DUE DATES
Long-range space plan is due to Sylvia Blankenship by November 17

Departmental Compact Plans are due to Sylvia Blankenship December 4

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

Senior Breakfast
On Wednesday, December 6, the Agricultural Institute Alumni Committee will host a breakfast honoring Agricultural Institute students graduating during the fall semester. The breakfast will be in 2405 Williams Hall at 7:30 a.m.

Agricultural Institute Graduation Ceremony
On December 20 at 3:30 p.m. the Agricultural Institute will host a Graduation Ceremony at the NC State University Club for students graduating during the fall semester. A reception will follow the ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Summary of 2006 CALS Sponsored Ag Programs Field Days
CALS-NCARS-NCCES and the Division of Research Stations (NCDA&CS & NCARS) co-sponsored 16 formal field day events this year, including animal systems, field crops, and both food and ornamental horticultural crops. In addition, numerous less formal opportunities were available for our customers to view research and demonstrations at sites on research stations and at University Field Laboratories.

To enhance the relevance and applicability of our field day programs, we employ the following principles and strategies in planning and delivering field day programs:

1. We involve stakeholders in the planning process. Commodity leaders, campus research and extension faculty, extension field faculty, Communication Services and CALS Alumni Society representatives participate in the planning committees. New program ideas, effective ways to promote the field days, and creative speakers and presenters are identified through this inclusive planning approach.

2. We continue to make sure persons with disabilities and needing assistance to attend the field days are informed of the field days and how to make contact for assistance.

3. At the Fresh Market Tomato Field Day, we engaged the services of a Spanish interpreter for the presentations and translated educational materials into Spanish. Thus, we were able to
present the information effectively to a significant group of Hispanic workers and contractors attending the field day.

4. The Specialty Crops Field Day focused on cole crops and lettuce in an effort to tailor a program to an emerging opportunity in the state for production and marketing of these crops. And other field days focused on current issues and problems, as well as opportunities available to commodity producers.

5. In addition to programmatic input and support and promotion from commodity organizations, growers and others, many of these partners also provided financial support for the field days. For their support and contributions, the field day planning committees and CALS Administration are grateful.

We had many very positive comments regarding the series of field days this year. The credit for effective events goes to the planning committees, chaired by Department Heads, who plan and conduct the field days. We appreciate very much the efforts of these committees in developing and delivering programs that are relevant, support commodity agriculture, and help contribute to the sustainability of agriculture and its economic impacts across the state.

If anyone has feedback about field day programs, planning processes or other aspects of these outreach events, please notify the NCARS office.

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

**New Executive Director of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund – Dr. Michael Martin**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Martin has been hired as the new Executive Director of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund. Dr. Martin has most recently served as the Director for the Pennsylvania 4-H Foundation at Penn State University. He is a former 4-H member, agent and county director. He brings a wealth of experience to us and we are excited to have him joining us in North Carolina. Michael's first day is November 7. He can be reached at 919-513-8254.

**NC State Homecoming Parade at the Patterson Hall Porch Party**

Watch the NC State Homecoming Parade at the Patterson Hall Porch Party! The CALS Alumni & Friends Society invites you to attend the PATTERSON PORCH PARTY! -- An informal tent and reception to welcome visiting CALS Alumni for our NC State Homecoming. Come and watch the parade from Patterson and show your support!

- **Date:** Friday, November 3, 2006
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** In front of Patterson Hall, on the Walkway of Champions

CALS Alumni and Friends are invited to complete the CALS Alumni & Friends Survey at the following link:

http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=2821

**CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon**

The CALS Faculty/Staff Retiree Luncheon will be held December 2, 2006 at the McKimmon Center. The keynote speaker for this year's retiree luncheon will be NC State alumnus and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Hugh Shelton.
Comprehensive Gift Planning Web Site
To serve faculty and staff with helpful information, we have created a comprehensive gift planning Web site. We have an increasing number of friends of the College who now are benefiting from life income gifts, gift annuities and other charitable vehicles. Thank you for taking the time to explore the benefits of gift planning at http://cals.giftlegacy.com/.

You may also 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!

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

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 link below:

http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/advancement/resource_guide.htm

PROGRAM NEWS -- NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
2007 Extension Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2007 at McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education in Raleigh. Please mark these dates on your calendars. More details will be forwarded soon.

Personnel Updates
Director, Marketing Search
The interview process for this position is now in progress.

Award Winners
Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored at the NC Association of Extension 4-H Agents State Meeting this summer.

TC Blalock 1-3
Kyleen Burgess, Northampton
Tara Taylor, Lenoir

TC Blalock 4-6
Cynthia Clark, Rutherford
Judy West, Wilkes

Dalton Proctor
Mary Bowles, Richmond

Mike Davis
Greg Clemmons, Onslow
Program Assistant 1-3
Kathy Cooper, Bladen

Program Assistant 4-6
Shirley Smith, Hoke

Program Assistant 7+
Rell Killebrew, Edgecombe

25 Years
Ed Maxa, Wake
Suzanne Rhinehart, Alexander

Achievement in Service
Rebecca Liverman, Washington
Cynthia Clark, Rutherford
Bill Stone, Lee
Judy West, Wilkes

Distinguished Service
Crystal Smith, Franklin

Meritorious Service
Mary Bowles, Richmond

Diversity
Cathy Brown, Hoke

Excellence in 4-H Club Support Individual
Robbie Furr, Mecklenburg

Excellence in 4-H Club Support Team
Bladen County 4-H
Angela Shaver
Kathy Cooper
Becky Spearman

Excellence in Camping Team
Environmental Extravaganza Camping Team
Shea Ann DeJarnette, Robeson
Cathy Brown, Hoke
Linda Gore, Moore
Angela Shaver, Bladen

Search for Excellence in Teen Programming Team
Bladen County Team Summit
Angela Shaver
Sandra Kelly
Carol Strickland
Stacie Kinlaw
Alonzo Braggs
Educational Package Individual
Angela Harris, Green

Educational Package Team
Kyleen Burgess
  Kyleen Burgess, Northampton
  Suzanne vin Rijn, Wake

Educational Piece Individual
Sara Drake, Alleghany

Educational Piece, Team
Carter & Downing
  Tracy Carter, Davie
  Mitzi Downing, Wake

Exhibit
Angela Shaver, Bladen

Feature Story
Angela Harris, Greene

Media Presentation
Kyleen Burgess, Northampton

News Story
Morgan Maness, Rockingham

Periodical Publication Individual
Beth Bruton, Stanly

Periodical Publication Team
Bladen County Cooperative Extension Staff
  Angela Shaver
  Devona Beard
  Kent Wooten
  Sandra Kelly
  Becky Spearman
  Ryan Harrelson
  Corey Crabtree

Personal Column
Brandi Boaz, Caswell

Promotional Package Individual
Jennifer Brewer, Person

Promotional Package Team
Bladen County 4-H
  Angela Shaver
  Kathy Cooper
Promotional Piece Individual
   Angela Shaver, Bladen

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   Angela Shaver
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   Kent Wooten
   Sandra Kelly
   Becky Spearman
   Corey Crabtree

Published Photo
   Morgan Maness, Rockingham

Radio Program
   Sha Bailey, Vance

Video Program
   Peggie Lewis, Guilford

Congratulations to the following individuals who were honored at the NC Association of Program Assistants, Associates and Technicians State Meeting in September.

Dr. Bernadette G. Watts Award of Excellence
   Martin Brewington, Robeson County

Outstanding Service Award for FCS
   Teresa Thompson, Columbus County

Outstanding Service Award for 4-H
   Sandra Conner, Currituck County

Early Career Award for Agriculture
   Jan Perry-Weber, Currituck County

Early Career Award for Family Consumer Science
   Jo Simpson, Yancey County

Early Career Award for 4-H
   Marion Booth, Pitt County

Past President
   Kay Bridges
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