

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**OCTOBER 17**

Mid-term grades due

**OCTOBER 18**

Football: Aggies vs. Delaware State Hornets, Dover, Del., 1 p.m., \$

**OCTOBER 19**

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

**OCTOBER 20-21**

Fall Break



**OCTOBER 22**

Last day to defend thesis/dissertation

**OCTOBER 23**

Defended and approved thesis/dissertation due in Graduate School Office

**OCTOBER 25**

University Day Academic Expo 2008, Alumni-Foundation Event Center, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Arts and Sciences Colloquium Series: Careers in Arts and Sciences, Webb Hall Auditorium, 10:30 a.m., F

Football: Aggies vs. Howard Bison, Aggie Stadium, 1 p.m., \$

**OCTOBER 30**

Arts and Sciences Colloquium Series: Service Learning – AmeriCorps, Presenter: Chris Wallace, General Classroom Building, Room A-218, 4 p.m., F

11th Annual High School Media Day

**OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 1**

Fifth Annual Counseling Conference: Mental Health among Black College Students

**OCTOBER 31**

Last day to withdraw from a course without a grade evaluation

Last day to vote for the Blue & Gold Marching Machine to participate in the 2009 Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase, [www.hondabattleofthebands.com](http://www.hondabattleofthebands.com)

**NOVEMBER 1**

Football: Aggies vs. Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, Daytona Beach, Fla., 4 p.m., \$

**NOVEMBER 6**

Deadline to submit nominations for Outstanding College/School Teaching Award, Junior Faculty Award and Outstanding Administrator Award

Flu Shot Clinic, 1020 Wendover - Room 007, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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 to Implement Luminis Application

Next spring, North Carolina A&T State University faculty, staff, students and alumni will be introduced to Luminis, a web-based application that was developed by SunGard Higher Education. SunGard, a company that develops products and services designed for colleges and universities, provides administrative solutions through software such as Banner, ODS and Extender.

Luminis provides easy, 24/7 secure access to web-based applications and services. When Luminis is installed, members of the University family will be able to log in to the Luminis site and access many of the services used on a daily basis. Once a user is logged in, he/she will not need to log in again to access email, Self-Service Banner (SSB) or Internet Native Banner (INB).

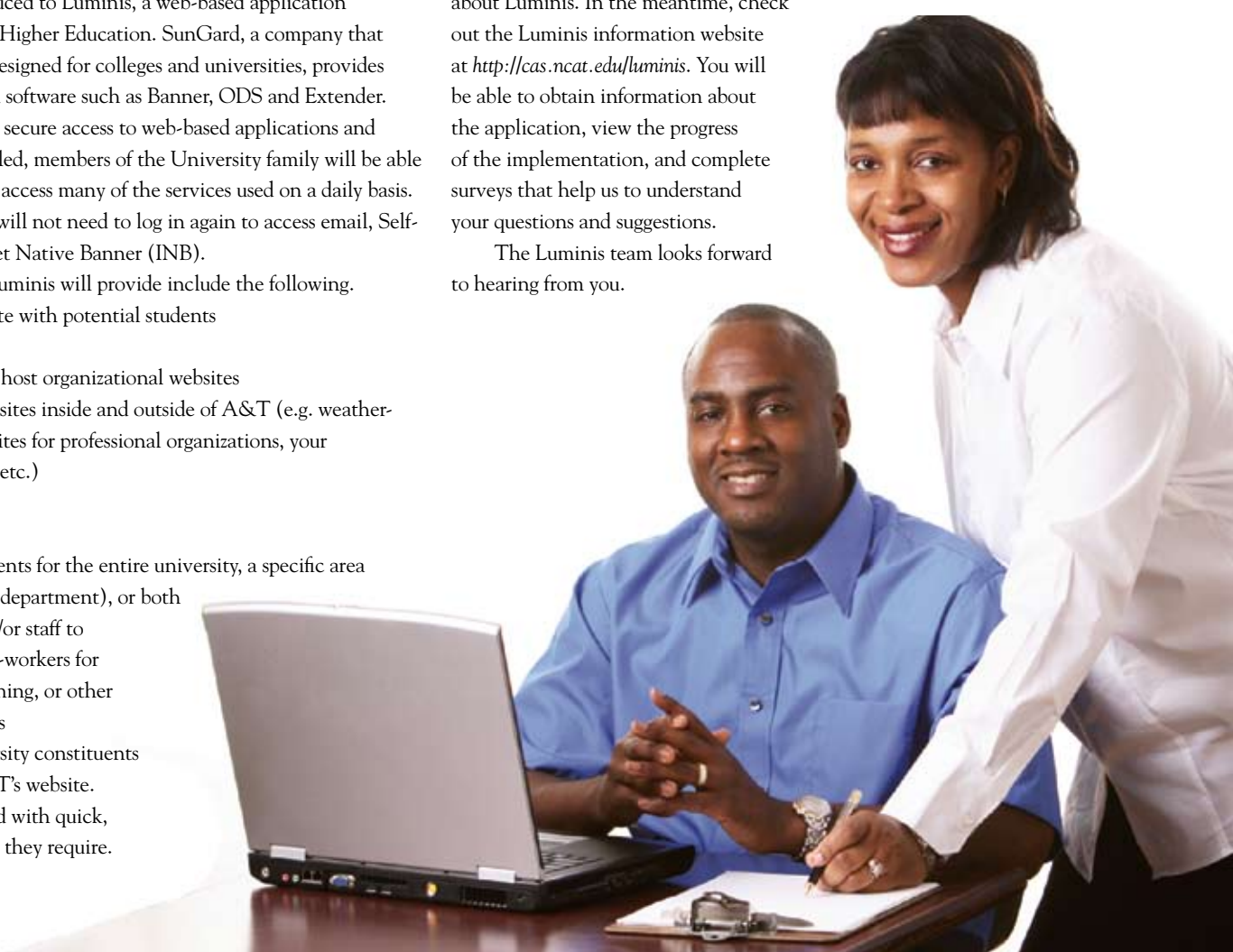
Some of the features that Luminis will provide include the following.

- Ability to communicate with potential students
- Access to email
- Ability for students to host organizational websites
- Access to favorite websites inside and outside of A&T (e.g. weather-related websites, websites for professional organizations, your department's website, etc.)
- Access to SSB
- Access to INB
- Access to announcements for the entire university, a specific area (e.g. members of your department), or both
- Ability for faculty and/or staff to communicate with co-workers for research, project planning, or other collaborative activities

Luminis will permit University constituents to personalize their visits to A&T's website. Users of the tool will be provided with quick, secure access to the services that they require.

During the next few months you will continue to hear information about Luminis. In the meantime, check out the Luminis information website at <http://cas.ncat.edu/luminis>. You will be able to obtain information about the application, view the progress of the implementation, and complete surveys that help us to understand your questions and suggestions.

The Luminis team looks forward to hearing from you.



## Aggie Mentoring Program Enhances Learning, Development

Faculty, staff and administrators who want to contribute to students' growth outside the classroom should consider becoming mentors in the Aggie Mentoring Program (AMP), one of the services offered by the Office for Student Development as a part of its leadership initiatives.

AMP is designed to promote and facilitate interactions between faculty, staff, administrators and students, while striving to assist students achieve intellectual, personal and professional success.

"Through this mentoring relationship, students look forward to intellectual stimulation, academic support, career guidance and friendship," said Shauna Y. Irwin, director of student leadership development. "The program can also be a meaningful experience for mentors."

AMP's primary goal is to enhance student's learning and development at the university and beyond. There are four objectives: (1) to provide students with a structured approach to develop meaningful relationships with faculty, staff, administrators and graduate students; (2) to help students form a more positive identification with the university community, increase interpersonal skills and gain experience in a desired field of work; (3) to motivate and inspire students through moral, intellectual, academic and social support that will contribute to their success through graduation and career development, and (4) to promote the

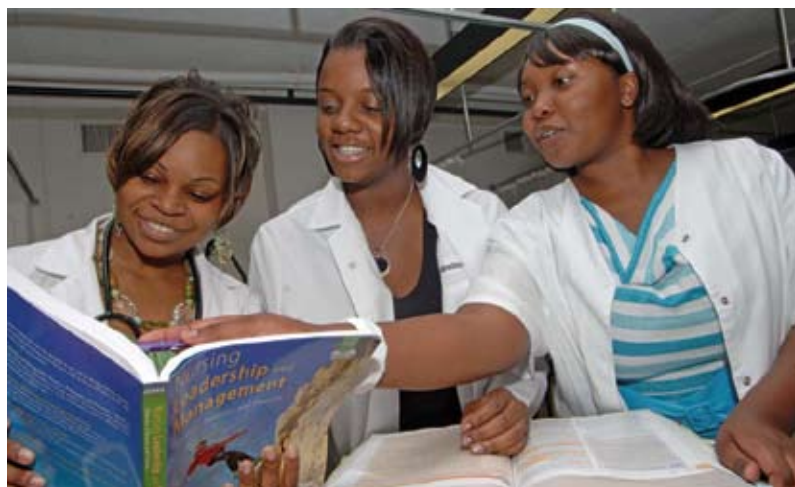
development of the whole student – mind, body and spirit.

Students who are interested in the Aggie Mentoring Program must have completed at least one semester as a full-time undergraduate student at A&T, and they must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Participants must be committed to working 10 hours per week under the mentor's supervision as well as fully participate in all AMP activities. Lastly, students must complete all agreements, assignments, assessments and evaluations associated with the program.

Faculty, staff and administrators must complete an application if they are interested in becoming an AMP mentor. Orientation sessions are offered to mentors and students before they are matched on the basis of their mutual interests or career aspirations.

"The program organizes events throughout the year to provide opportunities for mentors and students to interact," Irwin added.

For additional details or an application, contact Irwin at (336) 256, 2359 or [syirwin@ncat.edu](mailto:syirwin@ncat.edu).





Women's basketball coach **Patricia Cage-Bibbs** was honored recently by the Black Women In Sports Foundation as one of the organization's Legends. Since 1992, BWSF, an organization located in Philadelphia, Pa., has been dedicated to facilitating the involvement of black women in every aspect of sport in the United States and around the world through the hands-on development and management of grass roots level outreach programs.

Bibbs is one of only two coaches at an HBCU with more than 400 Division I wins. She enters season 24 with 422 wins, 11 conference regular-season championships, nine conference tournament championships, nine coach of the year honors and eleven 20-win seasons. In the last year, she won her 400th game, led the Aggies to the MEAC regular-season championship, won MEAC Coach of the Year, won the YWCA Empowerment Award, was the first woman to be named a Grambling University Legend and was inducted into the Grambling Hall of Fame.



**Angela L. Mahoney**, personnel analyst and manager of student employment in the Division of Human Resources, graduated as a Certified Public Manager on Oct. 6. The Certified Public Manager designation is granted by authority of the National Certified Public Manager Consortium, which has reviewed and accredited the North Carolina Certified Public Manager Program.

The Certified Public Manager Program aims to increase the quality, efficiency and productivity of state government by improving the leadership abilities of employees in management positions. Improving the skills of managers will carry through to all employees and help state government with serving our clients and the citizens of North Carolina.



**Andrew M. Perkins Jr.**, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance/facilities, has been appointed by Governor Easley as a member of the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan Board of Trustees. His term will expire June 30, 2010.



**Arthea Benita Perry**, a lecturer in the department of journalism and mass communication, presented a paper and digital video presentation, "Enhancing the Educational Experience of African-American Communities and Others by Teaching the Importance of Ancient Cultures in a Globalizing World," at the Caribbean Arts and Culture Symposium that was held June 26 in Atlanta.

The symposium invited scholars and artists worldwide to address cultural traditions in a globalizing world.

Perry also traveled to St. Thomas and the British Virgin Islands to document in video and photo essay the ancient Yoruba ceremony Egungun with HRH Oba (King) Adejuyigbe Adefunmi II, chiefs and priests of the Yoruba culture. In July, Perry accompanied students to Chicago for UNITY: Journalists of Color.



**Gloria Warren**, 4-H youth development specialist, Cooperative Extension, along with **Chantel Lumpkin** and

**Meeshay Williams-Wheeler**, assistant professors in the department of child development and family studies, School of Agriculture, conducted a workshop at the 2008 Children, Youth and Families At-Risk Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in May. Their workshop presentation, "Promoting BEST LIVES for At-Risk Children and Youth," and focused on developmental assets, life skills and ecological strengths of low-resourced youth as well as social competency and parental modeling with small group interactive sessions.



*The Opus Project, a vocal group comprised of N.C. A&T employees, performs at the 2008 State Employees Combine Campaign kickoff. As of Oct. 3, A&T employees, retirees and students have donated/pledged \$109,793 – that's 82 percent of the campaign goal for 2008!*

## AGGIE BITS

**Thanks to the IRS**, important changes are coming for all 403(b) retirement plans. The new programs and requirements must be "up and running" by Jan. 1, 2009, so many things must happen quickly.

All UNC institutions and affiliates decided to combine efforts and implement a system-wide 403(b) plan. Through a competitive review process, the University has selected TIAA-CREF and Fidelity to be its providers for a wide range of 403(b) services.

This change has no affect on participation in either TSERS or ORP (the mandatory retirement programs). This also does not apply to the 457 or 401(k) programs. This information ONLY applies if you currently participate, or wish to begin participating, in the voluntary 403(b) program.

If you use provider(s) other than TIAA-CREF or Fidelity for some or all of your 403(b) contributions, you will need to take action by Nov. 30, 2008. If you don't enroll through TIAA-CREF or Fidelity by the Nov. 30 deadline, all of your 403(b) contributions will stop as of Jan. 1, 2009, until you complete the necessary forms.

More information on how to enroll will be provided soon by the Benefits Office.

**The Staff Senate** will host a Town Hall Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Stallings Ballroom from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Vice Chancellor Linda R. McAbee, human resources, will address "Positive Change." Lunch will be served. All SPA and EPA non-teaching staff are encouraged to attend.

**The Architectural Engineering and Landscape Architectural Program**, College of Engineering, will take students to Italy and Spain to observe the architecture and landscapes of those countries, May 18-27, 2009. The group will travel to Madrid, Barcelona and Rome, with optional excursions available to Pompei, Sorrento and other areas. This study abroad experience is open to all of N.C. A&T's schools and colleges and the community. For additional information, call Darlene Primas, (336) 334-7520, or Ronnie Bailey, (336) 334-7575.

A study trip is planned for Japan in July 2009. For information contact Paul G. Pettie, [pgpettie@ncat.edu](mailto:pgpettie@ncat.edu).

**The Institute for Public Health** has moved to Bluford Library, Suite 100. The telephone and fax numbers are (336) 256-0858 and (336) 256-0350, respectively.

## Purchasing to Team Up for Efficient Customer Service

To enhance customer service, the Purchasing Department has created teams to serve the campus' academic and administrative units. Effective Monday, Oct. 20, a team will be assigned to each area on campus.

"This alignment will better serve our customers by providing key contacts to assist with procuring goods and services," said Ted A. Little, director of purchasing. "It will build stronger relationships with the campus community in allowing Purchasing to become more involved with projects and activities requiring our expertise."

Little says that the alignment will provide consistency in communication regarding purchasing policies and procedures that must be followed when procuring goods and services for the campus. In addition, it will allow the Purchasing Department to monitor requests for potential audit issues, which can adversely affect the University and identify areas to emphasize training.

"There will be times because of the dollar value, workload or complexity of a request that the work will be assigned to another team or individual within our department. This is a decision that Purchasing management will make on a case-by-

case basis," Little added.

Here are the teams and the departments they will serve.

**TEAM 1: Athletics; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Engineering; Division of Academic Affairs; Division of Research and Economic Development; School of Education**

**Wendelin Douglas**, [wdouglas@ncat.edu](mailto:wdouglas@ncat.edu)

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**TEAM 2: Division of Business and Finance; School of Business and Economics; School of Graduate Studies; School of Nursing; School of Technology; University Studies**

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**TEAM 3: Chancellor's Office (Human Resources, Internal Auditing, Legal Affairs, Special Assistants); Division of Development and University Relations; Division of Information Technology; Provost's Office; Division of Student Affairs**

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