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MEMORANDUM

TO: Faculty and Staff in the College Of Agriculture and Life Sciences

FROM: W. David Smith
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The purpose of this memorandum is to announce my retirement from North Carolina State University effective September 1, 2012. This institution has been a wonderful place to work for more than 31 years. While I have had several positions in the college, there has been a service component to each of them. It is this service in support of our state, students, faculty, and staff that I have enjoyed the most during my tenure at NC State.

While I have enjoyed my time at NC State, I have other interests and the desire to spend more time with my family. So while I will miss interacting with you and the people we support, I look forward to spending more time with my wife, children and maybe, sometime soon, grandchildren.

My career at NCSU is coming to a close, but many of you are at the beginning of your careers. My wish is for you to have the same positive feeling when you retire as I have now. You work for a great institution and you are fortunate to be here at this time in our history. The societal challenges of the next decades are tremendous, and this college is uniquely positioned to provide positive impact on our state and beyond. You are in for an exciting time as the college adapts to changes at NC State and positions itself, based on your talents, to sustain the state and planet.

I wish you the best and look forward to benefiting, as a citizen, from your endeavors.