ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

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

Other Upcoming Events – Hold the Dates:

- **Monday, May 3: Celebration of Teaching**
  Join the CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for a reception and awards program recognizing the 2009-10 CALS outstanding teachers, advisers and teaching symposium student poster winners. The celebration will be held in the Atrium of David Clark Labs. The excitement builds as CALS award winners continue to be announced!

  If you are able to join us, please register at:

- **Tuesday, May 18: CALS Teaching Effectiveness Workshop**
  annual CALS Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Workshop is one day this year. The workshop will be held in 308 Ricks from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Seating is limited so please register at:

The schedule for New Student Orientation has been set. Please mark your calendars now for the following dates:

- Friday, June 28 - Transfer A
- Tuesday, July 6 - morning advisors meeting (exact time and location tba)
- Tuesday, July 6 and Wednesday, July 7 - CALS freshmen - group 1
- Wednesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 8 - CALS freshmen - group 2
- Thursday, July 8 and Friday, July 9 - CALS freshmen - group 3
- Monday, July 26 - Transfer B

2010 SPRING COMMENCEMENT: CALS Departmental Ceremonies

**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 – 1:15 p.m.…………………………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 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 - 3:00 p.m. ( Biological Sciences and Zoology) - 3:00 p.m. ...................Reynolds Coliseum
Food Science, Bioprocessing Science and Nutrition Science...................Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College, 900 Hillsborough St.
Horticultural Science.......................................................Ruby McSwain Education Center, JC Raulston Arboretum
Microbiology.................................................................Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center
Molecular and Structural Biochemistry............................................McKimmon Center
Plant Room 2
Plant Biology.............................................................................3712 Bostian Hall
Poultry Science.......................................................................106 Scott Hall
Sociology and Anthropology
(Applied Sociology/Criminology)...........................................Athens Drive High School Auditorium, 1420 Athens Drive
4H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Science...............Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
Interdepartmental Graduate & Undergraduate Programs (Environmental Sciences,
Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology............Location of Major Faculty Advisor

Spring 2010 - Important Academic/Scheduling Deadlines:
● May 3 - 4 - Reading Days
● May 5 - 13 - Final Examinations
● May 15 - Spring Commencement

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

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
The Admission Office used the following deadlines and notification dates for the 2010 Fall Semester admissions process. May 1st is the final date for new freshman to confirm their attendance at NC State for the Summer or Fall 2010.
For freshmen applying for Summer or Fall 2010 admission (domestic, excluding College of Design):

**Deadline 1:** **October 15, 2009**  
Notification Date: December 15, 2009 – Decisions Finalized

**Deadline 2:** **November 1, 2009**  
Notification Date: January 30, 2010 – Decisions Finalized

**Deadline 3:** **February 1, 2010**  
Notification Date: March 30, 2010 – Decisions Finalized

Of the 3,444 who had applied for entrance into CALS as of April 16, 2010:

- 1,938 were admitted
- 1,327 were female (68.5%) and 611 were male (31.5%)
- 1,514 were from in-state (78.1%) and 424 were from out-of-state (21.9%)
- Diversity breakdown:
  - White: 72.8%
  - American Indian or Alaska Native: 0.4%
  - Black or African American: 6.9%
  - Asian: 7.6%
  - Hispanic: 4.7%
  - Race and Ethnicity Unknown: 2.2%
  - Nonresident Alien: 2.5%
  - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.1%
  - Two or more races: 2.8%

- Test Score Averages are as follows for those admitted to CALS:
  - Average SAT Total (math & verbal only): 1217
  - Average SAT Math Score: 620
  - Average SAT Verbal Score: 597
  - Percent Ranked in Top 10% of HS Class: 57.3%
  - Average High School GPA: 4.33

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

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

The eXternship program tours have concluded for the semester. Twenty students toured Novozymes on March 26th, 8 students toured LabCorp on April 7th, and 5 students toured the NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine on April 26th. All of these students received the opportunity to go “behind-the-scenes” of these organizations to catch a glimpse of the day-to-day working world in their field of study and ask professionals job-related questions. This was a great networking opportunity for all of the students involved!

On May 18th, CALS Career Services is offering students the opportunity to try out some networking skills at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The tour will last from 8:30am to 1:00pm. This tour is offered to students who participated in a 3-part seminar, called Backpack to Briefcase, which was designed to provide students with an intensive overview of job search skills.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences hosted a celebration on April 23rd honoring the hard work and dedication of our 2009-2010 CALS Ambassadors. These individuals met with prospective students, counseled their peers, and marketed career events. The celebration consisted of a great meal,
a slideshow highlighting the events during the year, and a certificate ceremony for the Ambassadors. We were lucky to have such a hard working group of individuals this year!

**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**
Agricultural Institute Spring Commencement
The AGI spring commencement will be held Friday, May 14 at 3:00pm in Stewart Theatre. Please visit the following url to RSVP: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=408](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=408)

AGI Fall Orientation
Transfer Dates:
Monday, June 28, 2010
Monday, July 26, 2010

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

**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

**4-H named Lifetime Achievement Award winners**
The 2010 North Carolina 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards Celebration was particularly special this year. Not only did the annual fund-raising event honor the lifetime achievements of former 4-H members, families and supporters, but it also included participation by N.C. State University’s newly arrived chancellor, Dr. Randy Woodson. Woodson joined more than 400 attendees as N.C. Sen. Dan Blue and ABC-11 senior anchor Larry Stogner received 4-H Lifetime Achievement Awards. Additionally, Dr. Chester Black, former state 4-H program leader, was honored for his recent induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. Read more from [Perspectives Latest News](#)

**State Action Guide on local foods now available**
“From Farm to Fork: A Guide to Building North Carolina’s Sustainable Local Food Economy” has just been issued by the Center for Environmental Farming Systems. The guide provides goals and strategies that will put North Carolina on the fast track to achieving a sustainable local and regional food system. With its diverse agricultural economy, superior educational system and adaptable workforce, North Carolina is well positioned to lead the nation in this effort. Building the state’s sustainable local food economy will stimulate economic development and job creation, bolster the viability of local farms and fisheries and help address diet-related health problems, according to CEFS, a partnership between N.C. State University, N.C. A&T State University and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. CEFS’s mission is to develop and promote food and farming systems that protect the environment, strengthen local communities and provide economic opportunities in North Carolina and beyond. Read more from [Extension Online News](#)

**Rain water harvesting and rain gardens are topic of workshop**
Cooperative Extension agents are invited to a train-the-trainer Rain Water Harvesting and Rain Garden Workshop, June 8-9, Gaston County center of N.C. Cooperative Extension in Dallas, N.C. Many communities across the South are now required to control storm water and to educate citizens on controlling storm water coming from their property. As a result, rainwater harvesting systems and rain gardens continue to grow in popularity as best management practice (BMPs) to conserve water
and help control and treat storm water runoff. These systems help reduce the use of drinking water for irrigation, toilet flushing and vehicle washing, and reduce nitrogen and phosphorus in surface waters. 
Read more from Extension Online News

**Recipients of cost-share awards announced**
Nine value-added producers in North Carolina just received a financial boost as recipients of the N.C. Value-Added Cost Share (NCVACS) award. The NCVACS program, administered by N.C. MarketReady, has announced the 2009 cost share awards, which are funded by the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The NCVACS program provides financial support, through matching funds, to producers who are applying for the USDA Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG), a nationally competitive program. “The nine recipients represent a diverse array of value-added enterprises and are geographically scattered throughout the state,” said Brittany Whitmire, NCVACS program coordinator.
Read more from Perspectives Latest News

**N.C. A&T University is lead university on 4-H science experiment**
N.C. A&T State University has been selected as the leading university for this year's 4-H National Science Experiment, which focuses on water quality and climate change. Using a three-tiered experiment model, the experiment engages youth of all ages to learn at the simplest level how carbon dioxide can affect aquatic animals, plants and other living organisms in lakes, streams, rivers and oceans. These activities help facilitators lead discussions to help youth better understand climate change.
Read more from Extension Online News

**Hops production shows promise**
When Van Burnette wanted a drought-resistant crop to try on his 6-acre farm near Black Mountain, he decided on hops. The problem is, no one really knows much about how the essential beer ingredient will grow in North Carolina, much less whether burgeoning interest in local beers and home brewing will translate into a sustainable market. N.C. State University specialists are out to change that, cooperating with Burnette and a few other pioneering North Carolina hops growers to figure out viable production, post-harvest and marketing options.
Read more from Extension Online News

**Christine Smith recognized by N.C. Medical Journal**
Christine Smith, family and consumer sciences agent with Cooperative Extension in Wayne County, has been recognized by the N.C. Medical Journal’s “Tarheel Footprints in Health Care” for her nutrition and wellness efforts for the people of Wayne County. She was featured in an article in the January/February journal issue.
Read more from the N.C. Medical Journal

**Roos offers social media workshop to farmers**
In the farming community, “tweets,” “Facebook fans,” and “blogs” aren’t typically part of the day-to-day grind. Debbie Roos, agricultural Extension agent in Chatham County, is out to change that. Roos hosted a workshop in March, “Agriculture and Social Media,” to help North Carolina farmers become familiar with social media tools and learn how to use the Web to their advantage.
Read more from Perspectives Latest News

**New bulletin focuses on small-acreage crops**
*Specialty Crops in North Carolina*, a new technical bulletin released by the N.C. Agricultural Research Service, documents production statewide and by county for 153 small-acreage crops grown in North Carolina. The bulletin is available online from the Department of Horticultural Science at
N.C. State University: [www.cals.ncsu.edu/hort_sci/extension/tb-327.pdf](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/hort_sci/extension/tb-327.pdf). This overview of North Carolina’s specialty crops includes data on 93 vegetables, 14 fruits and nuts, 36 culinary herbs and 10 miscellaneous crops. Crop maps depict each crop’s distribution in North Carolina, and county tables list the crops grown in each of the state’s 100 counties by acreage and crop type. Read more from [Extension Online News](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/hort_sci/extension/tb-327.pdf).

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**Mackay elected to US National Academy of Sciences**
CALS congratulates Dr. Trudy Mackay, William Neal Reynolds and Distinguished University Professor of Genetics, on her election to membership in the US National Academy of Sciences. This is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on scientists in the US. Dr. Mackay is an international leader in genetics and has pioneered approaches and provided important insights into how phenotypic diversity is controlled by the quantitative effects of natural genetic variation. Dr. Mackay's election to this prestigious group follows numerous previous honors including the CALS Alumni Outstanding Research Award (2000); Genetics Society of America Medal (2004); Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2005); Fellow of the Royal Society (2006); and recipient of the O. Max Gardner Award, University of North Carolina (2007).

**NCALS Research Foundation Welcomes Five New Board Members**
The NCALS Research Foundation inducted five new members to the Board of Directors at its April 22 meeting at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis. New board members include:

- **Robert Esch, PhD.** Executive Vice President for Research and Development at Greer Laboratories, an allergy immunotherapy company in Lenoir, NC. Dr. Esch is also a partner in the College’s LaPaz enterprise.
- **Jill Hoffman, PhD.** Earned her MS and PhD in Toxicology from NC State. Owner of Hoffman Nursery, one of the nation’s leading ornamental grass nurseries.
- **Allen James.** 1967 Biological Sciences graduate from NC State. Founder and Executive Director of RISE, Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment.
- **Calvin McNeill, MD.** 1976 Biological Sciences graduate from NC State. Medical Director for Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation.
- **Becky Rhodes.** Received her BS in Agronomy in 1978, and her MS in Crop Science in 1981 from NC State. Veteran of agricultural industry; recently retired from Arysta.

**Ben and Ruby Jones of Kannapolis, NC Establish Professorship**
Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Jones were recognized on April 22, 2010 in a press conference in Kannapolis, NC at the Core Laboratory of the NC Research Campus announcing their two gifts: $1M to NC State to create a distinguished professorship for a faculty member working at Plants and Human Health Institute at the NCRC, and $1M to the DHMRI to fund research on neurological diseases, particularly Alzheimers, Charcot-Marie Tooth, and Parkinson’s. Both will be funded through their charitable remainder trust.

The professorship is positioned to qualify for $500,000 in matching funds from the Distinguished Professors Trust Fund. The faculty member holding the professorship will collaborate with DHMRI scientists as well as other scientists working at the NCRC.

**Industry Supports CALS Tobacco Programs**
Altria Client Services recently committed $202,510 to support research, extension, and academic programs relating to tobacco in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This funding will support extension activities such as agent training, tobacco production tours, educational materials, scholarships, internships, and several specific research projects relating to tobacco production. This
funding is for faculty/students in 5 departments in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NC State University. Philip Morris International recently committed $269,587 to support tobacco research and extension projects in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. This funding will support faculty programs in the following departments - Plant Pathology, Crop Science and Entomology.

**Illumina’s Genome Analyzer IIx**

Illumina’s Genome Analyzer IIx has been delivered to the Genomic Sciences Laboratory and sequencing services will be offered in May! Please join the GSL and Illumina for the presentation ‘Where the Biology Takes You; Illumina Redefines the Trajectory of Sequencing’ followed by a Q&A session Friday, May 14th in the Stephens Room, 3503 Thomas Hall.

Recruiting has begun to fill the Leafy Vegetable Breeder position at the Plants for Human Health Institute in Kannapolis. This is an Assistant/Associate Professor position with a tenure home in the Dept. of Horticultural Science.

**Upcoming Field Days**

A number of field days are scheduled for 2010. The Landscape Professional Field day is scheduled for May 12, 2010. There are three regional small grains field day scheduled across North Carolina for May 11, May 13, and May 18, 2010. The Landscape Color Field day is scheduled for June 30, 2010. The Precision Farming field day/NE Ag Expo is scheduled for August 10, 2010. A Small Flock Poultry field day is scheduled for western North Carolina on September 8, 2010. The Cotton Field day is scheduled for September 23, 2010. Many other field days are in the planning stage. Information on field days is continuously being updated and can be found at: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/writing/Field_Days/](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/writing/Field_Days/)

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Cochran Fellowship**

Drs. Bob Wells and John Richardson are hosting eight fellows from the Republic of Georgia for a 14-day training program on the US Cooperative Extension System. The Fellows will be exposed to classroom training and field trips which will highlight the successes of current operations of the NCSU Cooperative Extension Offices. The program will be held from April 24 through May 7. Fellows will visit extension offices in Duplin, Johnston and Sampson Counties as well as NC A&T State, CEFS, NCDA and several research stations.

**USAID EHELD Proposal**

Representatives from RTI in Washington DC met with faculty from CALS on April 14, 2010 to conduct an organizational meeting for a pending proposal with USAID in Liberia. The Excellence in Higher Education for Liberian Development (EHELD) proposal is a five-year multi-institutional funding opportunity to assist Liberia in rebuilding after more than a decade of civil war. The draft RFA is expected to be announced in early May. The government of Liberia passed a Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) in 2008 and is seeking assistance in the areas of infrastructure development and education. RTI is partnering with Rutgers University, NCSU and other key Liberian universities to assist in these priority areas. More information is available at this website: [http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=51310](http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=51310)

**Global Training Institute (GTI) Interns**

CALS is working with the GTI Program to host seven research interns who will be working with faculty this summer for a 12-week internship. The interns are from several countries including France, Honduras and Uruguay. The students arrive in early June and will be working both at main campus
and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems in Goldsboro. Students will assist on various research projects to include soybean weed management, dairy operations and pest management issues. They will work closely with faculty and NCSU graduate students for both field and classroom instruction. They are expected to present a final thesis to their supervisors and at their home institution. This is the second year CALS has implemented the GTI for student exchange.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY**

**CALS Graduate Student Recognized for Academic Excellence:** Ms. Rushyannah Killens, graduate student in Microbiology, won the Academic Achievement Award for CALS at the NC Association for the Concerns of African American Graduate Students (ACAAGS) 27th Annual Awards Ceremony on April 21, 2010. Ms. Killens was nominated by Dr. Amy Grunden who serves as her research mentor and advisor.

**CALS Undergraduate Students Recognized for having a 3.0 GPA or higher:** Eighty-eight African-American undergraduate sophomores, juniors and seniors from CALS were recognized for having a 3.0 GPA or higher during the ACAAGS Awards Ceremony.

**Keynote Address:** Dr. Lisa A. Guion, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Outreach and Engagement will be the keynote speaker at the Equal Opportunity Institute Graduation Ceremony which will be held on May 6, 2010.

**Joint Program for Area Latino Colleges Students:** In 2005, Hispanic/Latino student organizations from UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University and North Carolina State Universities formed a Council to foster collaboration on service projects, advocacy initiatives, and fund raising. Their biggest annual event is a joint banquet. This year, the banquet was held at the McKimmon Center on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Dr. Guion attended the banquet in order to support the students and speak with the Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill students about graduate school opportunities in CALS.

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

**El Pueblo Visitation Day**- El Pueblo, a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to strengthen the Latino community, in collaboration with Office of Multicultural Affairs, held a visitation day for 134 Latino high school students on April 17, 2010 in Raleigh, NC. Dr. Guion exhibited at this event to provide CALS recruitment information and network with the youth leaders.

**Attend Opening Doors**- Opening Doors is a three-day retreat that provides a framework for increasing diversity awareness and enhances a person’s ability to create an inclusive organization. Opening Doors is open and free to all faculty and staff within the College. The format of Opening Doors provides for open discussion, self-examination and an objective analysis of our social system as
well as a constructive means to bridging differences through understanding personal responsibility. As a result, constructive methods of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment are developed. The overall goal of Opening Doors is to facilitate both personal growth and systemic organizational change. Over the past four years, the College has implemented it as a foundation component of our work to foster system change around pluralism and inclusion. The 2010 Opening Doors workshops for CALS employees will be held at the Eastern 4-H Center on May 12-14, 2010 and September 14-16, 2010. The workshop is absolutely free to all CALS personnel including meals and lodging. NC State University Office of Diversity and Inclusion is sponsoring the May session of Opening Doors which is free to all NCSU faculty and staff, including CALS.

**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**

Upcoming Events:

**2010 US Tobacco Forum** - The NC Tobacco Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce more information is now available and registration is open for the 2010 US Tobacco Forum scheduled for June 10 - 11, 2010 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Conference Center, Research Triangle Park, NC. Please visit the website at: [http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/US_Tobacco_Forum_2010.htm](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/US_Tobacco_Forum_2010.htm)

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

**CALS Advancement News Items:**

**Now Showing:** Advancement workshops, featuring CALS development and alumni relations professionals and tailored to your department's needs. These workshops will begin with a 30-45 minute overview of Advancement, especially basic steps in relationship-building and fundraising, and can be followed up with more in-depth small-group sessions (either directly after the overview or on separately-scheduled dates).

Please email the date/time you would like us to visit and begin our workshops with your department. If you'd like us to come to a scheduled faculty meeting, it might be helpful if we are added to the end of your agenda, so that those faculty interested in Advancement (fundraising and alumni/donor relations) may remain for our workshop.

Thank you for involving us! Questions? Just call Chris Wessel at 5-7678 or email chris_wessel@ncsu.edu.

**CALS Chronicle Enewsletter:** The official enewsletter of CALS Alumni and Friends Society is sent quarterly. Please send your announcements, departmental events, and updates for the next issue to calsalum@ncsu.edu. If you wish to subscribe to the enewsletter, email calsalum@ncsu.edu.

**Employee Retiree List:** We need your help! We request that all departments and county offices
please continue to send us your updated retiree lists with all contact information available. When employees – faculty and staff – retire, just send Scott Troutman (scott_troutman@ncsu.edu) a quick email letting him know so that he can add them to our list.

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

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

Got Gifts-In-Kind? If not, think about this: In tough economic times, we have to adapt and become more entrepreneurial as we try to find support for our programs. Often, companies and individuals are able to continue donating equipment, materials and supplies, even if they must cut their cash contributions. If you receive any non-cash gifts, please complete the form BA-151 (http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/ba151.doc) and forward to chris_wessel@ncsu.edu. We will make sure your donors are sent University receipts and acknowledgment letters showing how important their support is to CALS. If you have any questions about non-cash gifts, please call Chris at 919.515.7678.

CALS Gift Legacy Web Site
In an effort to better serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning Web site. We have an increasing number of friends of the College who now are benefiting from life income gifts, gift annuities and other charitable vehicles. Thank you for taking the time to explore the benefits of gift planning at http://www.calsgiftplanning.org/.

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

Advancement Advantage Guide to Services
College Advancement continues to update our Advancement Advantage Guide to Services online. This information is designed to educate CALS faculty, staff and administrators about the resources available through these divisions. By doing so, we hope to expand access to our services, and increase support of and service to departments and college-wide initiatives. To access this information, just click on: http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

CALS PERSONNEL

SPA/COSS Performance Appraisals due
Please be sure to schedule and conduct annual performance appraisals for all employees who are Subject to the State Personnel Act (SPA) or County Operations Support Staff (COSS) employees.
Performance review information must be communicated in writing to the employees in a performance meeting prior to the end of May 2010.

Further, departmental personnel reps and district administrative associates have been asked to collect the final rating of each employee and provide that information back to CALS Personnel no later than May 28, 2010. All departments and districts have received their individualized list of employees for whom ratings must be provided as well as detailed instructions on communicating this requirement to supervisors and deadlines for gathering the information.

EPA Performance Appraisals due
Department heads have been requested to verify that you will have conducted performance reviews for all EPAs by June 30, 2010. Please send confirmation of such verification via email to Dr. Sylvia Blankenship.

You’ve been heard! Updates made to the CALS Personnel Website
We invite you to go to our CALS Personnel website and review the updates to our website. We have been busy incorporating feedback from departments on what information is most helpful and how best to organize the materials for a better end-user experience. We have recently focused on updating the “Campus Resources” section and have added a direct link to NCSU’s “Budget Central” page.

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/calspersonnel/

We welcome all feedback and suggestions!

CALS RPT 101 Scheduled May 13th in 512 Brickhaven Room 203
Dr. Sylvia Blankenship and the Personnel Office will host a detailed RPT information session suitable for all faculty scheduled for review in the 10-11 cycle, those who are considering a non-mandatory review, department heads, and personnel representatives. The meeting is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. at 512 Brickhaven, conference room 203. Please RSVP to Rebecca Zuvich (Rebecca_zuvich@ncsu.edu) if you have not already done so. This will help ensure we have the appropriate number of handouts. If you have any questions about the RPT process, please contact Rebecca Zuvich at 919-515-2641.

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL RATINGS DUE TO CALS PERSONNEL BY MAY 28th
Please remember that performance appraisal ratings are due to CALS Personnel by May 28th. Detailed instructions about this process have been sent to all Departmental Personnel contacts.

CALS PERSONNEL WEBSITE UPDATES
Based on your input, we have redesigned the Campus Employment section of the CALS Personnel website. The goal was to create a one-stop site that provided quick and logical access to the information you need on a regular basis. The four tabs to the left contain links to frequently accessed sites and information. We are continuing to make updates based on your feedback. If you have not done so, please take a moment to become familiar with the new site:
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/calspersonnel/index.cfm?pageID=1273

New Employees
Welcome New Employees!
New Campus Employees - Staff
Stacy Burns, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences
Tabitha Harris, Research Technician, Biological Resources Facility
Christina Trexler, Research Assistant, Center for Integrated Pest Management
### New County Employees
LaTonya M. Stith, Program Assistant, Warren County

#### 2010 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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