

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 19**

N.C. A&T Board of Trustees Meeting, Dowdy Building-Boardroom, 1 p.m.

Positive Psychology and Mental Health Wellness Lecture Series (Part II), Lecturers: Drs. Vivian Barnette and Christopher Aiken, General Classroom Building-Room A107, 3-5 p.m., F

**NOVEMBER IS CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**NOVEMBER 20**

Professional Dress Contest (Students who dress to impress are eligible to win \$250 gift certificate), Murphy Hall-Suite 101, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., F

Etiquette Dinner, Memorial Student Union-Stallings Ballroom, 5 p.m., R

ICEEB Lecture, Topic: Impact of the Financial Crisis on Small Businesses-What You need to know to Survive, Speaker: Lee Cornelison (U.S. Small Business Association), Merrick Hall-Auditorium, 6 p.m., F

University Jazz Ensemble's Fall Concert, Harrison Auditorium, 7 p.m., F

**NOVEMBER 27-28**

Thanksgiving Holiday (University Closed)



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# THE AGGIE REPORT

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## A&T, NCSU Officials Announce Historic \$3 Million Endowment

University of North Carolina President Erskine Bowles, North Carolina A&T State University Chancellor Stanley F. Battle and North Carolina



State University Chancellor James L. Oblinger recently announced a \$3.15 million endowment from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in support of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) efforts to build a sustainable, community-based food economy statewide.

The announcement was made Nov. 4 at UNC General Administration, C.D. Spangler Jr. Building in Chapel Hill.

The first of its kind, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation dual endowment awards N.C. A&T and N.C. State \$1.575 million each. The funds will support CEFS efforts to increase production, processing, distribution and consumption of local, sustainably-raised foods in North Carolina, as well as enable the creation of an endowed chair at each university.

CEFS – recognized today as a national center for excellence in sustainable agriculture – was established in 1994 as a partnership of N.C. A&T, N.C. State and the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to serve as a center dedicated to sustainable agriculture research, extension and education.

*L-r: Erskine Bowles, president of the University of North Carolina; Stanley F. Battle, chancellor, North Carolina A&T State University; Ricardo Salvador, program director, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and James L. Oblinger, chancellor, North Carolina State University*

## USDA Facility has Ribbon Cutting, Open House at Gateway University Research Park

**GREENSBORO, N.C.** – Gateway University Research Park recently held a ribbon cutting and open house event for the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The event was held Oct. 30.

The new building, located at 2901 E. Lee St., will permanently house the East National Technology Support Center and the East Remote Sensing Lab, as well as bring approximately 100 technical specialists with advanced degrees to the Triad. Nearly 50 percent of the USDA contract employees are from area colleges, including North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

For the past four years, local USDA employees have been working temporarily out of the "Black Box" office building located on East Wendover Avenue in Greensboro while awaiting completion of the new Gateway facility. NRCS professionals help landowners and communities use conservation

practices effectively and manage natural resources wisely.

John Merrill, executive director for Gateway University Research Park, said, "The completion of this facility represents a milestone in our vision for the growth, expansion and synergy of business, industry and higher education focusing on research and development on a global platform. The presence of representatives from the USDA, North Carolina A&T State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Gateway reaffirms our commitment to fulfill the objectives of our master plan for economic and intellectual development for this region."

Gateway University Research Park is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity created to manage and operate the joint collaboration between N.C. A&T and UNCG for the purposes of research and economic development within the Triad. Gateway University Research Park will attract and retain educational, corporate and community service agencies which advance scientific and educational research. For more information, visit [www.GatewayURP.com](http://www.GatewayURP.com).



*The new USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service facility at Gateway University Research Park's South Campus is the permanent home of the East National Technology Support Center and the East Remote Sensing Lab.*

A paper by **Emmanuel C. Alozie**, professor of journalism and mass communication, College of Arts and Science, was accepted for presentation at the 2008 National Conference/General Meeting of the African Council for Communication Education, Niger Chapter, in Abraka, Nigeria. The paper is titled "Conflict-reinforcing or conflict-displacing: Making sense of Nigerian press dispositions on the on-going crisis in Niger-Delta through Vanguard's news and editorial frames."



**Joya Cook** has been appointed assistant athletics director of marketing. Prior to coming to N.C. A&T, Cook was a marketing specialist at Clear Channel Radio in Greensboro. She also has served as director of marketing and promotions for Sheridan Gospel Network in Atlanta, Ga., partner with Everything Under the Sun Marketing and Events in Greensboro, regional marketing and promotions director for DreamWorks Records in Beverly Hills, Ca., and regional promotions director for Platinum Entertainment in Alpharetta, Ga. Cook studied communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Angela T. DuBose** has been appointed to the position of university treasurer. She previously served as assistant treasurer, and as interim treasurer, for 10 years.

DuBose, who has a B.S. degree from N.C. A&T, returned to the university in 1997 as an office manager of Marcorp, Inc., the food service provider at that time. Prior to coming to A&T, she held accounting, financial analyst and management positions in the Greensboro office of Kayser-Roth Corporation for 17 years.



**Allegra Johnson** is the study abroad coordinator in the Office of International Programs. She comes to N.C. A&T from Washington State University in Pullman where she was an education abroad adviser/outgoing exchange coordinator (2004-2008).

Johnson earned her B.A. degree in English and French at Spelman College and her master's degree in international education at the School for International Training in Brattleboro,

Vt. She served as a graduate intern in the Study Abroad Office at Spelman College. As an undergraduate, Johnson participated in the UNCF Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP), a fellowship program for college students interested in careers in international relations and studied abroad in Martinique and France. Upon graduation she returned to France to work as an English language assistant at the Cite Scolaire Albert Camus in Mourenx. She is a member of NAFSA: Association of International Educators.



**Ivan T. Mosley Sr.**, associate professor in the department of manufacturing systems, School of Technology, will present the new National Association for Industrial Technology (NAIT) Strategic Plan at the 2008 NAIT Preconference Program, Nov. 18-22 in Nashville, Tenn. Mosley, the executive board vice chair and president of NAIT's University Division, will present the plan with two NAIT colleagues.



**Alicia Wallace** is a program assistant in the Office of International Programs. She comes to N.C. A&T from Bank of America in Charlotte.

A graduate of UNC Charlotte, Wallace has a B.A. degree in international studies. She spent her junior year studying abroad in Japan and also participated in summer study abroad in San Jose, Costa Rica. While attending UNCC, Wallace was an intern

in the UNCC Office of Education Abroad. After graduating she worked in the Study Abroad Office at the University of Maryland, College Park, and at the International House at Duke University.



**Stanley F. Battle, Ph.D.**

11th Chancellor  
North Carolina A&T State University



## AGGIE BITS

Fall in Aggieworld

**Lee Cornelison, district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration's North Carolina District Office**, will give a lecture at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov 20, in Merrick Hall Auditorium. The topic is "Impact of the Financial Crisis on Small Businesses: What You Need to Know to Survive."

Cornelison joined the SBA in 1999 as district director following his retirement from Peabody where he held various positions (including senior vice president of sales and marketing) during his 20-year tenure. Prior to Peabody, he worked for Shell Oil Company and the Department of Defense. A Certified Public Accountant, Cornelison has a B.S. degree from Missouri State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The lecture is sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and E-Business (ICEEB), N.C. A&T School of Business and Economics and the North Carolina District, U.S. Small Business Administration.

**Planning a program that requires the use of the Air Force ROTC Color Guard?** Remember to submit a request to the Department of Aerospace Studies/AFROTC at least 30 days prior to the event. Send requests to [afrotc@ncat.edu](mailto:afrotc@ncat.edu) and include the following information: name of event, location, time and contact person (including telephone number and email address). Also include the specific type of service(s) requires, e.g. posting of the colors, retrieval of the colors, etc.

## 2008-09 Budget Suffers \$4.1 Million Reduction

Economic times are tough and North Carolina A&T State University's stance on spending just got tougher.

"Guidelines have been issued by the Office of State Budget and Management for navigating the impact of the current statewide economic status," said Chancellor Stanley F. Battle. "As a result, we have been mandated to reduce our state operating budget by four percent."

For N.C. A&T, four percent is a reduction of \$4,106,997. To manage the reduction, the university is taking measures in the areas of personnel, travel, purchase orders, renovations, improvements and small projects.

### Vacancies

All vacant positions funded in whole or in part by state funds are frozen, effective Oct. 27. All commitments issued on or before Oct. 24 are being honored and processed.

Departments that have a vacant position that is deemed essential to the university's function should submit the recruitment form along with a justification to the Division of Human Resources. The form and justification will be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) for review. Vice Chancellor Linda McAbee will advise the committee on an ad-hoc basis regarding vacant positions.

### Travel

All travel on state funds should be limited unless postponement will have an adverse effect on the state's and/or the university's statutory mission.

Effective Oct. 27, all travel requests on state funds must be approved by the dean and/or vice chancellor of the respective areas. For example, all academic travel requests on state funds require the signature of the dean and should be forwarded to the Office of the Provost for approval.

Adequate departmental funding must be available in the travel line (73100) to process. **International travel on state funds is prohibited until further notice.**

### Purchase Orders

Purchase requisitions should not be completed for items for which funding is not currently available. The Office of Budget and Planning, in conjunction with the BAC, will make exemptions on a case by case basis. Purchase orders and requisitions received in the Purchasing Department that do not have adequate funding will be returned to the requestor.

Departments and projects requesting special exemption to this mandate should forward their requests and written justification to the Office of Budget and Planning for review by the BAC.

### Renovations, Improvements and Small Projects

Renovations, improvements and small projects not considered mission critical will be placed on hold. Exceptions include emergency maintenance and repair of facilities, and projects that must be completed for statutory compliance.

The Budget Advisory Committee is comprised of Battle; Alton Thompson, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; Sullivan Welborne Jr., vice chancellor, student affairs; Quiester Craig, dean of business and economics; Mark Kiel, vice chancellor, development and university relations; Mary Mims, special assistant to the provost; William Clay, chief of staff; Akua Matherson, assistant vice chancellor, and Robert Pompey, vice chancellor, business and finance.

If further clarification of the budget process is needed, contact the Office of Budgeting and Planning at (336) 334-7631.

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