ARS scientists share 2008 Secretary's Honor Award for wheat disease research
Dr. David Marshall, research leader for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agriculture Research Service in Plant Science and a faculty member in N.C. State Department of Plant Pathology, has received a USDA Secretary’s Honor Award for his research related to a virulent stem rust attacking the world’s wheat crop. Marshall was recently recognized for his work, along with fellow team leader and research plant pathologist Yue Jin, ARS Cereal Disease Research Laboratory, St. Paul, Minn. The two are leaders of the "USDA-ARS Ug99 Team to Combat New, Virulent Wheat and Barley Stem Rusts.” Ug99 is a virulent wheat stem rust, first discovered in Uganda in 1998 and reported in 1999.

NC AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
Register to attend the CALS Research Conference – January 22, 2009
Thanks to all who submitted names to be included in the mailing for the CALS Research Conference, Stewards of the Future: Research for Global Sustainability. Responses have already begun to arrive.

We also sent packets of invitations to each department so you can follow up personally to encourage your current and prospective funders to attend; personal invitations often make all the difference. If you or others in your department need more, or if you would like us to send out additional invitations for you, please contact us at ncalsresearch_conference@ncsu.edu.

Also, please take a few moments to register to attend at: ncalsrf-conference.com

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

N.C. State, N.C. A&T State University officials announce historic $3 million endowment
Nearly 75 people packed into a conference room at UNC General Administration on a soggy fall day – Election Day, no less. They were there to celebrate a $3.15 million endowment from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, in support of the Center for Environmental Faming Systems (CEFS) and its efforts to build a sustainable, community-based food economy statewide.

The first of its kind, the award will create two endowed chairs – one at N.C. State University and one at N.C. A&T State University – as well as support CEFS efforts to increase production, processing, distribution and consumption of local, sustainably raised foods in North Carolina.

“This is an historic day,” said Erskine Bowles, president of the UNC system. “We’ve never had a dual endowment in the university. This is also an excellent example of how sister institutions can work together for sustainable development all across North Carolina.”
Telling the story of his personal ties to agriculture, Bowles said, “With our rich agricultural history, I can’t think of a better place than North Carolina to build sustainable food economies. This will put us in the forefront of what I believe is a growing industry.”

The W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Community Based Food Systems awards N.C. State and N.C. A&T State $1.575 million each.

“This award will make a real difference in the lives of the people of North Carolina, from farmers struggling with difficult economic times to consumers looking to put a healthy meal on the table,” said N.C. State Chancellor James L. Oblinger.

Oblinger was associate dean for Academic Programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences when CEFS was created in 1994. “Back then, I saw not just tremendous opportunities for students, but also for research and extension that are relevant and responsive,” he said.

Ricardo Salvador, program director with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, described how the foundation is endowing chairs at select universities across the country, in an effort to establish a network of 14.

“We are extremely pleased to add N.C. A&T State and N.C. State to this peerless group of institutions that are leaders in the agricultural realm,” Salvador said. “N.C. A&T State and N.C. State have been leaders in community-based food systems.”

Speaking of the “precarious energy environment” in which we live and its interconnectedness to the global food supply, Salvador painted a picture of a very challenging – and critical – time for universities to make a difference.

“There is nothing more relevant that N.C. State and N.C. A&T State could be doing now,” he said. “That is what we are investing in. We envision a future food system that creates benefits fairly and in perpetuity for all.”

N.C. A&T State University Chancellor Stanley F. Battle also delivered remarks at the event, as did Simon Rich, chair of the CEFS Board of Advisers.

Chancellor Oblinger best summed up the spirit of the celebration, saying, “This is a great day for the university system, it’s a great day for our two institutions, and it’s a great day for agriculture in North Carolina.” -- Suzanne Stanard

Faculty to Provide Input on Strategic Plan for Research Stations
The General Assembly of North Carolina passed a bill in their 2007 session that the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University, the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the Commissioner of Agriculture study and develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the management of both the agricultural research stations that are currently jointly managed by North Carolina State University and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the university farm managed by North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

To develop a comprehensive plan for the NC agricultural research stations, a number of committees have been established and have been meeting. A meeting has also been scheduled for faculty who conduct research on the NC agricultural research stations. This meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. on December 16, 2008 at the NC State University Club, Raleigh, NC. It is important that faculty who conduct research on research
stations be part of the process of developing the strategic plan because it will likely impact the process of conducting research on the research stations.

**Agricultural Research Station Meetings Scheduled**

Hearings have been scheduled across North Carolina in December and January at which the public may comment on the management of North Carolina’s agricultural research stations.

The hearings will be held at the following locations.

**Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.**
Tidewater Research Station
207 Research Station Road, Plymouth

**Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.**
Wake County Office Park, Commons Building
4001 Carya Drive, Raleigh

**Wednesday, January 14, 1:00 p.m.**
Mountain Research Station
264 Test Farm Road, Waynesville

The North Carolina General Assembly earlier this year instructed North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University and the state’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to work together to develop a strategic plan for managing the state’s 18 agricultural research stations and the NC A&T Farm.

The legislative action followed a report by the legislature’s Program Evaluation Division that suggested that a strategic plan for research station system management is needed. At present, N.C. State owns six of the research stations, while the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services owns the remaining 12, and NC A&T owns its research farm.

The strategic plan will be designed to “enhance efficiency, improve effectiveness and modernize our facilities for agricultural research,” says a letter announcing the public hearings. The letter is signed by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, Dr. Johnny C. Wynne, dean and executive director for agricultural programs, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, N.C. State; and Dr. Donald R. McDowell, interim dean, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, N.C. A&T.

At the three meetings, the public is invited to offer suggestions on how North Carolina’s agricultural research stations might be modernized and managed more efficiently and effectively.

--Dave Caldwell, 919-513-3127 or dave_caldwell@ncsu.edu

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE**

**Advisers**
The call for ambassador nominations will take place in January. As you go through advising, be thinking of students who would be a good fit for the program. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Tricia Buddin at 919-515-2614.

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

- October 15 application deadline – Notification December 15
- November 1 application deadline – Notification January 30
- December 1 application deadline – Notification March 15
- February 1 application deadline – Notification March 30

**Hold the Dates**

Just a reminder, please mark your calendars for *Spring Entry Orientation* – December 12 and January 6. If you have not done so, please respond with your advising location to Julie_Holder@ncsu.edu

**Fall 2008 Graduation – Wednesday, December 17**

**Time and Location For Distribution Of Diplomas**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences** - 1:30 p.m. (except for those marked with an asterisk)

- **Agricultural & Resource Economics**
  (ABM, BBM, NRM, ESE Majors/Concentration) ………..McKimmon Center, Western Boulevard
- **Agricultural and Extension Education**
  (AED, AEX, AEC, AGS Majors/Concentration)…..Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
- *Agronomy, Turfgrass Science, Crop Science, and Soil Science* -…… 1:00 p.m.2215 Williams Hall
- **Animal Science**……………………………………………………….McKimmon Center, Western Boulevard
- **Biological and Agricultural Engineering**………………………………………. 158 Weaver Laboratories
- *Biology* - 12:00 noon……………..Governor James Holshouser Building, NC State Fairgrounds
- *Food Science, Bioprocessing Science, Nutrition Science and Biological Science-Nutrition Concentration* ……00 p.m.University Club, 4200 Hillsborough Street
- **Horticultural Science** ……………………………Ruby McSwain Education Center - JC Raulston Arboretum
- **Microbiology**……………………………………………………………..Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center
- **Molecular and Structural Biochemistry**………………………………………………………………………………222 Dabney Hall
- **Plant Biology**………………………………………………………....Stephens Room, 3503 Gardner Hall
- **Poultry Science**…………………………………………………………….106 Scott Hall
- **Sociology and Anthropology** (Applied Sociology/Criminology) …………………3400 Nelson Hall
- *Zoology* - 12:00 noon……………..Governor James Holshouser Building, NC State Fairgrounds
- **Interdepartmental Graduate Programs** (Environmental Sciences, Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology)……………………………………………………..Location of Major Faculty Advisor

**Other Upcoming Dates of Importance**

- November 26 thru November 28 - Thanksgiving Vacation for students; no classes
- November 27 thru November 28 - Thanksgiving Holidays; university closed
- December 1 - Classes resume at 8:05 a.m.
- December 1 thru December 5 - "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 5 - Last day of classes
- December 8 thru December 16 - Final Examinations
- December 17 - Fall Graduation Exercise
- Dec 24 thru January 2 - Winter Holiday; university closed
CAREER SERVICES OFFICE
The professional development workshop series, Kick Start, has finished for the fall semester. Certificates of completion were awarded to 33 CALS students on November 19 and 20.

This time of the year is a great time for students to search for internships. When advising your students, please remind them of CALS Career Services in 107 Patterson Hall or to contact us at 919-515-3249. We have several resources to help students gain valuable experience including ePACK and one-on-one counseling.

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE
Hold the Dates
On December 1, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Brownstone, Dr. Lynn Turner will be honored with a Retirement and Endowment Celebration. The celebration starts with a reception at 6:00 p.m., with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. An endowment agreement creating the Lynn and Beth Turner Student Leaders Scholarship Endowment will be signed during the program. This event is co-hosted by the NC State Agri-Life Council, the Agricultural Institute Club, CALS Academic Programs and The North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc. Please visit the following url for detailed information and to sign up to attend:

https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/NCS/events/NCS2213130.html

If you would like to contribute to the Lynn and Beth Turner Student Leaders Scholarship Endowment, please visit the following url and do so:

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

If you should have questions or need additional information, please contact Alease Hancock at alease_hancock@ncsu.edu or 919-515-3248.

Senior Breakfast
The Agricultural Institute will host a breakfast for its graduating seniors on Wednesday, December 3, 2008. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2405 Williams Hall. Please RSVP at:

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=252

Agricultural Institute December Graduation
The Agricultural Institute graduation ceremony will be Wednesday, December 17 at 3:30pm. It will be held at the University Club. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP at:

http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=252

NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Ruiz-Evans named Dare County Extension Director
Susan Ruiz-Evans has been selected to replace Ann Ward as the county Extension director of the Dare County Center of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Ward retired earlier this year.

Extension Federation Meeting Canceled
The Extension Federation Forum, scheduled for December 12 in Greensboro, has been canceled due to travel limitations. New Federation officers will still take office January 1, as planned.
CEFS Hosts Meetings on Local Food Economies
What will it take to build a sustainable, local food economy in North Carolina, where local growers have access to local markets for their products? Consumers in Greenville, Winston-Salem and the Charlotte area will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on the subject at three upcoming regional meetings, sponsored by the Center for Environmental Farming Systems. The upcoming meetings will be held in the following locations:

- **Charlotte area:** December 8, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cabarrus Arena and Event Center, 4751 Highway 49 North, Concord, NC 28025. Directions: [www.cabarrusarena.com/pages/Direction.html](http://www.cabarrusarena.com/pages/Direction.html).
- **Winston-Salem:** December 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m. SciWorks, 400 W Hanes Mill Rd, Winston Salem, 336-767-6734. Directions: [www.sciworks.org/SciInfoDirections.html](http://www.sciworks.org/SciInfoDirections.html).
- **Greenville:** December 15, 1:30-4:30 p.m., St. Timothy’s, 107 Louis St., Greenville.

Please contact Amber Polk, amber_polk@ncsu.edu, to register for a regional meeting and to be added to a listserv. Check the initiative Web site -- [www.cefsfarmtofork.com](http://www.cefsfarmtofork.com) -- for updates.

**Extension Specialists to Meet February 6**
The N.C. Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists will hold its second regular meeting of the year February 6 in the Blue Room of the Talley Student Center. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; meeting, 10 a.m.-noon.

**Multi-state Meeting Will Focus on Agritourism**
Mark your calendars for a special multi-state workshop, entitled “The Business Side of Agritourism,” that will be held in Asheville, April 27-29. Extension agents from several states will be invited to participate. The workshop is a collaborative effort with Georgia and North Carolina. There is space for 100 agents to attend this training. Grant funds are available to pay for travel, lodging and per diem for up to 100 agents. Approximately 40 slots are available for North Carolina Cooperative Extension agents. If you are interested in attending this training session, please contact Gary Bullen at gary_bullen@ncsu.edu.

**Media Relations Made Easy Workshops Begin**
Communication Services and Extension’s Personal and Organizational Development group are pleased to introduce a new program to provide media relations and communications training to Extension professionals across the state. The Media Relations Made Easy training team includes county-based Extension professionals from all six districts who will plan and conduct training sessions in their own districts and assist each other with training programs. Team members are Jim Burke (Gaston); Dalton Dockery (Bladen), Ed Emory (Duplin), Al Hight (Brunswick), Rebecca Liverman (Washington), Brenda Morris (Guilford) and Nancy Ostergaard (Buncombe). Leadership is provided by Natalie Hampton of Communication Services and Lanny Hass of POD. Extension professionals are welcome to participate in the district of their choosing. Workshops will be listed on Extension’s LMS site at: [http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/xlms/](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/xlms/).

**NC Youth Win Big at NJHA**
North Carolina youth delegates to the 74th National Junior Horticulture Association’s annual convention Spartanburg, S.C., look top honors in a number of categories, including the Most Spirited State Award, which they won for the second year in a row. From North Carolina, 14 youth and five adult leaders from across the state spent five days discovering Southern horticulture and sharing their horticultural knowledge through speeches, presentations, demonstrations, essays, experiments and the Horticulture Judging Contest. From Ikebana flower arrangements to strawberry- and honey-glazed fruit kebabs, the North Carolina youth articulately showed their skills. Read more about the convention in [Extension Online News](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/xlms/).

**Second Youth, Families Summit Held in November**
Nearly 200 people attended the second "North Carolina Summit on Youth and Families," held in Raleigh Nov.
19-20. The summit was sponsored by the 4-H Youth Development and Family and Consumer Sciences Department, and this year's theme was "Creating the Future of North Carolina's Youth and Families: Advocacy, Leadership and Collaboration for Positive Change." Featured speakers included Dr. Harold Hodgkinson, director, Center for Demographic Policy at the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C., and Dr. Eric Finkelstein, health economist and obesity expert in the Research Triangle Institute's International Public Health Economics Program.

**COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

**Tax News: The IRA Rollover Legislation is back for 2008 and 2009**
Under the IRA rollover, gifts will:
- Count toward your required minimum distribution for 2008/2009
- 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

**Save the Dates for Upcoming CALS Alumni & Friends Events**
- CALS Retiree Luncheon – Saturday, December 6, 2008 – McKimmon Center (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)
- Tentative date for CALS Tailgate 2009 - September 19, 2009 in Dorton Arena (NC State vs. Gardner Webb) - this date subject to change

For more information on these events, please contact arsheph2@ncsu.edu or call 919-515-7222 or 919-515-6212.

**CALS Shirt Sale**
The CALS Alumni and Friends Society is having an inventory clearance CALS shirt sale (golf shirts and cotton twill shirts) – buy one, get one at 50% off. Sizes and style are limited, so hurry while supplies last. The sale is in 512 Brickhaven, room 137. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. This sale will run during the month of November, or until sold out. For more information, please call 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.

**Got Gifts-In-Kind?**
If you have received donations of equipment, materials, supplies or services, 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 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

**CALS PERSONNEL—NEW HIRES FOR NOVEMBER 2008**

**New Campus Employees - Faculty**
Allan Brown, Assistant Professor, Horticultural Science, North Carolina Research Campus
Douglas P. Smith, Associate Professor, Poultry Science

**New Campus Employees - Staff**
Julia Brooks, Executive Assistant, Administration–Research Services
Jessica Hicks, Research Specialist, Animal Science
Curtis Belyea, Research Assistant, Biology
Katie Bennett, Business & Technology Applications Analyst, Center for Integrated Pest Management
Donal Surrette, Operations and Systems Analyst, Center for Integrated Pest Management
Kaushal Shah, Business & Technology Applications Technician, Communication Services
Kaimei Xu, Research Assistant, Crop Science
Constance Hilbert, Technology Support Analyst, Dairy Records Processing
Michele Sabatelli, Administrative Support Specialist, Entomology
JulieBeth Briseno, Administrative Support Specialist, Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences
Meri Reeber, Research Technician, Horticultural Science
Patrick Walker, Research Assistant, Plant Biology
Sherree Avent, Accounting Technician, Plant Pathology
Mary Grace, Senior Researcher, Plants for Human Health Institute, North Carolina Research Campus
Shannon Toffton, Research Technician, Toxicology
New County Employees
Bradley Kammer, Extension Technician, Brunswick County
Sherry Lynn, County Extension Administrative Secretary, Currituck County
Stacy Sink, Assistant Extension Agent, Halifax County
Lynn Battle-Owens, Program Assistant, Lenoir County
Hope Smith, Program Assistant, Lenoir County
Kristin Mart, Assistant Extension Agent, McDowell County
Jimmie Marie Buell, Associate Extension Agent, Polk County
Rodney Mc Laurin, Assistant Extension Agent, Robeson County
Patricia Talley, Assistant Extension Agent, Stanly County
Eddy Labus, Assistant Extension Agent, Watauga County
Carrie Pitman, Assistant Extension Agent, Yancey County

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