ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

The Admission Office will use the same notification dates and application process again this year. If visiting students ask, the application and notification dates are as follows:

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

Teaching and Advising Workshop:
The next Teaching and Advising Effectiveness Committee Seminar is scheduled for January:
Workshop on Case Studies/Classroom Management/Pedagogy. Registration information will follow at a later date.

Ag Commissioner Troxler Speaker Series:
Commissioner Troxler will serve as moderator for two forums spring semester. Hold Wednesday, March 21st as part of Ag Awareness Week and Wednesday, April 11th for the forums. The approximate start time is 5:00 p.m. Each forum will feature a panel of experts on a selected topic and an opportunity to mingle during a light reception. Additional program and location information will follow at a later date.

Important Graduation Clearance Dates:

December 16 & 17    Departmental Graduation Ceremonies
December 17    Graduation Ceremony at RBC
December 21    Early Clearance (degree posted for all students cleared by 4pm)
January 6    Second degree posting
January 13    Degree posting
January 17, 2012    Final Clearance for Fall 2011 Graduation
TIME AND LOCATION FOR COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL CEREMONIES
(Ceremonies will take place on Saturday unless it specifies on Friday)

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

*Agricultural & Resource Economics - **Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.** ........................................ 3400 Nelson Hall
Agricultural and Extension Education.................................................................Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road
Agricultural Science ..........................................................Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edwards Mill Road

*Agronomy, Plant and Soil Sciences, Turfgrass Science,
Crop Science, and Soil Science - 1:00 p.m. ................................................................. 2215 Williams Hall

*Animal Science - **Friday, December 16, 7:30 p.m.** ................................................... McKimmon Center, Western Boulevard
Biological and Agricultural Engineering.................. 158 Weaver Laboratories

*Biology - 12:00 noon (Biological Sciences and Zoology) ........................................ Carmichael Gymnasium

Food Science, Bioprocessing Science,
Nutrition Science .......................................................... Pittman Auditorium, St. Mary’s College, 900 Hillsborough Street
Horticultural Science ................................................................ Ruby McSwain Education Center - JC Raulston Arboretum
Microbiology ........................................................................................................ 124 Dabney Hall
Molecular and Structural Biochemistry ................................................................. 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 ........................................ Cate Student Center, Meredith College, 3800 Hillsborough Street
Interdepartmental Undergraduate/Graduate Programs (Environmental Sciences,
Genomics, Natural Resources, Nutrition, Physiology) ...................................... Location of Major Faculty Advisor

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

**Master Minds Nine** is a 9 week program that places juniors, seniors, into a support group that meets weekly to discuss progress toward career goals. Please feel free to inform any students about this program that you think would benefit. To become a part of this program, students must submit an application in hard copy format to 107 Patterson Hall by January 25, 2012. Students will be notified of their acceptance by January 30th. To access the application, the recommendation form, and the complete timeline, please visit: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=5061](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=5061).

This program is sponsored by Biogen Idec.

**Career Fellows** is a two day job shadowing opportunity for sophomores and juniors that takes place during Spring Break. If you would like to nominate a student, send an email to Melissa Kahn ([Melissa_kahn@ncsu.edu](mailto:Melissa_kahn@ncsu.edu)) or Bobbie Kelley ([bobbie_kelley@ncsu.edu](mailto:bobbie_kelley@ncsu.edu)) with the student’s name and email address. After the nomination is received, the student will be able to complete an application which is available online at: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=1355](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=1355).

After the application is complete, the student will be able to schedule an interview, and if chosen to participate, the student will be paired with a professional working in their field of interest. This program is sponsored by Novozymes.

**Kick Start Professional Development Series**
The Kick Start workshops are coming to a close, with the last topic titled, “Perfecting Professionalism”. There are a total of 44 students who have attended 5-8 of the 8 Kick Start workshops, which shows dedication and commitment from the students. Students who have attended 6 or more workshops will be invited to the Professional Development Certificate Presentation on December 5th at noon. Students will be served a lunch from Chipotle, have a chance to mix and mingle with other students and professionals, and will be presented with their certificate and Kick Start t-shirt. It has been a very successful year and we know these students are able to take on the professional world with the skills they have learned from this series. This program is sponsored by BASF.
Career Panels
For the past two weeks, we have held 4 different career panels for CALS students. These panel topics included: “Biomanufacturing Your Career” which included information on similarities and differences of research/development and production; “Sniff Out the Best, a Career with Animals” which included information for students who want a career working with animals, but not as a veterinarian; “Explore your Horizons in the Life Sciences” which highlighted career options within the life sciences; and the final panel, “A Health Career Choice: Nutrition” which highlighted different avenues students can take if they are interested in Nutrition. Students who attended these panels were able to receive career advice from a panel of professionals in the field. We received outstanding attendance; roughly 500 students attended these 4 panels! Given that this is the first year we have implemented these panels, we were excited to see such a turn out!

Spotlight on Our Sponsors
This year we are proud to have the financial support of 17 companies who believe in the programs and mission of CALS Career Services. Through these sponsors, we are better able to serve our students and provide them with opportunities that are unique to our college. These 17 sponsors include: AgCarolina Financial, BASF, Biogen Idec, Bland Landscaping, Dow AgroSciences, Frito-Lay, General Mills, Hershey, Kelly Scientific Services, LabCorp, Monsanto, Murphy-Brown, Novartis, Pioneer Hi-Bred, PRA, and Triangle Eye Care. Please visit our website below to see which programs these companies assist. http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=5551

AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE

Mark your calendars!

Senior Breakfast
Agricultural Institute Senior Breakfast for graduating seniors will be held Tuesday, November 29, 2011. The Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. in 2405 Williams Hall. RSVP: Please cut and paste the following address into your web browser:
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=648

Graduation
The Agricultural Institute Commencement ceremony is Friday, December 16, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the University Cinema within Witherspoon Student Center. All are welcome to attend. RSVP: Please cut and paste the following address into your web browser:
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/applications/cals_registration/index.cfm?eventID=649

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

2011 Poinsettia Open Houses planned
Enjoy the beauty of the holiday season at the 2011 Poinsettia Open House events. Dates and locations are listed.
Nov. 30: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Grower Day (with industry suppliers present), Horticulture Field Laboratory, Raleigh
Dec. 4: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Grower and Consumer Day (in the Ruby C. McSwain Center; JC Raulston Arboretum, 4415 Beryl Rd, Raleigh)
Nov. 30: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The retail trial at Homewood Nursery & Garden Center’s Poinsettia Open House, 10809 Honeycutt Rd., Raleigh, 919.847.0117
Dec. 4: 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mitchell’s Nursery & Greenhouse, King, N.C., with 68 cultivars.
ESP presents awards at annual meeting
North Carolina’s Xi Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi professional development society presented awards to Extension professionals at its annual meeting in Raleigh Nov. 17. Award winners are:

**Meritorious Support Award** – Susan Johnson, Cumberland County

**Early Career Service Award** – Kelly Beasley, FCS Agent, Craven County

**Mid-Career Service Award** – Crystal M. Smith, Hertford County Extension Director

**Bernadette Watts Professional Improvement Scholarship Award** – Sam Groce, Chatham County Extension Director

**Team Award** – NC Fresh Produce Safety Task Force members: Ben Chapman, Diane Ducharme, Chris Gunter and Trevor Phister

**Distinguished Service Award** – Spring Williams-Byrd, Burke County Extension Director

**County Performance Awards:**
Southeast District – Brunswick County
Northeast District – Hertford County
South Central – Montgomery County

Naderman receives national FFA honor
Dr. George C. Naderman Jr. of Cary, retired Extension soil specialist with N.C. State University, received the Honorary American FFA Degree during the 84th National FFA Convention, held Oct. 21-23 in Indianapolis. The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

10% Campaign reaches $10 million spent on local food
In roughly 18 months, participants in the 10% Campaign have recorded over $10 million in purchases of locally-produced foods. The 10% Campaign is a statewide effort of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems to stimulate economic development, create jobs and promote North Carolina’s farms and fisheries.

“In the Garden” nominated for regional EMMY awards
The N.C. State University television program “In the Garden with Bryce Lane” has been nominated for two regional EMMY® Awards.

Processing center produces new Piedmont businesses
Economic development was in the air, as Piedmont Food and Agriculture Processing Center was dedicated in October. After years of planning, the Orange County facility opened its doors, giving small food producers access to space and equipment they need to develop their small businesses. Cooperative Extension in four counties is involved in the project.

Dec. 1 is deadline for incubator farm project
Dec. 1 is the deadline to apply for the Center for Environmental Farming Systems’ (CEFS) Incubator Farm Project. Through this project, CEFS will partner with communities to develop public lands (under ownership/long-term control of a county, municipal, or state agency) into places that incubate new farm enterprises to support the future of North Carolina’s local food system.

Extension professionals honored for work in water quality and conservation
WECO program, county activities and water quality coordinator recognized at Southern Region Water Conference.
Cook Smart, Eat Smart 101
Students learn to prepare simple meals
In the catering kitchen of Talley Student Center, seven N.C. State University students chop green beans, green onions and fish fillets to prepare a meal that they will cook in two pots with steamer baskets. Tonight's Cook Smart, Eat Smart class objective is steam cooking.

Small Farms Week will be celebrated March 25-31
The Cooperative Extension Program at North Carolina A&T State University will host its annual Small Farms Week celebration for 2012 on March 25-31. Small Farms Week is designed to highlight the work of and show appreciation to the state’s small, part-time, limited-resource and socially-disadvantaged farmers. The theme for this year’s activities is focused on local food and the role small farmers play in this effort.

North Carolina FFA Association Recognized for Growth!
The North Carolina FFA Association was recognized by the National FFA Organization for increased growth in membership at the 84th National FFA Convention. North Carolina was recognized as the third fastest growing state association in the Nation second only to California and Texas, growing close to 2,000 members in 2011!

State FFA & 4H Dairy Evaluation and Management CDE
The 2011 North Carolina FFA & 4H State Dairy Evaluation Career Development Event was held on November 16-17, at the Rowan County Fairgrounds, Salisbury, North Carolina. The event was attended by over 200 different teams and over 700 FFA & 4H members, advisors and guests. The evening of the 16th was used for workshops to prepare students and to expose them to the dairy industry. Students were able to view a fistulated cow in addition to classes on placing cows, placing heifers, and performing oral reasons.

At the state event, participants are scored based on how well they apply dairy cattle evaluation skills learned in the classroom. Each team evaluates six classes of dairy cattle and defends the reasoning behind their evaluations to a panel of judges. Participants also complete a written test and work collaboratively to select appropriate herd composition. Completing these activities successfully requires a good understanding of both animal science and herd management skills.

The highest scoring team in the state event is eligible to compete in the National FFA event at the National FFA Convention in 2012. The top three teams and high scoring individual will be recognized during the 84th North Carolina FFA State Convention in Raleigh on June 19-21, 2012 at the Raleigh Convention Center.

The Winners in this event were:

**FFA Senior Division:** Alexander Central HS, High Scoring Individual-Cole Davis, Providence Grove HS
**FFA Junior Division:** Pisgah HS, High Scoring Individual-Janeice Leonard, West Davidson HS
**FFA Middle Grades:** Madison Middle, High Scoring Individual-Jazmin Deloach, Madison Middle
**4-H Senior Division:** Davidson, High Scoring Individual-Cole Davis, Randolph County
**4-H Junior Division:** Randolph Country Kids, High Scoring Individual-Sarah Thomas, Randolph County
This event is one of 42 different career development events offered to North Carolina FFA members on the state level. The North Carolina Dairy Youth Foundation, North Carolina Farm Bureau, Carolina Farm Credit, and the North Carolina Purebred Dairy Cattle Association sponsor the North Carolina FFA Association Dairy Evaluation & Management Career Development Event. The event was made possible by the work of Joe Hampton and the members of the Piedmont Research Station, Brad Johnson with the Rowan County Cooperative Extension Office, and the Alumni of South and West Rowan FFA Chapters.

**Dr. George Naderman & Richard Brooks Award Honorary American FFA Degree**

Dr. George Naderman received the Honorary American FFA Degree during the 84th National FFA Convention, held October 21-23, 2011 in Indianapolis. Members of the National FFA Board of Directors approved the nomination. The award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment. All recipients received a certificate and medal and their names will be permanently recorded.

Naderman is from the Millhousen community in Decatur County, and a 1958 graduate of Napoleon High School (now Jac-Cen-Del) in Ripley County, Indiana. The award demonstrates appreciation by FFA chapters in North Carolina for Naderman’s contributions for over 30 years to their Land Judging program, a “Career Development Event” held annually across the state. As Extension Soil Specialist at North Carolina State University he prepared several revisions of the Land Judging Handbook and developed an extensive, computer-based “Picture Presentation for Teachers and Learners.”

Richard Brooks was born and raised in Wilson, NC and is the son of George and Jeanette Brooks. He graduated from Ralph L. Fike Senior High School, where he served as Drum Major in the marching band. Upon graduation, he entered NC State University in the fall of 1975 and graduated with a BS in Soil Conservation with an emphasis in soils.

Upon graduating in May of 1979, Richard began his career with the NC Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation as a soil scientist. During his 22+ years with the division, he helped complete soil surveys in Sampson, Person, Granville, Franklin and Chatham Counties, mapping several hundred thousand acres for the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Cooperative Soil Survey. From Chatham Co., where he served as soil survey project leader, Richard went on to serve as the Raleigh Regional Soil Specialist from 1993-2001.

In 2001, Richard was selected to a position as a Soil Data Quality Specialist with NRCS in the State Office located in Raleigh. He was responsible for seeing that on-going soil survey projects in southwest piedmont- South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama- meet national standards. In 2007, he accepted a position as Resource Soil Scientist in the NRCS Area 3 office. He is currently responsible for conducting wetland determinations and delineations in 20 southeastern counties. He also provides other technical soil and education services. In his educational role, he especially enjoys conducting regional and state FFA Land Judging Contests.

Richard has been a member of the Soil Science Society of NC since 1978. From 1993-1995 he served on the Exec. Committee and was elected President Elect in 1998. He served as President and past President in 1999 and 2000, respectively. In 2005, he was recognized by the society with the Soil Science Society of North Carolina Achievement Award.

Richard is licensed by the North Carolina Board for Licensing of Soil Scientists. In 2000, he was appointed to the licensing board by Governor James B. Hunt. He was re-appointed in 2003 by
Governor Michael F. Easley for a second term. Richard served as chairman of the licensing board from 2000-2005 and Vice-chairman 2005-06.

Also during this time, Richard expressed the desire to become a more involved alumni of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. In 2000, he was selected to serve on the board of advisors of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni and Friends Society. He was elected Vice-president in 2000 and served three terms as President, from 2003-2006. He now sits on the Council of Presidents with other distinguished past presidents. Richard feels volunteering is one way he can give back to the college and university. He has supported and volunteered at numerous events--CALS Tailgate, Gala in the Garden, Celebrate NC Wines event, and the 4th of July Celebration, to name a few. Richard continues to give his time and financial support through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni and Friends Society. He will tell you that he has been rewarded by having the opportunity to serve and to make friends with many outstanding alumni and volunteers. He lives in Apex with his lovely wife of six years, Julia. Son, Forrest, is a senior at NCSU in Biological Engineering. Richard is President of Citizens Assisting Police of Apex and is a member of the Community Emergency Response Team in Apex.

Richard says he will continue to serve as an ambassador to the soil science profession, to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and to his community.

The National FFA Organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well being of the nation. The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond the valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 523,309 student members (and counting) – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,487 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988 in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a Federal Charter granted by the 81st United States Congress, and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs. Visit www.ffa.org for more information.

State FFA Poultry Evaluation Event
The North Carolina FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event was held on November 3, 2011, at NC State University Poultry Research Facility located off Lake Wheeler Road. Over three hundred students from across the state converged on the poultry unit to test their knowledge of poultry and the poultry industry. Since its conception in the nineteen seventies, the poultry science event has grown in scope and participation to reflect the ever changing and growing poultry industry in our state. Dr. Ken Anderson, the superintendent for event and the poultry science club at NCSU worked to host the largest state contest ever. Dr. Anderson, Dr. Karm Parkhurst, the poultry science department at NCSU and the poultry science club have been instrumental in growth of this event.
During this event students evaluated production, processing, and merchandising phases of the poultry industry as well as identify various industry components. They are also tested on the application of sound management practices. Participants evaluated live birds, present oral reasons, and place a class of ready-to-cook broilers and past production hens. In the processing and merchandising phase of the event, students selected and graded ready-to-cook turkeys, and processed products and cartons of eggs.

This event is one of 42 different career development events offered to North Carolina FFA members on the state level. Perdue Farms Inc., with in-kind support from the Department of Poultry Science at North Carolina State University, sponsors the State Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event. The state winner was the North Davidson FFA Chapter.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY

Opening Doors Reunion Report
On November 2nd, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., the CALS Office of Diversity Affairs hosted the 2011 Biennial Opening Doors Reunion at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at NC State University. This Reunion was initiated to afford past participants /cohorts to come together to revisit and build upon concepts learned in the Opening Doors workshop. It is an opportunity to renew the commitment to securing and fortifying the diverse climate at North Carolina State University, within the College, and throughout the NC Cooperative Extension system. There was a successful turn-out of over forty (40) past participants with 64% of the individuals who completed the program evaluations strongly agreeing that they would recommend this workshop to others, and the 57% strongly agreeing that this reunion workshop made them even more committed to being an ally. Some of the comments participants shared on the evaluations were: “Awesome workshop! There is always so much to review and learn and the time never seems long enough. I love how the program brings people who work for NCSU together and lets us become more of a family,” and “If you want to change a culture, this is one great way to do it. Participants recognized so much of what we do is geared towards dominant groups; it really is necessary to be more inclusive and diverse. We need more of this training, conversation and action throughout the entire state, and the tools to help our communities do some of the same.” In short, the reunion participants indicated that it was a very enjoyable networking opportunity and that the new continuing education component definitely fostered a strengthening of their knowledge, skills and commitment to being diversity allies.

Bone Scholars Exhibit
On Sunday, November 6, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the McKimmon Center, three (3) of the current four (4) Bone Scholars presented a display at the CALS Donor Recognition Event. One of the Scholars, Stephanie Knowles served as one of the presenters during the event along with Chancellor Woodson and Dean Wynne. Ms. Knowles shared how the Bone Scholarship has been instrumental in her efforts to achieve her academic aspirations. During, the Bone Scholar exhibit, all three Bone Scholars also had an opportunity to speak with other donors present at the event about their academic goals and their future plans. They also had an opportunity to engage in dialogue about how the Bone Scholarship provides higher education opportunities for deserving students who may not otherwise be able to afford college.

Graduate Student Seminar Series
On Monday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the D.H. Hill Library, Graduate Students Representatives on the CALS Diversity Council, Rushyannah Killens, and Wanida Lewis, facilitated the first session of the Graduate Student Seminar Series. This session was entitled the
“Diversity Roundtable,” and it included presentations by the Graduate School, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transsexual (GBLT) Center, the Women’s Center, and the MANNRS student organization. These organizations came to give information about NC State University associations that are designed to support the academic, personal, and professional development of graduate students attending the University. It was also an opportunity for CALS graduate students to meet key contacts and enjoy a time to network with one another. Graduate Student Representatives serve a one year appointment on the CALS Diversity Council to advise on issues of special concern to graduate students.

Mark Your Calendars for Opening Doors 2012

Opening Doors is a three-day retreat that provides a framework for increasing diversity awareness and enhances a person’s ability to create an inclusive organization. Opening Doors is open and free to all faculty and staff within the College. The format of Opening Doors provides for open discussion, self-examination and an objective analysis of our social system as well as a constructive means to bridging differences through understanding personal responsibility. As a result, constructive methods of creating a welcoming and inclusive environment are developed. The overall goal of Opening Doors is to facilitate both personal growth and systemic organizational change. Over the past six years, the College has implemented it as a foundational component of our work to foster systems change around pluralism and inclusion. All Opening Doors sessions will be held at the Eastern 4-H Center. The CALS sponsored sessions will be held on February 22 - 24, 2012 and September 19 - 21, 2012. The workshop is absolutely free to all CALS personnel and includes meals and lodging. Transportation is provided from NC State to the Eastern 4-H Center on a first come first served basis. The May 23 - 25, 2012 session is sponsored by the University and is free to all NC State employees, including meals and lodging. The College also will pay for one van to transport participants from/to Raleigh to/from the Eastern 4-H Center on first come first served basis. There must be two participants willing to drive the van. Register at [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/diversity/index.cfm?pageID=1441](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/diversity/index.cfm?pageID=1441).

National Observances

Universal Human Rights Month

COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Save the Dates:

Retiree Luncheon: Save the date for the annual CALS Retiree Luncheon – December 3, 2011 at McKimmon. All retired on and off-campus faculty and staff are invited to this stewardship event. Registration will open in October.

2012 JCRA Membership Information: Memberships keep the gates open and the gardens in top shape. Membership gifts are the primary support for the daily operations and vital for the success of the Arboretum. Membership dues have stayed the same low rates for many years. Due to rising costs and budget cutbacks, it is imperative that we increase these dues slightly beginning January 1, 2012. However, this is your opportunity to take advantage of the current membership dues for up to two years, if you renew before December 31, 2011. Renew now using our secure Web site, or contact Judy Morgan-Davis at (919) 513-0264 or jvmorgan@ncsu.edu. For all the details on the new 2012 membership levels and opportunities, please visit the JCRA’s Web site. There are many worthy organizations that you can support with your giving dollars, and we thank you for believing that the JC Raulston Arboretum is a wise investment for the future. Please contact Anne Porter at (919) 513-3826 or anne_porter@ncsu.edu if you have any questions or comments.
Poinsettia Open House, Sponsored by the NC State Floriculture and JCRA: Sunday, December 4, 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the York Auditorium, Ruby C. McSwain Education Center, JC Raulston Arboretum. Free to the public.

JC Raulston Arboretum Children's Program: "Who's Who? Trees Without Their Leaves" -- Fun for the whole family, Sunday, December 11, 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; $10 per family for JCRA members; $15 per family for nonmembers.

Plan now to attend Stewards of the Future: research for human health and global sustainability on April 17, 2012 at the McKimmon Center. For details, visit the website at http://cals.ncsu.edu/researchconference

Gift Planning: If you would like to add a section in your print, electronic or any other written piece regarding gift planning, contact Sonia Murphy (513-0637 sonia_murphy@ncsu.edu). Sonia can draft a short piece making your alumni and friends aware of how they can support your programs through a bequest, gift of retirement plans, trusts, etc.

CALS Secure Online Giving: We are in the process of updating our online giving site to allow donors more flexibility and ease in giving to our College and all the departments. Stay tuned for more next month when we launch the new site.

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.legacy.vg/ncsucals.

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

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