spring Social on Saturday, May 23, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at historic Yates Mill Park! Enjoy refreshments and visiting with friends, colleagues and current faculty and staff. Guided tours of Historic Yates Mill will be available from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information, and to RSVP, please call 919-515-7222 or email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

**CALS Tailgate 2009!**
The 18th Annual CALS Tailgate has officially been set for September 19, 2009 at Dorton Arena, NC State Fairgrounds. Save the date for friendship, fun, food, football and festivities! If you are interested in volunteering for Tailgate, please call Anna Shepherd at 919.515.7222 or 919.515.6212 or email her at arsheph2@ncsu.edu.

**Save the Date**
The Retired Faculty/Staff Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 5, at McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC. For more information, please contact arsheph2@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 Silver Wolf (bi-annual publication) 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 Anna Shepherd, arsheph2@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. Once an employee retires, just send Anna Shepherd arsheph2@ncsu.edu a quick e-mail letting her know so that she can add them to our list.
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/.

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

Tax News: The IRA Rollover Legislation is back for 2009
Under the IRA rollover, gifts will be excluded from your gross income (a tax-free transfer). To qualify for benefits under the IRA Charitable Rollover:

- The transfer must be from a regular or Roth IRA
- You must be 70 ½ or older at the time of the gift
- Transfers must go directly from your IRA custodian to the NC Agricultural Foundation, Inc.
- Your transfers cannot exceed $100,000 per year
- Gifts must be outright and cannot fund planned gifts.

To support a CALS program through an IRA Rollover gift, please contact Sonia Murphy at 919-513-0637 or sonia_murphy@ncsu.edu

Going…Going…Almost Gone!
Available in print for the very first time, Dr. George T. Barthalmus' original murder mystery, Revenge Through Me. Dr. Barthalmus is donating all proceeds from the sale of the book to the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment. In addition, he will personally sign all copies purchased through this initial offering! Single editions are just $25, with discounts for purchases of three or more books. Hurry – we have very few first editions left and our prices must be increased after this special offer! To order your personalized first edition(s), just click here. More info here.

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, supplies or services, 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 PERSONNEL OFFICE
Important – Health Plan Changes Announced
The following information was communicated by Yvette Griffin, University Benefits Director, on April 23.

Effective July 1, 2009, the PPO Plus (90/10) option is being eliminated. Upon termination of the SHP's PPO Plus option, employees enrolled in the plan will have a choice of moving to the PPO Basic (70/30) or Standard (80/20) during the May annual enrollment. To review the current plan designs: http://statehealthplan.state.nc.us/pdf/health-plan-benefit-summ.pdf

There were several plan modifications approved in this year's General Assembly budget:

Members must attest that he/she or dependents do not use tobacco products. If so, the member may only opt for the Basic plan. (Effective 07/01/2010)

Members must attest that their weight and height ratio is within a range determined by the evidence-based healthy weight clinical guidelines unless the member's physician certifies in writing that the member has a medical condition that prevents the attainment of the weight range. If not, the member may only opt for the Basic plan. (Effective 07/01/2011)

There will be premium, deductible and coinsurance rate increases, as well as pharmacy benefit changes.

We will provide additional information once the State Health Plan (SHP) releases the details. You will also receive information packets directly from BCBSNC that will be mailed to your home address.

And lastly you may also be wondering if you will have the option of changing the contribution level of your Medical Flexible Spending Account. At this time, NC Flex, the plan administrator has told us that you will not be able to make any changes based on the elimination of the PPO option; however, we and universities in the system, have asked that the decision be reconsidered. We will keep you posted on this matter as well.

Michael Boykin from University Benefits is in the process of contacting individual campus departments so that he can speak to you about these changes at your regularly scheduled faculty and staff meetings. Department Heads and/or Personnel Representatives may want to touch base with Michael if you have not yet heard from him. For county employees, please contact Steve Norris if you have any questions.

CALS RPT-101
We have scheduled CALS RPT-101, a college session where we cover information and questions about the reappointment, promotion and tenure process. We also address details concerning the dossier formatting and content requirements and bring you up to date on any new changes to the process. The meeting is scheduled for early May as detailed below. RPT-101 is open to anyone in the college and those who will be undergoing the review process in the 2009-10 cycle are especially encouraged to attend. Department Heads and staff involved with the process, as well as faculty considering a non-mandatory review for promotion are also invited and encouraged to attend. Dr. Sylvia Blankenship will lead this session.

Date: Wednesday, May 6
Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Location: 512 Brickhaven Drive, Conference Room 203
Please RSVP by May 4 to Meredith Blair (meredith_bla@ncsu.edu) 919-515-1379 if you plan to attend so that we may prepare the appropriate number of handouts. If you have any questions about this session or the RPT process, contact Rebecca Zuvich (rebecca_zuvich@ncsu.edu) 919-515-2641.

**Spa Performance Reviews**
The SPA performance cycle runs from June 1 through May 31. Please begin scheduling and conducting annual performance reviews with your SPA employees if you have not already done so. In the coming weeks, Personnel Representatives will be contacted with instructions for collecting and transmitting appraisal scores to the CALS Personnel Office. There are no significant changes to the process from previous years.

**New Campus Employees**
Harriet Evans, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences
Ryan Libert, Research Specialist, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Conor McGowan, Research Associate, Biology
Mary Moan, Research Assistant, Center for Integrated Pest Management
Sarah O’Flaherty, Researcher, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences
Jill Steigerwalt, Research Technician, Genetics
Flaubert Mbeunkui, Research Associate, Plants for Human Health Institute, NC Research Campus, Kannapolis
Samuel Brown, Research Technician, Poultry Science

**New County Employees**
Karen Sharpe, County Extension Secretary, Alamance County
Melinda Roberts, Assistant Extension Agent, Buncombe County
Robert Filbrun, Assistant Extension Agent, Edgecombe County
Rachel Herring, County Extension Secretary, Forsyth County
Kerrie Roach, Assistant Extension Agent, Robeson County

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