

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER 29 - NOVEMBER 3**

NCFlex Open Enrollment

**OCTOBER 3**

Richard B. Harrison Players present "Walls that Bleed" (film production), Harrison Auditorium, 7 p.m., **F**

**OCTOBER 5**

Volleyball: Aggies vs. Winston-Salem State Rams, Corbett Sports Center, noon, **F**

Gospel Show, Harrison Auditorium, 6 p.m., **H \$**

**OCTOBER 7**

Volleyball: Aggies vs. North Carolina Central Eagles, Corbett Sports Center, 6 p.m., **F**

Comedy Show featuring Mike Epps and Friends, Corbett Sports Center, 6 p.m., **H \$**

**OCTOBER 9**

Fall Convocation, Speaker: Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Johnson, Harrison Auditorium, 10 a.m., **H**

Coronation of Miss A&T, Corbett Sports Center, 7 p.m., **HF**



**OCTOBER 9-10**

Alumni Welcome Desk, Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., **H**

**OCTOBER 9, 12, 16 and 19**

Charles Fuller's "A Soldier's Play," Paul Robeson Theatre, **\$**

**OCTOBER 10**

Last day of voter registration

30th Annual Richard E. Moore Memorial Golf Tournament, Grandover Resort, 8:30 a.m., **H \$**

F.D. Bluford Library Archives Picture Party, Bluford Library, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., **HF**

School of Education Reunion, Reception and Tour, New School of Education Building, 3-5 p.m., **H**

N.C. A&T University Foundation's Alumni Concert featuring Charlie Wilson and En Vogue, Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center, 8 p.m., **H \$**

**OCTOBER 11**

Homecoming Parade, 8 a.m., **H**

School of Nursing TELOCA Breakfast, Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel-Colony Ballroom BC, 8-10 a.m., **H**

Homecoming Game, Aggies vs. Morgan State Bears, Aggie Stadium, 1:30 p.m., **H \$**

**OCTOBER 12**

Campus-wide Cleanup, 8 a.m., **H**

Affirmation Service, Richard B. Harrison Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., **H**

**OCTOBER 13**

NC WAY to Health Fair, Aggie Fitness and Wellness Center, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., **F**

For a complete listing of activities for the 2008 Greatest Homecoming on Earth, visit <http://fac.ncat.edu/pr-test/aggie-report-sept19.pdf> online.

The N.C. A&T Ticket Sales Office is located in Brown Hall, corner of Laurel and Bluford streets. For information, call (336) 334-7749.



# THE AGGIE REPORT

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## A&T Participates in Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Outcomes

North Carolina A&T State University is one of 50 institutions participating in the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education, which helps campuses determine for themselves how best to improve student learning.

The study's goals are to learn what teaching practices, programs and institutional structure support liberal arts education and to develop methods of assessing liberal arts education. To achieve these goals, the study focuses on key liberal arts outcomes: effective reasoning and problem solving, inclination to inquire and lifelong learning, integration of learning, intercultural effectiveness, leadership, moral reasoning, and well-being.

"We are exploring the extent to which students develop because of their college experiences, the conditions that contribute to this development, and ways that institutions can more readily assess and act on this knowledge to enhance their impact," said Scott Simkins, director of the Academy of Teaching and Learning at N.C. A&T.

During the fall 2007 semester 722 first time, full-time A&T freshmen participated in the study by completing a number of assessment instruments including the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) Critical Thinking Test, the CAAP Writing Test, the Defining Issues Test (moral reasoning), and surveys measuring the inclination to inquire and engage in lifelong learning, intercultural effectiveness, socially responsible leadership, and psychological well-being. These assessments measured the academic proficiency, attitudes and behaviors of incoming freshmen as they entered the university.

In the spring semester, 315 of the original freshman cohort were retested using many of the same assessments. Additionally, students completed the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), along with surveys aimed at measuring students' first-year college experiences. These assessments are being used to help identify practices, programs and institutional conditions that contribute – or fail to contribute – to students' intellectual and personal growth while attending college.

Charlie Blaich, director of inquiries at the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College in Indiana and director of the Wabash National Study, has been examining the N.C. A&T data, and full-year data was shared with the A&T community Sept. 24-26.

"Overall, the growth of the A&T students was slightly better than that of students at other larger universities in the Wabash Study," said Blaich.

Blaich also said that the teaching and learning environment experienced by A&T freshmen was better in some ways than that of students at other large institutions and worse in others.

"While first-year A&T students experienced above average levels of challenging classes and experiences that required the integration of ideas and information," Blaich said, "the amount of coursework, difficulty of exams and assignments, and faculty feedback was lower at A&T (during the first year) than at other large institutions."

The same fall 2007 cohort of entering freshman will be tested a final time during their senior year to determine four-year student growth measures.

"The outcomes measured in the Wabash National Study are closely aligned with current N.C. A&T priorities, including UNC Tomorrow (developing 21st century learners), institutional retention and graduation rate improvement initiatives (including those led by the Center for Academic Excellence), and the ongoing SACS reaffirmation of accreditation effort (focusing on measurable general education learning outcomes)," said Karen Hornsby, an assistant professor in the department of history.

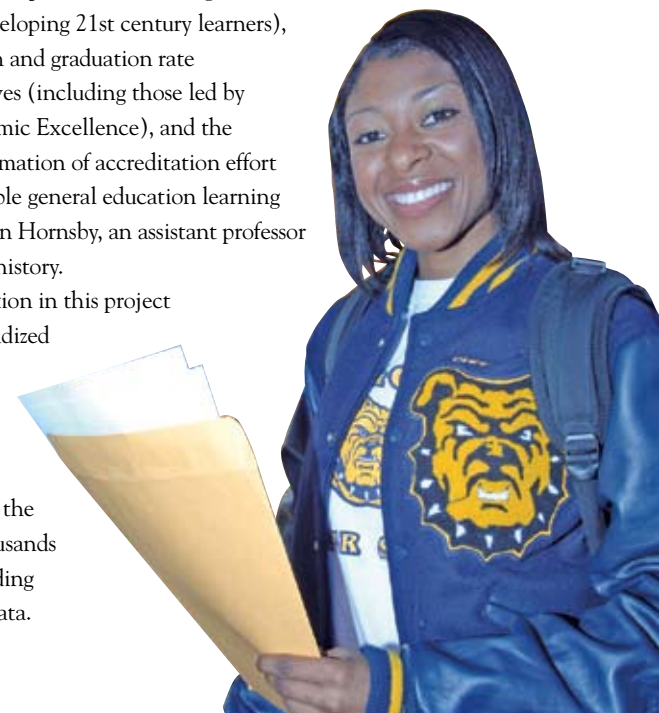
A&T's participation in this project has been heavily subsidized by Wabash and grants they received to implement this national study, saving the university tens of thousands of dollars while providing valuable assessment data.



Hornsby



Simkins



## Nominations Open for 2009 Human Rights Medal

Nominations are being sought for the 2009 North Carolina A&T State University Human Rights Medal. The deadline to submit materials is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

Established by the university's ninth chancellor, James Carmichael Renick, to recognize individuals who have endeavored to correct social injustice and have significantly contributed to the betterment of the world, the award honors individuals whose courageous actions are a reflection of the extraordinary action against social injustice that was demonstrated on Feb. 1, 1960, by four A&T freshmen – Ezell Blair Jr. (Jibreel Khazan), Franklin Eugene McCain, Joseph Alfred McNeil and David Richmond Jr. The "Greensboro Four" led a group of students to take a stand for justice by sitting down at the segregated lunch counter of the F.W. Woolworth Store in downtown Greensboro. This action began a wave of similar sit-ins by college students across the South.

Candidates for this award are selected from nominations submitted to the Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees and Founders/Honors Day. Committee membership is appointed by the chancellor from N.C. A&T faculty and staff. The committee adheres to the criteria listed below when reviewing candidates. Following the committee's review, the chair sends recommendations to the chancellor, who announces the honoree.

### Eligibility

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Human Rights Medal is presented to an individual who has had a positive impact on correcting social injustices and other humanitarian activities. Other humanitarian activities might include human welfare and social reform, acts of heroism, promotion of fellowship, dedication to technological discovery, academic advancements or contributions, diplomatic endeavors, and community contributions.

Nominees for the Human Rights Medal are evaluated according to actions demonstrated by the individual and the scope of his or her contribution within the community.

Any outstanding individual who has had a positive impact on humanity is eligible to receive this award for one or more of the following reasons: correcting social injustice, heroism, promotion of fellowship, technological discovery, academic contributions, diplomatic achievements, human welfare, social reform, and/or significant community contributions.

Anyone may nominate. The nominator should include clear and complete contact information for herself/himself. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 2008. Forward all entries to the following address:

Committee for Awards, Honorary Degrees, and Founders/Honors Day  
c/o Office of the Chancellor  
1601 East Market St.  
Greensboro, NC 27411

For complete details and application forms, visit [www.ncat.edu](http://www.ncat.edu) or call (336) 334-7940.

The winner will be notified in December and invited to accept the award at the Sit-In Breakfast marking the 49th anniversary of the Greensboro Sit-In Movement, Friday, Jan. 30, 2009. The recipient must be able to accept the award in person at the Sit-In Breakfast on the campus of North Carolina A&T State University. Another condition of the award is that the honoree give a lecture at a mutually agreed upon campus event.





**Anjail Rashida Ahmad**, assistant professor and director of creative writing, has been selected to serve on the Piedmont Laureate Selection Panel for the first ever Piedmont Laureate Program for the Piedmont Region. This initiative is the result of a collaboration between the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, Durham Arts Council, Orange County Arts Commission and United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County. The program lists as its primary goal "to promote awareness and high-end appreciation for excellence for the arts in the Piedmont region."



**Yongchul Chung**, assistant professor in the department of human performance and leisure studies, School of Education, has received a two-year grant in the amount of \$383,187 from the U.S. Department of Education for his proposal, "Project Bounce - Developing Resiliency and Responsibility Using Sport as a Metaphor."



**Lorry Ollison Floyd**, assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction, School of Education, has co-authored an article, "Collaborative Partnerships and Teacher Empowerment." The article will appear in the winter 2008 edition of the *Academic Exchange Quarterly*.



**Anita Griffin** has been appointed intramural sports coordinator. Griffin will work closely with the director of campus recreation in the formulation of policies and procedures for the new Campus Recreation Center. She will be responsible for assisting in the management, coordination, supervision and maintenance of viable intramural sports programs.

Prior to coming to N.C. A&T, Griffin served as an assistant coach for the Winston-Salem State University women's basketball program where she held several titles including team travel coordinator, community service coordinator, academic coordinator, recruiter and position development coach. She once served as the head girls junior varsity coach and assistant girls varsity basketball coach at Savannah High School in Georgia. Griffin has a B.A. degree in art/design from Atlantic State University.



**Daniel Miller**, associate professor of leadership studies, School of Graduate Studies, presented a paper at the American Higher Education Institute in Atlantic City, N.J., Sept. 24-26. The title of the paper is "Dialogical Narrative: A Model for Learning, Leading and Change in Higher Education."



**Daphne Roach**, an administrative associate in the University Relations Office, has been appointed to the Reidsville (N.C.) Human Relations Commission by the Reidsville City Council. The commission serves as an advisory body for issues concerning the city, including research and education. A Reidsville native, Roach's term expires October 2009.



## AGGIE BITS

BET-TV's Terrence J (2nd left), an alumnus of N.C. A&T, encourages Aggies to make their votes count at a voter registration rally held recently on campus. He is pictured with (l-r) Judy Rashid, dean of students; Denise Iverson-Payne, assistant vice chancellor for student development; and Marcus Bass, student government president. The deadline to register to vote in the 2008 Presidential Election is Friday, Oct. 10. Contact Iverson-Payne, dipayne@ncat.edu or 334-7792, for details.

**Interested in losing weight?** North Carolina WAY to Health is sponsoring a health fair at the new Aggie Fitness and Wellness Center Monday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. N.C. WAY to Health (Worksite Activities for You) is a new research study designed to organize and support employee wellness committees and then test different approaches to weight loss. Visit [www.NCWAY.org](http://www.NCWAY.org) for more information and to see if you are eligible to join.

**The 2008-09 Lyceum Series debuted Sept. 18** with a cutting edge spoken word performance from Righteous A.I.M., a collaborative effort funded by N.C. A&T's Lyceum Series, Creative Writing Program, and local arts and social justice organizations. Upcoming Lyceum programs include "Shakespeare N. Haarlem," Thursday, Oct. 18; "A Spiritual Journey and Songs for the Season," Sunday, Nov. 9; The Spiritual Renaissance Singers, Sunday, Nov. 23; The Dance Theatre of Harlem, Jan. 22; "Compared to What?" An Evening of Jazz with Les McCann and Friends, Friday, March 13; and The Gibbs Lecture, date to be announced. All programs are free, open to the public, and will be held in venues on A&T's campus.

**The department of visual and performing arts** will open its 2008-09 season with a performance of Charles Fuller's "A Soldier's Play," Oct. 9, 12, 16 and 19 in Paul Robeson Theatre. Fuller describes his Pulitzer Prize winning play as a confrontation between evil and innocence that results in tragedy. While it is about the investigation of a murder, "A Soldier's Play" is not a murder mystery but an exploration into who the slain victim was and how racism influences man's behaviors and ideals.

Other shows for the season include Langston Hughes' "Black Nativity," Don Evans' "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" and William F. Brown's "The Wiz."

For performance dates, times and ticket information, call (336) 334-7749.

**The A&T Register** is now offering free online classifieds for students, faculty and staff on its new Web site: [www.ncatregisterads.com](http://www.ncatregisterads.com). The site is poised to take on the likes of Facebook, Craigslist and eBay, and it promises to save money for students, faculty and staff by eliminating the excessive fees associated with buying and selling on the Internet.

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