Awards for Excellence
The 2009 University Awards for Excellence Reception will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Talley Student Center here at NC State University. College/Unit Awards for Excellence winners will be honored at the reception and five distinguished employees will be named University Award for Excellence winners.

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.

NC Agricultural & Life Sciences Research Foundation Update
The NC Agricultural & Life Sciences Research Foundation Board held its spring meeting at the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis, where they enjoyed tours of the campus and a presentation by Dr. Mary Ann Lila. At the meeting, David Winwood, President of the University of Alabama Research Foundation, was installed as a new board member.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE
New Student Orientation (NSO)
CALS students will be on campus for New Student Orientation (NSO) on either July 13th and 14th or July 14th and 15th or July 15th and 16th. They will participate in the NSO program for the first half of the morning. Our college welcome will begin at 2:00 p.m. After the college welcome, students and parents will participate in departmental advising sessions. The advising sessions received many favorable reviews last year from parents and students. Overall, it was reassuring for the “helicopter” parents to hear a little bit of the academic information related specifically to what their son or daughter’s curriculum requirements would be at NC State. The advising session will last from 3:15 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. However, it is our hope that we’ll have them to you closer to 3:00 p.m. and that we will be back to pick up parents 30 minutes after their initial arrival time. The parents will continue with their orientation programming and the students will continue with their academic advising (which is slated for as long as needed up until 5:30 p.m. in their student schedule). Please note...Jefferson Scholars will be attending the third session (July 15th – 16th). Students and parents will meet in their chosen academic department for the overview and will then go to Talley Student Center for a Jefferson meeting and academic advising.

The Adviser Meeting before NSO will be held on Monday, July 13, 2009. We will meet in the Student Senate Chambers in Witherspoon at 10:00 a.m.
This year's summer reading text will be *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. We will use the book in ALS 103, so any student enrolled in that course will need to read the book. Greg Mortenson will be on campus Monday, August 17th and will speak at Convocation that night.

The *Celebration of Teaching and Learning* event has been rescheduled for the Fall Academic Programs Meeting, Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

**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 13th & 14th, July 14th & 15th, and July 15th & 16th. If you have questions, please contact either Tricia Buddin tricia_buddin@ncsu.edu or Julie Holder Julie_holder@ncsu.edu.

**Upcoming Dates of Importance**

- **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 on Fall 2009 Incoming Students

Of the 2,995 freshmen who had applied for entrance into CALS as of May 18, 2009, 1,849 have been accepted by the University and 819 have already responded that they will accept the offer of admission. For those admitted to CALS, the average SAT total is 1,197, the average high school GPA is 4.24 and 52.6% are in the top 10% of their class. These are comparative to the overall numbers for the incoming accepted class (SAT = 1213; HS GPA = 4.19; % in the top 10% of their class = 46.9%). Of those admitted:

- 1,275 are female (69.1%) and 574 are male (30.9%)
- 1,428 are from in-state (77.4%) and 420 are from out-of-state (22.5%) and one applicant’s residency is still pending (0.1%)

Diversity breakdown:

- White: 74.0%
- American Native: 0.6%
- African American: 7.2%
- Asian: 7.4%
- Hispanic: 4.3%
- Unknown: 5.5%
- International: 1.0%

Of the 687 transfer students who have applied for entrance into CALS as of May 18, 2009, 163 have been admitted by the University and 122 have already responded that they will accept the offer of admission. Of those admitted:

- 102 are female (62.6%) and 61 are male (37.4%)
- 118 are from in-state (72.4%) and 45 are from out-of-state (27.6%)

Diversity breakdown:

- White: 75.0%
- American Native: -n/a-
- African American: 6.0%
- Asian: 1.8%
- Hispanic: 4.3%
- Unknown: 9.8%
- International: 3.1%

Note: If you would like additional information and breakdowns of enrollment data, you may 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](http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/index.html)

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

In May, Career Services arranged a visit for 20 recent grads to go to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The students were able to meet with several representatives from the agency, as well as learn about other federal employment opportunities.

We also conducted our annual advisory board meeting in May. Representatives from industry, faculty, and the student body came to give advice on the future direction of our office.
Webinar Focuses on Job Search
A Web-based seminar, “Pack’s Professional Parachute,” was offered online in April to provide techniques, ideas and resources to people who have been laid off from their jobs or are planning a career move during these difficult economic times. Topics included resume writing, networking tips and technology tools. The Webinar, free and open to the public, was presented by three N.C. State University organizations: the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Career Services, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Alumni and Friends Society and the N.C. State Alumni Association. Webinar presenters were Marcy Bullock, director of Career Services in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and Sue Simonds, director of Alumni Career Services for the N.C. State Alumni Association. “We know that times are tough,” Bullock said, “and we want to offer advice to help our alumni and others navigate the changing times successfully.”

The Pack’s Professional Parachute webinar recording can be viewed with the password “parachute” at-

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=1544

Have you seen our new newsletter?  http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=1530

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

Save the Dates

- The Agricultural Institute and NC FFA – A winning combination! The Agricultural Institute Office, the Agricultural Institute Club and AGI Alumni will host a hospitality room for Agriculture Teachers at the 81st State FFA Convention June 23rd through June 25th. Many teachers enjoy snacks and drinks while learning more about the Agricultural Institute. This has become a tradition and something teachers look forward to year after year.

- AGI Orientation – The Agricultural Institute New Student Orientation is July 29th and 30th. We will be hosting a “Getting Involved” session to help students become more aware of the opportunities available to them through CALS and the Agricultural Institute. We hope to host a “cookout” for parents and students. All AGI faculty are welcome to attend.

- AGI Wolfpack Welcome Week Event – The Agricultural Institute will host its third Wolfpack Welcome Week event on Tuesday, August 18th, 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We will have games, food and lots of fun. Please plan to attend!!

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Endowment established at Richardson Retirement
More than 140 friends, family members and N.C. State University colleagues gathered April 24 to recognize the career and achievements of Dr. John Richardson. Richardson retired as Agricultural Programs Accountability Manager and Extension Leader in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE). During the reception at JC Raulston Arboretum’s McSwain Education Center, Richardson received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the State of North Carolina. The celebration was also occasion for the kick-off of the John G. Richardson International Study Experience Award Endowment. The endowment, created in January, will provide financial awards for professional travel opportunities to international locations for North Carolina
Cooperative Extension agents who have never been out of the boundaries of the United States.
Read more from Perspectives Latest News

Cooperative Extension Pledges Help with Farm to Fork Web Site
Dr. Jon Ort, director of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, and Dr. M. Ray McKinnie, administrator of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University, pledged support for local food economies in North Carolina during the Farm to Fork Summit in May. When Extension interviewed 22,000 citizens last summer about what they needed, local food was a key issue identified as needing support, Ort told the group. He pledged support for a Web site that would help producers and consumers with production, marketing and access to local foods. McKinnie said the local foods movement takes Extension back to its roots – teaching people how to grow food. By working across program areas, he said, Extension can help support local foods initiatives.

Advisory Council Sets Priorities for Latino Audiences
The Cooperative Extension Latino Advisory Council (CELAC) has set priorities for working with Latino audiences. These priorities, listed below, are to guide N.C. Cooperative Extension in planning and working with Latino/Hispanic audiences.

- Design and implement educational programs in NCCE addressing Latino/Hispanic cultural issues.
- Build alliances with local communities and established organizations to enhance partnerships between NCCE and Latino audiences.
- Market N.C. Cooperative Extension to state and local Latino/Hispanic groups.
- “I recognize that we, both at the state and county level, are already working in these areas and in some cases even beyond them,” said Dr. Jon Ort, director of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service. “While we are working on specific statewide actions to put into place, I encourage all of you to strengthen what has been done, and to be innovative. Under our current budget restrictions, this may be a challenge; but, we need to continue with our commitment to work for the well-being of all North Carolinians.”

Cintia Aguilar, Extension’s Latino affairs facilitator, as well as CELAC and the District Latino Task Forces are resources available to assist Extension with programming efforts for this audience.

L.E.A.D. Newsletter Returns
The L.E.A.D. (Learn – Educate – Appreciate - Develop) newsletter is published by the Personal and Organizational Development team and involves Extension leaders who contribute to the content. L.E.A.D. is designed to assist employees in honing their personal leadership skills and provides cutting-edge ideas and information on leadership, books, administrative perspectives and more. One valuable piece that is offered in the newsletter is the “Leadership Excellence” magazine, recognized and read by many leaders throughout the country. Access the L.E.A.D. newsletter through the following site: intra.ces.ncsu.edu/lead/

Cook Smart Eat Smart Curriculum is Launched
The N.C. Family and Consumer Sciences Foundation and the Family and Consumer Sciences Program hosted the Cook Smart, Eat Smart Curriculum launch and donor recognition event on May 15 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center. The development of this new curriculum was funded through the support of the Dinah Gore Foods, Nutrition and Fitness Endowment, and the Gores were honored at this celebration event. The curriculum gives FCS agents tools to conduct Cook Smart, Eat Smart workshops in their counties to teach consumers basic cooking methods that will produce healthy, nutritious meals, even on a budget.
The Produce Lady Offers Helpful Hints for Consumers, Farmers
As farmers’ markets attract more and more consumers in search of nutritious, high quality foods, many of those same consumers are looking for ways to prepare and preserve what they buy at market. A new resource from the N.C. State University Program for Value-Added & Alternative Agriculture at the new N.C. Research Campus in Kannapolis offers help. “The Produce Lady” video series tells farmers and consumers the wonders of locally grown fruits and vegetables – the nutrition they provide, the delicious meals or snacks families can enjoy with each vegetable or fruit and how to prepare them as tasty meals and snacks or freeze them to use throughout the year. “The Produce Lady” is Brenda Bryan Sutton, the new N.C. Cooperative Extension director in Rockingham County, who served as family and consumer sciences Extension agent until recently. The Produce Lady’s recipes and videos are available in two sites: www.theproducelady.org and www.youtube.com/user/TheProduceLady.

The 2009 Farm to Fork Picnic is a Must-eat Event for Triangle Locavores
For $50 a ticket, you can enjoy dishes prepared by chefs paired with local farmers from 4 to 7 p.m June 14 at the Breeze Farm in Hurdle Mills. The event is hosted by Slow Food Triangle, Orange County Cooperative Extension and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems. To buy tickets, go to www.farmtoforknc.com

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY

Research Opportunity for Undergraduate Students from Underrepresented Groups
The Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) program is in the process of selecting nine undergraduate students (i.e. incoming freshman or sophomores) to begin the program in fall 09. The IMSD program is a research training program targeted for underrepresented minorities (i.e., African Americans, Latino/Latina Americans, Native Americans). The program is offered through the academic year and during the summer.

Qualifications:
- Plan to major or majoring in the areas of biomedical/behavioral sciences and have a research interest in these areas (e.g., biochemistry, chemistry, biomedical engineering, chemical engineering, psychology, etc)
- Incoming freshman must have at least a 3.5 high school GPA, 1000 on SAT, two letters of recommendation.
- Sophomores must have at least a 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA

For additional information, please visit the programs website at www.ncsu.edu/grad/imsd

This report focuses on African-American students and faculty. It includes data on undergraduate and graduate student demographics and trends in applications, admissions, retention and graduation rates. It also includes information on faculty demographics and trends. The report was produced by the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, based on data provided by University Planning and Analysis. The report is available at http://www.ncsu.edu/diversity/

Statistics Department Recognized
The Committee on the Profession (CoProf) of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) has announced the selection of two outstanding departmental programs to be designated as Mathematics Programs that Make a Difference. For 2009 the honored programs are the Department of Statistics at North Carolina State University, and the Department of Mathematics at the University of Mississippi. The excerpt from the AMS announcement is as follows. “The Department of Statistics at North Carolina State University (NCSU) has made diversity of students and faculty a top priority. Out of 40 faculty in the department, 11 are female, three are African-American, and two are Hispanic. In the past 10 years, 15 minority students have received master's degrees and two have received Ph.D.s. The department has about 160 graduate students, including nine African-Americans and four Hispanics; over 50 percent are female.

The department's approach includes communication with faculty at other institutions, active and sustained recruiting of minority students, and careful mentoring. NCSU has cultivated ties to other institutions, in particular historically black colleges and universities, as well as to organizations such as the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS). Through such connections, NCSU has reached undergraduate students interested in advanced work in statistics and provided them with information to decide whether NCSU is a good fit for them for graduate school. A co-Director of Graduate Programs, Pam Arroway travels extensively to various small colleges and summer programs to recruit students and to network and maintain strong relationships with their mentors.

Once students are recruited into the graduate program, they benefit from extensive mentoring from faculty advisors. Each new student is also assigned to a more-advanced student who acts as a mentor, or "stat buddy". A key figure in the department's mentoring efforts has been faculty member Kimberly Weems, who organizes many social activities for minority students and meets individually with them to ensure their successful progress through the program. Setting the student-centered tone is department head Sastry Pantula, who has twice been selected for a university diversity award. Other department faculty have received similar recognition, including Weems and Jackie Hughes-Oliver.

This dynamic department has pursued and received many grants, including two National Science Foundation VIGRE grants that proved crucial in supporting minority students. Recently the department received an S-STEM (Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) grant from the NSF, which will provide scholarships for United States undergraduate and graduate students with financial need. “

**National Observance**

There are several national observances during the month of June which includes:

- Children’s Awareness Month
- Deaf-Blindness Awareness Week (June 21-27) – Helen Keller National Center

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE**

**Changes to Visa Processing**

Dr. Paul Mueller, Interim Assistant Dean for International Programs, announced that it is no longer necessary to bring J-1 or H1-B documents to the IP office for his signature. Letters indicating this change were sent to all department heads in mid-May via email. If you would like to receive a copy of these letters, please email Patricia Holoman at patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu. We hope eliminating this one step will expedite visa processing for all departments. This change has been approved by Dean
Johnny Wynne, International Employment and the Office of International Services. If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please email Dr. Mueller at paul_mueller@ncsu.edu.

**International Visitors**

**Denmark**
The University of Copenhagen, Denmark sent several university representatives to NC State May 18 and 19 to visit areas of our campus. Dr. Lisbeth Borbye, Assistant Dean for Professional Education in the Graduate School, hosted the delegation from Denmark as they visited the Veterinary College, the BTEC facility on Centennial Campus and toured areas of main campus prior to signing an MOU with CALS for research and student exchange.

The University of Copenhagen is the largest university in Scandinavia with over 36,000 students. They offer excellent programs in the areas of life sciences to include biotechnology, food science and technology, horticultural sciences, agricultural development and economics, and sustainable development in agriculture. We look forward to working with this university towards the exchange of both student programs and possibly research and faculty exchanges. Please refer to the International Programs Office for more information by calling 919.515.2818 or emailing paul_mueller@ncsu.edu.

http://www.life.ku.dk/english.aspx

**Honduras**
IPO welcomes three research interns to the new Global Training Initiative (GTI) program offered here at NC State. The interns will be working in a swine research program under the supervision of Dr. Silvana Pietrosemoli and with other faculty located at CEFS in Goldsboro. The students are from our partner university Universidad Nacional de Agricultura in Honduras. To find out more about the GTI program or bringing international students to campus through the different program options, visit this link: http://www.ncsu.edu/gti/

**Lecture**

**Think Globally, Eat Locally**
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
6:30 -8:30 PM Discussion beginning at 7 PM Followed by Q&A
Irregardless Café
901 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh

The Science Café is an ongoing event series inviting anyone to participate in discussions with leaders in the field of science and technology on a variety of topics. It is hosted by the local Sigma Xi chapters and the Museum of Natural Sciences and takes place in local coffee shops and restaurants. The program works to promote discussions of science in an informal community setting. This month’s topic is on a global and cultural favorite—chocolate. Come to the Irregardless Café to hear the history of this remarkable food and the latest research on the taste that slips easily into recipes from drinks to desserts.

About the Speaker – Dr. Gabriel Keith Harris is an Assistant Professor of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutritional Sciences at North Carolina State University. His research interests involve the functional properties of plant foods. His specific interests include the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects of flavonoids and related compounds.
COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

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

Secrets of Success: North Carolina Values-Based Leadership now available!
General H. Hugh Shelton’s coffee table book takes a very special look into leadership and values.
General Shelton will be signing books at Quail Ridge Books on June 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
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.


Going…Going…Almost Gone! Only 10 first editions left!!!
Dr. George T. Barthalmus' original murder mystery, Revenge Through Me.
Dr. Barthalmus has asked that all proceeds from the sale of the book go to the George and Marina Barthalmus Life Sciences Scholarship Endowment. In addition, he is personally signing all copies purchased through this initial offering! Single editions are just $25, with discounts for purchases of three or more books. Hurry – we have JUST TEN first editions left and our prices must be increased substantially 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 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 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 919.515.6212or 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.

Alumni Help with Extreme Makeover Landscaping
When the May 3 episode of the ABC network’s “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” taped this past March, alumni of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences were key players in the landscape design portion of a home renovation in Jamesville, N.C. Preston Montague -- who graduated in December 2008 from the Department of Horticultural Science’s landscape design program and won the Outstanding Senior award -- answered a call from fellow CALS horticulture alumnus Maury Beckman ('08) to help build the landscape for the Jamesville home being “made over” on the show. Also lending a hand was '07 horticulture graduate Paul Hesselbad. It all began, Montague said, when Beckmann was asked by Ulanguzi, a local design company, to help Edenton Builders build the landscape for the home. Edenton Builders and Beacon Architecture were the local firms hired by the show to design and install the home. Read more from Perspectives Latest News

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

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**CALS PERSONNEL OFFICE**

**New Campus Employees**
Mark Boudreau, Research Assistant, Biology  
Jin Tong, Research Assistant, Crop Science  
Suman Pakala, Bioinformatics Developer, Plant Pathology  
Jennifer Card, Research Assistant, Poultry Science

**New County Employees**
Rhonda Church, Program Assistant, Ashe County  
Margaret Green, County Extension Secretary, Franklin County  
Ozetta Alston-Hill, Program Assistant, Halifax County  
Kemely Leary, Program Assistant, Hertford County  
Lee Tyre, Assistant Extension Agent, Northampton County  
Jessica Puckett, Program Assistant, Transylvania County

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