ELECTRONIC ADMINISTRATIVE BRIEFINGS
March 2013

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE

Orientation
Due to Talley renovations and the need to be flexible with space, there will be 3 CALS freshman sessions (see dates below) and 3 transfer sessions (Monday, June 24, Friday, July 12, and Friday, July 26). Please mark your calendars with these dates.

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Spend a Day at State
Technology has definitely changed the way students are “visiting” colleges. The spring SADAS program includes a general CALS overview, class visit for students, Q&A for parents, and lunch in a campus dining hall with CALS Ambassadors. We are offering guests academic packets based on areas of interest, and providing them the undergraduate’s email if they have specific questions about their major. Visits are open most Mondays and Fridays this semester.

Remaining Spring Visitation Days:
Friday, March 15, 2013 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Monday, March 18, 2013 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Friday, April 5, 2013 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)
Friday April 12, 2013 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day) AND ASPIRE Group Visitation Day (high school juniors)
Friday April 19, 2013 – Experience NC State (Accepted Students Visitation Day)

Thank You
Thank you to the faculty and staff involved with the WISE Visitation and Park Finalist Visitation Day programs in February. Our visitors felt very welcomed and were impressed with the opportunities
CALS has to offer. I appreciate your help in “showcasing” programs/resources/services in our college.

Caldwell Fellows
Two students from CALS were chosen as Caldwell Fellows this year:

- Molly Hass: Food Science Major, Spanish Minor - from Raleigh, NC (Enloe HS)
- Rayyn Njagu: Biological Sciences major - From Graham, NC (NCSSM)

These winners are among 25 others from departments across the University who will receive a scholarship of up to $5500 that can be renewed yearly. These outstanding students were selected from a field of 243 applicants, a 38% increase in applications from last year.

CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

- Registration has opened for our new workshop, Fill in the Gap. This is a workshop for juniors and seniors who are interested in learning about gap years and how to utilize them to reach their goals. This workshop will take place on Saturday, March 16th from 10 am – 1pm. Students can learn more and register here: http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/career/index.cfm?pageID=6842
- Kick Start workshops have gotten off to a great start, with over 20 students attending each week.
- Master Minds Nine (MM9) is also going well. Over 70 students, faculty, and industry professionals attended the summit on Friday, February 22nd to further discuss their professional goals. Students and mentors will continue to meet weekly until the final celebration on April 12th.
- Career Fellows have been chosen and matched with their mentors. They will complete their shadowing during the month of March.
- Speed Networking tickets are available in 107 Patterson Hall. The event is Tuesday, March 19th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. This event will allow students to network with several professionals in their area of interest. Students must sign a contract committing to the date and had to cancel by the end of February to avoid paying $10 to cover the cost of the dinner.
- Shine While You Dine will take place on Tuesday, April 16th from 6 – 8 pm. Like Speed Networking, tickets are available in our office. Students must commit to their spot and cancel by March 28th to avoid paying $20 to cover their dinner.
- The Career Educators are available to present Power Half Hour workshops to CALS clubs. These workshops will focus on professionalism. They presented a workshop to the Genetics Club on February 12th and will present to the Food Science Club on March 12th. If you are a club advisor and would like to have a Power Half Hour presentation at a club meeting, please contact Melissa Kahn (Melissa_kahn@ncsu.edu) or Kasey Henry (calscsintern@ncsu.edu) to schedule.
- Several companies have already interviewed or are scheduled to interview students for various positions and internships this semester. Perdue Farms, Buy Sod, and MOM Brands have already interviewed, with MOM Brands hiring a food science student for one of their
internships. AgCarolina Farm Credit and Coastal Agrobusiness have also scheduled on campus interviews.

**CALS IT Director**

Mr. Kevin Lee joined CALS as IT Director on February 4, 2013.

Kevin Lee is the new College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALS) IT Director. He started at NC State on February 4, 2013. He manages the CALS Academic & Administrative Technology (CAAT) group.

Kevin hails from Long Island, New York and has been a Raleigh, North Carolina resident since 1991. He has been an IT professional for 30 years, beginning his IT career as Manager, Wideband Communications with Grumman Aerospace Corporation on Long Island, NY. Kevin has worked at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC for the past 20+ years in various IT management capacities, most recently as the Director of the Academic Support Group.

His personal interests include his family, diverse music, playing the guitar, rugby, good cigars, football (NY Giants), baseball (NY Yankees) and college basketball (NC State, Duke).

Kevin has a BS in Education from the State University of New York in Oswego and a MS in Telecommunications Management from Polytechnic University. Kevin is ITIL - V3 Foundation certified.

**AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OFFICE**

**Assistant Director of Academic Programs and Director of the Agricultural Institute**

The following candidates interviewed for the Assistant Director of Academic Programs and Director of the Agricultural Institute position within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences:

- Dr. Aaron Hegde, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the Environmental Resource Management program at the University of California - Bakersfield
- Dr. Jeannette Moore, Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Professor and Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator of Animal Science at NC State University
- Dr. Elizabeth Wilson, Professor and Undergraduate Teaching Coordinator of Agricultural and Extension Education at NC State University

You can find each candidates CV, seminar video and PowerPoint at the following URL: [http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/aginstitute/index.cfm?pageID=6868](http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/aginstitute/index.cfm?pageID=6868)

Please send comments regarding the candidates to Dr. Sam Pardue (sam_pardue@ncsu.edu) or Dr. Billy Flowers (flowers@ncsu.edu) by March 4, 2013.

**Mark your calendars!**

**Graduation**

The Agricultural Institute commencement ceremony will be Friday, May 10, 2013, 3:00pm at Forest Hills Baptist Church, 201 Dixie Trail, Raleigh. All are welcome to attend.
Orientation (New Students)
Orientation for Fall 2013 has been scheduled. The Agricultural Institute dates are as follows:
Thursday, July 25 – Friday, July 26, 2013 (Coordinators please mark your calendars)

Transfer Orientation
Monday, June 24, 2013
Friday, July 12, 2013
Friday, July 26, 2013

NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Extension employees to be recognized during March 6 N.C. State appreciation event
N.C. Cooperative Extension staffs will be recognized March 6 during N.C. State University’s Staff and Faculty Appreciation Day. Send in your staff photo, come to the game, or watch the game live and register for prizes.

See Extension Gardener Showstopper Plants this weekend in Charlotte
The 2013 Extension Gardener Showstopper Plants will be on display at the Southern Spring Home & Garden Show, this Thursday through Sunday, at the Park Expo Center in Charlotte. For tickets or other information, visit: http://www.southernshows.com/sss/

Extension and Cattlemen offer March 7 workshop in Canton
The N.C. Cattlemen's Association has teamed up with North Carolina Cooperative Extension to offer a free workshop on improving beef marketing programs. The event takes place March 7 at the WNC Regional Livestock Center in Canton. Read more: http://www.nccattle.com/regionalhands-onworkshops.aspx

Western turf conference is March 12
The annual Western North Carolina Turfgrass Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 at the Virginia C. Boone Mountain Heritage Building at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center in Fletcher just outside Asheville.

Borlaug lecture will be April 16; award nominations due March 11
Frances Seymour, director general of the Center for International Forestry Research, is this year’s speaker for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and College of Natural Resources Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Distinguished Lecture on Global Service to Society and Environment. Nominations are being accepted through March 11 for the 2013 Norman E. Borlaug Service to Society and Environment Award.

Center for Environmental Farming Systems receives $3.9 million grant
The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) has been awarded a five-year $3.9 million grant to build and evaluate supply chains for local farmers and fishers to supply large-scale markets in North Carolina. The grant was awarded by the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Lee County trains businesses to be disaster prepared
Lee County wants to make sure that local businesses are prepared for disasters that come their way. In January, 17 Lee Emergency Planning Committee members went through training in Sanford to offer
the Ready Business program. Training was provided by N.C. Cooperative Extension and the Industrial Extension Service.

Horticulture offers gardening calendar
Garden lovers: Check out the new gardening calendar from N.C. State University's urban horticulture program. Find events, tours, workshops and conferences for beginners and pros taking place at Cooperative Extension centers, gardens, arboretums and other sites throughout the state. http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/garden/events.php

Stewart completes Food Systems Leadership Institute program
Dr. Marshall Stewart was among the 20 fellows of the Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) honored recently during a ceremony at the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities in Denver.

BAE-designed stormwater wetland earns national construction award
The Jack Smith Creek Stormwater Project, one of the largest stormwater retrofits in the state, can capture and treat the runoff from more than 1,000 acres of residential and commercial property.

NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Report from the Office of Technology Transfer
Caroline Sumrall, Data Integrity and Agreements Specialist of The Office of Technology reported activity during the Second Quarter 2013 (October 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012). She indicated “the amount of academic research submitted to our office is impressive and I would like to thank each of you for encouraging such innovative faculty and researchers.” A total of 5 Patents, 7 Inventions and 7 Plant Varieties were reported. For more information please visit the website at http://research.ncsu.edu/ott/ and click on the Inventor Resources.

Report from the Research Stations
2013 Field Day Events (information contained herein is tentative and subject to change)

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**News from Plants for Human Health Institute:**
Click on the link to find out about current events and news- [http://plantsforhumanhealth.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/March2.pdf](http://plantsforhumanhealth.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/March2.pdf)

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**
The 2013 Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Distinguished Lecture on Global Service to Society and Environment has been confirmed for the afternoon of **April 16, 2013** to coincide with NCSU Earth Week activities. For more information on the lecture event, please visit the following link: [http://go.ncsu.edu/borlauglecture](http://go.ncsu.edu/borlauglecture)
2013 Norman E. Borlaug Service to Society and Environment Award
Nominations are being accepted for the 2013 Norman E. Borlaug Service to Society and Environment Award. This award is open to all tenure-track faculty of N.C. State University and is presented annually at the Borlaug Lecture. Nomination packets should be sent by March 11 to Dr. Joel Pawlak, Campus Box 8001, N.C. State University.

For information contact John Sabella, CALS, jasabella@ncsu.edu, 919.515.2665; or Joel Pawlak, CNR, jjpawlak@ncsu.edu, 919.515.2890.

Strategic Planning
The CALS International Programs office has been actively involved with Dean Linton's Strategic Planning Initiative. A Key Stakeholders meeting was held February 13 at the Brownstone Hotel including faculty, students, extension agents and partners from across the state that had attended earlier listening sessions of this strategic planning process. Dr. John Sabella co-chaired a workshop session with Dr. Jim Moyer on how we can best internationalize CALS research and teaching functions. Members of this work group unanimously agreed that Globalizing the College should be a priority and that sufficient resources and administrative support should be made available to carry out this critical component of the College as we move to the future.

RTI International
The CALS International Programs office recently met with individuals from RTI International regarding developing partnerships and research collaboration. RTI International has been expanding their research many areas relating to our college such as enhancement to sustainable environments, food safety and security, biofuels and agriculture economics. Marion Deerhake, an RTI associate in the Agriculture Research, Development and Education sector of RTI recently spent six months on the NCSU campus working with CALS faculty. Through this association, we are now exploring research opportunities with RTI in key university-identified countries and regions such as Costa Rica, Brazil and India as well as our partners in Central America.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY

Bone Scholar Exhibit at CALS Donor Recognition Event
The current Bone Scholars, Guadalupe Arce-Jimenez an Extension Education Junior, Aaron Bacera, an Agricultural Business Management Senior, Stephanie Knowles an Industry – Animal Science Junior, and Omar Acosta, a Biological Sciences Junior, presented a display at the CALS Donor Recognition Event. The Bone Scholars shared with event attendees information about the Bone Scholarship as well as the community service projects in which they are engaged. Dr. Lisa Guion Jones, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Outreach, and Engagement and Bone Scholars program director, along with Mr. Alex Ortiz, graduate student in Microbiology and Bone Scholars program coordinator, supported and assisted the scholars at the event.

CALS Sponsors table at Sisterhood Dinner
The 31st Annual Sisterhood Dinner, sponsored by the Provost Advisory Council on the Status of Women, will be held Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Jane S. McKimmon Center at 5:00 p.m. This dinner is designed to celebrate and honor the many significant achievements and contributions of women on campus and abroad. The invited guest speaker will be Ms. Barbara Mulkey, an NC State
Lawrence M. Clark University Community Dinner
The African American Cultural Center will host the Lawrence M. Clark University Community Dinner, on March 21st at the McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education. The event will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., which will be followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. This dinner serves to bring to light the “important contributions that African Americans have made and continue to make by identifying an African American . . . who has made contributions to America, not only as a scholar, but as an humanitarian,” and to reaffirm, as a University and a community, our deep commitment to enhancing an environment where people of diverse backgrounds may come to study and work together. The CALS Office of Diversity Affairs will host a table at this dinner and invites all CALS faculty and staff who are interested in sitting at the CALS table to contact: Ms. LaTosha Bradley, via telephone at (919)513-0379, or via email at latosha_bradley@ncsu.edu.

2013 Opening Doors Workshops
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 seven years, the College has implemented it as a foundation component of our work to foster system change around pluralism and inclusion. All Opening Doors sessions are held at the Eastern 4-H Center. The May 22-24, 2013 session is co-sponsored by the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity and is open to all NC State University employees including CALS. The next session will be held on September 25-27, 2013 which is open to only CALS employees. The workshop is absolutely free and includes all meals and lodging. Transportation is provided from NC State to the Eastern 4-H Center on a first come first served basis. There must be two participants willing to drive the van provided. Registration for Opening Doors is available at http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/openingdoorsworkshop.

1890 Conference ARD Conference
Excellent Graduate Student Recruitment Opportunity

If you are interested in recruiting outstanding graduate students of color then prepare now to attend the 1890 Agricultural Research Directors (ARD) Conference. The first ARD Research Symposium was held in 1976 to commemorate the United States’ Bicentennial and to showcase the varied accomplishments of research scientists and students at the 1890 Institutions. Similarly, the 17th Biennial Research Symposium will provide opportunities for scientists and students to present research papers and posters that share innovative and practical research findings in the food and
The 17th Symposium will be held on April 6 - 10, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, FL. This Symposium is expected to attract more than 700 participants and more than 500 research papers and posters will be presented in five areas: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products, Animal Health and Production and Animal Products, Food Safety, Nutrition and Health, Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment, Family, Youth, Community and Economic Development.

For more information or to register visit: http://www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium/DatesAndDeadlines.aspx. The CALS Office of Diversity Affairs will be an exhibitor. If you are unable to attend, but would like to have some of your graduate degree program materials shared with prospective students, please provide those to Ms. LaTosha Bradley by March 29, 2013.

National Observances for March

- Greek American Heritage Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- Mental Retardation Awareness Month
- National Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month
- National Women's History Month
- Spiritual Wellness Month
- Deaf History Month

2013 COMMODITY MEETINGS

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CALS ADMINISTRATION

Awards for Excellence
The 2013 CALS Awards for Excellence nomination process is here! The Awards for Excellence program recognizes the accomplishments and achievements of permanent, full-time NC State SPA or EPA employees who do not hold faculty rank.

The CALS Awards for Excellence nomination process presents an excellent opportunity to recognize employees who make a significant contribution to their department, division or the University community. We look forward to working with you and making the 2013 Awards for Excellence program a great success.

Please note that the nomination process began Monday, February 4th. The deadline for turning in the nominations to Claudia Mello is Monday, April 1, 2013. Please check my Call for Nominations email that she sent on February 8, 2013 for further information and instructions.

Please consider nominating your fellow employees for these awards -- $250.00 check, eight hours of paid annual leave and a plaque for each college winner! CALS is designated to have 5 SPA and 1 EPA. The deadline for turning in the nominations is Monday, April 1, 2013. [no joke] Those 6 winners will then move on to the University level. Good luck to all!

CALS Excellence in Safety Award
New this year! This year the CALS Safety Committee will be awarding 2 employees who promote safety through their action and encourage excellence in safety for their work environment.

Each recipient of the CALS Excellence in Safety Award will receive a plaque and $125.00.

This Call for Nomination was also included in the February 8, 2013 email. Again, good luck to all!

Public Communications Specialist
Andrea Peros is our Public Communications Specialist to help us raise the image of this college and share the CALS story with our many stakeholders. Ms. Peros is an NC State alumna with work experience in both non-profit as well as industry sectors; most recently she worked in BASF’s agriculture division as a Communications Specialist. Please join us in giving her a big Wolfpack welcome to CALS.

Ag Awareness Week March 18-21
Throughout the week there will be animals as well as officers of The North Carolina Chapter of Alpha Zeta in the Brickyard to help raise awareness for agriculture and support their fraternity.

Monday
10:30 AM- Ag Olympics – Faculty and staff has the opportunity to compete for bragging rights. Come out and watch them compete in a multitude of games such as racing mini tractors, egg toss, and more.
**Tuesday**
11:00 AM - Milking Contest – Commissioner Troxler and Elizabeth Gardener have been invited to compete against each other in a milking contest with live cows in the Brickyard. Afterwards, Ms. Gardner will give a live weather report from the brickyard.

**Wednesday**
5 PM – Ag Forum – Invited guests are permitted to attend an evening dinner and panel discussion with Commissioner Troxler.

**Thursday**
1:30PM - Kiss the Pig – Vote early and Vote Often! Dean Linton has been entered into the Kiss the Pig contest. This will be Dean Linton’s first AG Awareness Week at NC State; let’s give him a big CALS welcome and make sure he is the lucky winner for this special event! Each dollar you donate counts as a single vote and all proceeds from this event will be donated to charity.