ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

Thank you to all who participated in Open House. We had a full event with over 8000 students in attendance.

Committee on Effective Teaching & Advising will host the following Brown Bag Lunch Seminars (Note dates and places):

November: Advising Assessment in CALS
   Come and participate in a focus group style discussion of "What is quality advising?" "How do we assess advising?" "How can advising make a difference on retention and graduation rates?" "How should we use advising assessment results?"
   Wednesday, November 18 from 11:30 - 1:00 in Room 2405 Williams Hall

January: Teaching with Technology
   Keith Harris, winner of The Gertrude Cox Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching and Learning with Technology will present a brown bag on effective strategies for Teaching with Technology. Keith will share examples of his successes and discuss challenges as well.
   Tuesday, January 19 from 11:30-1:00 in Room 308 Ricks

February: Graduate School opportunities
   Hear about opportunities from representatives in our NCSU Graduate School for students interested in going on to graduate school. Helpful information for advisers as you counsel with students at pre-registration and throughout their UG careers.
   February 9 from 11:30-1:00 in Room 308 Ricks.

March: Pre-VET Advising
   Dr. Shweta Trivedi, Teaching Assistant Professor and VetPAC Coordinator. This is your opportunity to hear about the VetPAC advising Center and meet our coordinator, Dr. Shweta Trivedi. Helpful information for you to share with your pre-vet advisees!
   February 17: Room 308 Ricks from 11:30 - 1:00. (date TBA)

Hold the Date: 2009 FALL GRADUATION – Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – RBC Center

DEPARTMENTAL SCHEDULE FOR GRADUATION:
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences - 1:30 p.m. (except for those marked with an asterisk)
   Agricultural & Resource Economics (ABM, BBM, NRM, ESE)................................. McKimmon Center, Western Boulevard
   Agricultural and Extension Education (AED, AEX, AEC)....Mount Olivet Baptist Church
   3500 Edwards Mill Road
Agricultural Science........................ Mount 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 – Friday, December 18th, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. McKimmon Center, Western Boulevard
Biological and Agricultural Engineering............................ 158 Weaver Laboratories
* Biology - 3:00 p.m. (Biological Sciences and Zoology)................ Carmichael Complex
Food Science, Bioprocessing Science, Nutrition Science and Biological Science - Nutrition Concentration..............................Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College
Horticultural Science ............ Ruby McSwain Education Center - JC Raulston Arboretum
Microbiology .................................................................Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center
Molecular and Structural Biochemistry ....................................... 124 Dabney Hall
Plant Biology ................................................................. Stephens Room, 3503 Gardner Hall
Poultry Science ........................................................................ 106 Scott Hall
Sociology and Anthropology (Applied Sociology/Criminology)......... 3400 Nelson Hall
4H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Science Mt Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
Interdepartmental Graduate Programs (Environmental Sciences, Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology.......Location of Major Faculty Advisor

Other Upcoming Events – Hold the Dates:
April 22: UG Teaching & Research Symposium (tentative)

April: Celebration of Teaching (date to be determined)

2010 New Student Orientation Dates:
- Transfer Student Orientation Sessions – Monday, June 28th and Monday, July 26th
- Freshman Student Orientation Sessions – Monday, July 6th through Friday, July 9th

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
The Admission Office will use the following deadlines and notification dates for the 2010 Fall Semester admissions process:

For freshmen applying for Summer or Fall 2010 admission (domestic, excluding College of Design):
Deadline 1: October 15, 2009
Notification Date: December 15, 2009
Deadline 2: November 1, 2009
Notification Date: January 30, 2010
Deadline 3: February 1, 2010
Notification Date: March 30, 2010

For transfer students applying for summer or fall admission:
Deadline: April 1, 2010

For entering freshmen and transfer students applying to the Agricultural Institute:
Deadline: July 1, 2010

For additional information on admission deadlines and requirements, visit the Undergraduate Admissions web site at: http://admissions.ncsu.edu/
Upcoming Dates of Importance:

- **November 25 - 27** - Thanksgiving Vacation for students; no classes
- **November 26 - 27** - Thanksgiving Holidays; university closed
- **November 30** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- **November 30 – December 4** - "Dead Week" - Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any test or quizzes or assign any additional papers or project during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.
- **December 4** - Last day of classes
- **December 7 - 8** - Reading Days
- **December 9 - 17** - Final Examinations
- **December 19** - Fall Graduation Exercise
- **December 24 - January 1** - Winter Holiday; university closed
- **January 11** - First day of classes
- **January 15** - 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)
- **January 18** - Holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); university closed
- **January 25** - Last day to enroll (register) or to add a course. Last day to drop a course, or change from credit to audit with tuition adjustment. Last day for undergraduate students to drop below 12 hours.
- **March 8** - Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a grade at the 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 Undergraduate and Graduate drops at 11:59 p.m.
- **March 15 - 19** - Spring Break; no classes
- **March 22** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- **March TBD** - Enrollment (Registration) begins for the 2010 Summer Sessions and Fall Semester.
- **April 1 - 2** - Spring Holiday; no classes
- **April 5** - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- **April 26 - 30** - "Dead Week" - Last week of classes. In order that students may complete semester projects, take lab tests, and prepare for final examinations, faculty members shall not give any test or quizzes or assign any additional papers or project during the final week of the semester. Exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the department head and the dean of the college involved.
- **April 30** - Last day of classes
- **May 3 - 4** - Reading Days
- **May 5 - 13** - Final Examinations
- **May 15** - Spring Commencement

**CAREER SERVICES OFFICE**

On October 29th, CALS Career Services will be hosting its 18th annual Career Expo. The event will be held on the 2nd floor of the Talley Student Center from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This year, in addition to the 70 companies that will be present at the Expo, we are featuring “Round Table Chats” in which industry and faculty leaders can share career advice, direct students to appropriate exhibits, and offer students a chance to network with featured industry and faculty leaders from Agricultural Business, Animal, Biotechnology/Pharmaceutical, Education, Environmental/Landscape, Food/Nutrition, and
Pre-Veterinary industries. Round Table Chats will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30p.m. during the event. Admission is free and open to the entire University. Please encourage your students to stop by and learn about career options, job openings, and professional schools. For a list of companies attending, please go to our web site (www.cals.ncsu.edu/career) and click on the Career Expo button.

“Just Who Will I Be?”, the career exploration program tailored just for CALS Freshman will be featured in Perspectives Magazine. We are looking forward to seeing the write-up and sharing with others how successful the program has become.

The Kick Start Your Career event series is quickly coming to a close for the Fall semester. The last two topics, ―Using Technology in Your Job Search” and “Detour Ahead: Taking a Gap Year After Graduation” will finish the series. “Using Technology in Your Job Search” will be held on Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th while “Detour Ahead: Taking a Gap Year After Graduation” will be available on Wednesday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th. The Wednesday sessions meet in Ricks Hall Room 308 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. and the Thursday sessions meet in Fox 306 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE**

Senior Breakfast
The Agricultural Institute will host a breakfast for its graduating seniors on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. in 2405 Williams Hall. Please mark your calendars!

Graduation
The Agricultural Institute graduation ceremony will be Friday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m. in Stewart Theatre. All are welcome to attend. Please mark your calendars!

Alumni Reunion
We are now planning the Agricultural Institute’s 50th Anniversary in 2010! We ask that you share ideas and suggestions for this special event. You can do this by completing our survey. The survey can be found at: [http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=8413](http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=8413)

**NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE**

ESP to hold annual meeting Nov. 19
Save the date -- Nov. 19, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. -- for Epsilon Sigma Phi, Xi Chapter’s annual meeting at the JC Raulston Arboretum in Raleigh. The program will include an awards luncheon and motivational speaker. For more information visit the [meeting registration site](http://ceres.cals.ncsu.edu/surveybuilder/Form.cfm?testID=8413).

EFNEP hosts Hunger Forum for 40th anniversary
The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program will host the Hunger Issues Forum Dec. 4, McKimmon Center, N.C. State University, in celebration of EFNEP’s 40 years of service in North Carolina. The forum entitled "Cultivating Solutions to Hunger" will address community hunger issues through keynote speeches and three breakout sessions featuring national and state experts. Registration information and complete details of the forum can be found at [www.ces.ncsu.edu/EFNEP/EFNEPHungerForum.pdf](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/EFNEP/EFNEPHungerForum.pdf). Complete the registration form found on this site. In addition, to document participation in the training, Extension personnel should register for the forum through the Learning Management System.
N.C. MarketReady is new name for Value-Added Agriculture Program
N.C. State University’s Program for Value-Added & Alternative Agriculture will become N.C. MarketReady, effective Oct. 20. The value-added program was founded in 2006 by Dr. Blake Brown, director and a professor in the N.C. State Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, with funding from the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. Since then, the program team, based at the N.C. Research Campus in Kannapolis, has grown to five faculty and four staff members. It works closely with N.C. State University’s Plants for Human Health Institute, also based at the N.C. Research Campus, as well as with faculty from main campus and Cooperative Extension field faculty across the state.

Extension SARE scholarships available for conference
This year the 2009 Carolina Farm Stewardship Association Sustainable Agriculture Conference (CFSA SAC) will be held at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, Dec. 4-6. Extension Day, Friday, Dec. 4, will include a three-hour morning (9 a.m. – 12 noon) workshop focusing on local food, sustainable business practices and safe food handling, as well as an afternoon tour of value-added facilities. Dec. 5 and 6 will be devoted to CFSA SAC. This year, Southern Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) is offering travel scholarships up to a maximum of $800 for Extension agents who would like to attend. Funds may used for registration, lodging and travel for the conference. For information and registration forms, contact Carol Moore at carolmoore27@gmail.com for details.

PLT workshop helps teachers bring recycling into the classroom
Project Learning Tree® partnered with the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance to present a two-day educational workshop for 22 teachers and solid waste professionals in Wilkesboro, Sept. 24 and 25. The workshop included educational activities to help bring lesson plans focusing on waste and recycling into the classroom, as well as tours of a local material recovery facility and landfill. “With the plastic bottle ban that began on Oct. 1, this is a great time to help get teachers excited about recycling in their schools, as well as providing them tools and ideas to help that happen,” said Kelley Dennings, education and outreach project manager with DPPEA. “Every second, 100 plastic bottles are disposed of in North Carolina. Now they must be recycled, not thrown into landfills.” For more information about PLT in North Carolina, contact Renee Strnad, College of Natural Resources, at 919.515.5518 or visit www.ces.ncsu.edu/plt.

Forestry Extension expert predicts early fall color
Despite drought conditions in parts of the state for most of the year, there should be plenty of colorful foliage worth seeing across North Carolina this fall, according to a North Carolina State University expert. Dr. Robert Bardon, associate professor of forestry and Extension forestry specialist at N.C. State, says that in areas of the state that have experienced drought, people should expect to see colors early, and that the leaves will change color faster. “People should be hoping for weather conditions that are warmer during the day and cooler at nighttime – since they create the most vibrant fall colors,” Bardon says. “However, if we have a wet fall, we can expect less vibrant colors this season.”

New technical bulletin focuses on switchgrass
Order a copy of Switchgrass, research bulletin TB-326, from the Department of Communication Services: $8 per copy. Switchgrass (Panicum virgatum) is a perennial grass native to the southeastern United States that can be used as a pasture, stored forage or biomass crop. A new technical bulletin developed by crop scientists in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service summarizes the results of 26 independent research projects that focused on switchgrass—from its establishment and management challenges to its potential as a crop for grazing animals and biomass. Based on their findings, the authors make recommendations for establishing switchgrass, managing it and selecting a cultivar based on use. The bulletin includes data
on two improved cultivars developed jointly by the N.C. Agricultural Research Service and the USDA–ARS and released in 2006. Read more from Extension Online News

**Evaluation page offers resources**
A new Web site provides educational resources and evaluation tools to help North Carolina Cooperative Extension agents learn how to conduct Extension evaluations. The evaluation tools allow agents to document program outcomes and impacts and determine needed program improvements. The page was developed by Dr. Jay Jayaratne, state leader for program evaluation and assistant professor. These tools are based on evaluation theory and practice. For more information, visit the Web site: www.cals.ncsu.edu/agexed/exeval/Home_Page.html.

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE**

**New GSL Equipment**
The Genomic Sciences Laboratory now has the 454 Titanium FLX sequencing platform from Roche up and running. This instrument can generate over a million high quality genomic and transcriptomic sequences per run. The GSL will soon purchase a short-read, deep sequencer with funding obtained by PI Dr. Owen McMillan from the NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program. Please contact the GSL (513-3881) to discuss your project and place it in the work queue for the 454 or to obtain information about how the new deep sequencer could be used to generate over 20,000,000 reads per lane for re-sequencing or transcriptome analyses.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Visitors**
The Office of International Affairs hosted a delegation from Ecuador on October 15, 2009. The delegation was comprised of the President of Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) and 20 other faculty members representing a wide array of departments from the University. USFQ and NC State have a longstanding and very active student exchange program, which spans across multiple disciplines. NCSU faculty were shown a presentation of the University’s offerings, and were then able to speak one-on-one with faculty regarding expansion of current collaborations of research and academic exchange. To learn more about USFQ contact our office at 515-2818.

**Grants**
Congratulations to the Horticulture Department on a recent grant award. UC Davis has been chosen as the lead university for a five-year Horticulture CRSP (Collaborative Research Support Program) Grant. UC Davis will partner with NC State, University of Hawaii and Cornell to prepare the Initial Impact Projects (IIP). NC State is pleased to be chosen as part of this upcoming grant opportunity. UC Davis will develop a Program Council to lead the process which will be comprised of a representative from each partner university to help develop the IIPs and sub-awards.

**Study Abroad**
- CALS Scholarship Awards
CALS has acquired a donation for scholarships of CALS-sponsored study abroad trips this summer. There are now scholarships available ranging from $500 to $1,000. The application deadline for a summer program is **February 12, 2010**. The application forms will be available on the SAO website in mid-December. We will have 5 CALS-sponsored programs this summer. You may contact the program directors for more specific information on the course offerings of each program. Contact our office (patricia_holoman@ncsu.edu / 515-2818) if you or your students have questions regarding scholarships. See the links below for more information on scholarship applications:
● CALS-sponsored Summer Programs

Summer Program: Queensland Australia,
Program Director: Dr. Morgan Morrow, 515-4001 / morgan_morrow@ncsu.edu

Program page
http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/study%20abroad/index.html

Study Abroad link
http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=050673754F75010772757774031F000008781B00737C096B740274770106740572017277707A0201&Type=S

Summer Program: Australia - Equine Industry
Program Director: Dr. Shannon Pratt, 515-1117 / shannon_pratt@ncsu.edu

http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=3246&Type=O&sType=O

Summer Program: Costa Rica—Sustainability of Tropical Agroecosystems
Program Director, Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno, 513-0085 / michelle_schroeder@ncsu.edu

Program Page
http://compost.cropsoil.uga.edu/courses/tropag/

Summer Program: Hangzhou Plant Resources & Ecology
Program Director: Jenny Xiang, 515-2728 / jenny_xiang@ncsu.edu

Program Page
http://www4.ncsu.edu/~qyxiang/PB495-595.html

Study Abroad Link
http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=1961&Type=O&sType=O

Summer Program: Poland
Program Director: Hanna Gracz, 515-8907 / hanna_gracz@ncsu.edu

http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=1645&Type=O&sType=O

OIA Passport Fair

The Office of International Affairs is sponsoring its 6th Annual Passport Fair on November 17, 2009 from 10 AM to 4 PM in the Talley South Gallery. Follow this link for information on costs and what to bring to apply for or renew passports. You may also contact OIA directly at 515-3201.

OIS Training Sessions

The Office of International Services will be offering two training sessions in November on Visa issues and research scholar employment and/or hosting.

OIS Updates for DGPs and Grad Secretaries
Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 11:00am-12:00pm
Room 3118, Talley Student Center

The focus will be on changes within both enrollment and employment processes and the ways in which DGPs and Grad Secretaries can guide their students in light of these changes. Covered in this one hour session will be the following:

- Curricular Practical Training (CPT) – New updates regarding eligibility requirements for CPT during the academic semester.
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) - Changes in determining the student’s program end date and start date of OPT which may affect the student’s eligibility for on-campus employment.
- Changes in Curriculum - Changes to the requirements for students changing between thesis options and if / when the Advisors Form or funding may be required.
- Changes in Level - Review of how the anticipated completion date and effective semester are important in the issuance of a new I-20.
- Masters “en route” - Changes in the OIS reporting requirements for students and how abandoning the Ph.D. can affect the student’s F-1 status and other benefits.

J-1 Exchange Visitor Program Overview for PIs, UBOs, and Personnel Reps
Tuesday, November 10, 2009, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Room 3118, Talley Student Center

The focus will be on the benefits of the J-1 visa as a tool for advancing the University’s research and teaching objectives. Covered in this one hour session will be the following:

- Overview of the benefits and limitations of the J-1 visa for Short-term and Research Scholars.
- Discussion of basic eligibility requirements and the request process for hosting visiting Scholars from abroad.
- Mysteries of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program explained: The “home residence requirement”, “bars on repeat participation“ and others.

CALS IPAC
The CALS International Programs Advisory Committee (IPAC) met 20 October for their quarterly meeting. Two guest speakers made presentations regarding procedures for creating Memorandums of Agreement and for hosting J-1 scholars. Thank you to David Dixon, International Programs Coordinator from the Office of International Affairs and to Thomas Greene, Assistant Director with the Office of International Services for their time in presenting to our group.

We have had several changes to departmental representation to our IPAC. A current list of the IPAC is included here with this month’s Administrative Briefing [see Exhibit A]. We work to keep our IPAC informed regarding grant opportunities and other pertinent global information affecting the
College. You may refer some of your International questions to your IPAC rep or please always contact us directly at paul_mueller@ncsu.edu / 515-2818.

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY**

**CHAMPS Will Hold First Graduate Student Recruitment Event This Month:** Earlier this year the CALS Diversity Council and CALS Academic Programs Office engaged in a new partnership led by the NCSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion and NCSU Graduate School in collaboration with the United Negro College Fund Institute for Capacity Building Enrollment Management Program. Through the Cultivating High Achieving Motivated Professionals and Scholars (CHAMPS) Project, close to twenty 20 highly talented undergraduate students from Fisk University, Xavier University, and Claflin University will visit NCSU on November 12 and 13, 2009. The visiting students will learn about graduate degree programs as well as undergraduate research opportunities available at NCSU. The visiting students expressed interest in graduate degree programs in three specific Colleges at NCSU which include CALS, College of Engineering, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. In fact, over half of the students (9) expressed interest in pursuing graduate education in majors within CALS. These exceptional students have an average GPA of 3.61. Of the nine students, seven are biology majors with two having minors in chemistry. Two of the nine students are chemistry majors with a minor in biology. All nine students hold prestigious scholarships at their home institutions (e.g. Howard Hughes Biomedical Scholars, McNair Scholars, Presidential Scholars, Rousseve Scholar, etc.).

The CALS Diversity Council is very excited about the plans in place for introducing these 9 phenomenal students to the outstanding graduate degree programs within the College.

**CALS MAP Students Attend Regional Conference:** Eight undergraduate CALS Minority Association of Pre-Health Students (MAPS) participated in the Change: Transforming America’s Healthcare in a New Era Conference which was held from October 16 through 18, 2009 in Durham, NC. This conference sponsored by Region IV of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), afforded CALS students the opportunity to interface with current medical and dental students from universities throughout the Southeast region as well as other pre-health MAPS students. The conference featured a track of educational seminars and professional development workshops for pre-health students focused on how to prepare and be competitive for graduate school in the health professions (e.g. preparing for the MCAT, personal statement writing workshop, mock medical school interview training, etc.). Keynote speakers included prominent physicians, dentists, and other health professionals of color.

**Diversity Training:** Equal Opportunity Institute (EOI)

1. **NCBI Building Bridges: Strengthening Leadership for Diverse Communities: Parts I & II.** The NCBI program will educate student, faculty and staff about issues of diversity. This workshop will allow you to gain self-awareness, stretch beyond your comfort zone, and gain new understanding. Thurs., Nov. 12, 2009; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Talley Student Center, Brown Room
Thurs., Apr. 8, 2010; 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Talley Student Center, Brown Room

2. **NCBI Building Bridges: Leading Diverse Group Through Conflict.** Participants learn to reframe controversial issues into a context where all parties are able to work toward a common solution. Wed., Jan. 27, 2010; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Talley Student Center, Brown Room

3. **The EOI is a program designed to increase participants’ awareness of equal opportunity issues and increase their effectiveness as employees or students. With over 250 graduates, the program is still making a difference on our campus. In these times of budget cuts, this is a program of excellence that**
provides an outstanding professional development opportunity free to NC State University faculty, staff and students. Visit the following web site for additional information and to apply:  
http://www.ncsu.edu/equal_op/eoi/

New Reports: **Access and Barriers for Persons with Disabilities 2009 Survey Results.** In April 2009, to determine the extent to which the University is complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and fulfilling its commitment to persons with disabilities, the Office for Equal Opportunity at NC State asked the vice chancellors, deans, vice provosts and department heads to review programmatic access and barriers within their college/department/unit by completing a survey. A summary of the results is online at http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/facts/access_barriers_survey61909.pdf

NC State University's celebration of Native American Heritage Month:

*“Johnny Tootall” Film & Discussion*, Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M., 215 Park Shops

*Native American Panel Disussion*, Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M., 1108 Jordan Hall

*Governor’s Proclamation Ceremony*, Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 P.M., Chancellor’s Office, Holladay Hall

*Dreamcatcher Making Workshop*, Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M., Green Room, Talley Student Center

*Tutelo-Saponi Language Lesson*, Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 P.M, Green Room, Talley Student Center

*Native American Culture Night*, Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M., Washington Sankofa Room, Witherspoon Student Center

14<sup>th</sup> Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration, Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M., North Carolina Museum of History

*“Miss Navajo” - Beauty Queen or Tribal Princess* Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 P.M., Washington Sankofa Room, Witherspoon Student Center

*Native American Art Display*, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Gregg Museum, Talley Student Center

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

- National American Indian Heritage Month
- Military Family Appreciation Month
- National Inspirational Role Models Month
- Vegan Month
- National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week (Nov 15-21)

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

Upcoming CALS Alumni & Friends Society (AFS) Events

Watch the Homecoming Parade at the Patterson Porch Party! The CALS AFS invites everyone to watch the 2009 NC State Homecoming Parade at the Patterson Porch Party! On Friday, November 6, starting at 5:00 p.m. in front of Patterson Hall, the Patterson Porch Party is a casual event where faculty and staff, students, alumni and friends can enjoy refreshments, mingle and watch the Homecoming Parade. At 6:00 p.m., the parade of student floats will begin, passing in front of Patterson on Hillsborough Street. If you have any questions, contact the CALS Alumni and Friends Society at 515-7857.
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 scott_troutman@ncsu.edu or call 515-7857.

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.

CALS Advancement News Items

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 holiday 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, 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 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 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

**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 or any type of planned gift, please contact Sonia Murphy at 919.513.0637 or sonia_murphy@ncsu.edu.

**CALS PERSONNEL – NEW HIRES FOR OCTOBER 2009**

**New University Regulation on the earning of Comp Time for Exempt employees;**

**Time Sheet Reminder**  
On October 21, 2009, Chancellor Woodward announced a new University regulation, REG01.25.15, which prohibits the earning of compensatory [“comp”] time or overtime for employees classified as exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act [FLSA]. Please see the following website for the full text of the memorandum: http://ncsu.edu/3d-memos/info.php/2009-2010/.

Generally, all EPA employees will fall under this new regulation, as will several job groups of SPA employees. The policy prohibiting the earning of any “comp” time or overtime for FLSA-exempt employees goes into effect immediately. Only that “comp” time reflected in the Web Leave System as of September 30, 2009, will be deemed valid. FLSA-exempt employees will have until December 31, 2009, to use any balances; after that date, the balance will be forfeited.

As a general reminder, overtime is to be limited unless absolutely necessary. In addition, all requests for overtime must be approved by the supervisor in advance.

All employees subject to the FLSA are required to keep an accurate time sheet as a condition of employment. It is important that supervisors and employees alike keep accurate time records! This includes the accurate completion of a monthly timesheet (HR-10 form), as well as keeping leave transactions and balances accurately reflected in the Web Leave System. University Human Resources has an on-line training for supervisors and employees alike about correctly accounting for employee compensable/non-compensable time.

See: http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/hr/classcomp/timerecdefault.asp

Please take this opportunity to review both of these important regulations with all employees.
If you have questions about this policy, the proper recording of time for those employees eligible to earn, or in determining who is or is not covered by the new regulation, please call the CALS Personnel Office at 515-2708.

**New Campus Employees - Staff**
Adam Terando, Coordinator, Biology  
Sophie Veran, Research Associate, Biology  
Laura Langham, Extension Associate, 4-H & Family Consumer Sciences  
Jeong-a Yun, Research Technician, Genetics  
Sherrill Lindley, Research Technician, Food, Bioprocessing & Nutrition Sciences

**New County Employees**  
Glenn Runtree, Program Associate, Gates County

### 2009 Commodity Meetings

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Crop Protection School & Crop Protection Association of NC Meeting (Fall)  

December 8, 2009  McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC  Tom Melton

- Please check this URL periodically for updates.
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