Focus Areas:

NC State’s Strategic Plan sets out a bold vision for the university to “transform lives and improve the human condition through innovation and discovery.”

Five “focus areas” that will enable the university to achieve this vision have been identified and endorsed by university leadership.

• Preparing leaders for the state, nation and world

Through leadership and service initiatives, undergraduate research, partnerships with government and industry, and unique classroom experiences, NC State produces leaders today who are prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.

• Improving health and well-being

NC State’s contribution to health and well-being spans many disciplines and scientific frontiers, from social work to biomedical engineering, and from antiviral fabrics to stem cell research.

• Creating educational innovation

NC State is committed to producing adaptable, globally aware, creative thinkers and workers. In partnership with schools, communities and other colleges and universities, NC State will continue to expand its teaching capacity, research programs and outreach activities to support excellence in K-12 teaching statewide.

• Fueling economic development

From the creation of new ideas, technologies and companies to the advancement of existing businesses, NC State will develop well-defined strategies for sustainable economic growth.

• Driving innovation in energy and the environment

NC State is committed to an increasing focus on energy and the environment, applying academic resources to create new technologies, building partnerships with industry and working to understand the technological, social and policy challenges of enduring sustainable energy for the future.

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