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

NOVEMBER 3

Advisement and registration for spring/summer 2009

NOVEMBER 4

Election Day

NOVEMBER 5

Positive Psychology and Mental Health Wellness Lecture Series (Part I), General Classroom Building-Room A107, 3-5 p.m., F

Staff Senate Town Hall Meeting, Memorial Union-Stallings Ballroom, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

NOVEMBER 6

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

NOVEMBER 7

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Deadline to submit nominations for 2009 N.C. A&T Human Rights Medal (see www.ncat.edu for details)

NOVEMBER 8

Football: Aggies vs. Florida A&M Rattlers, Aggie Stadium, 1:30 p.m., \$

NOVEMBER 9

Lyceum Series Event: A Spiritual Journey and Songs for the Season, Harrison Auditorium, 6 p.m., F

NOVEMBER 12

Fall Family Counseling Conference, New Education Building

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), General Classroom Building-Room A107, 3-5 p.m., F

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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State Representative, A&T Alumna to Address Fall Grads

North Carolina State Representative Alma S. Adams will deliver the university's fall commencement speech, Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Greensboro Coliseum. The ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m.

Adams has served in the N.C. General Assembly since 1994, when Gov. James B. Hunt first appointed her. She was re-elected to her seventh term in November 2006.

Prior to her service in the General Assembly, Adams served for one term on the Greensboro City School Board and was the first African American woman elected to that body. In 1987 she was elected by the citizens of District 2 to represent Northeast Greensboro on the Greensboro City Council, where she served until she was appointed to the North Carolina House.

Adams' service in the N.C. House of Representatives has been distinguished through many efforts to improve the quality of life for women, children and families. To ensure that all children – regardless of income – would have a nutritious start each morning, Adams successfully spearheaded the *Children's Breakfast Bill* during the 2000 session of the legislature, an idea that won statewide support and recognition. Her desire to enhance support for individuals who needed to be retrained for the workforce prompted Adams' pioneering *Displaced Homemaker's* legislation, which generates more than \$1.7 million dollars each year to statewide programs. During the 2001 legislative session, Adams co-sponsored the *Children's Bicycle Helmet Bill* with Rep. Mary McAllister of Cumberland County.

As the present chair of the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus, Adams' leadership focuses on improving the quality of life for African Americans and other constituents through legislative initiatives and programs. She is also chair of Appropriations, vice-chair of the Local Government II Committee, and a member of the Health and Aging Committees, Education Subcommittee on Universities, and the Joint Select

Committee on Economic Incentives.

An educator and professional artist, Adams has initiated and sponsored numerous bills to support North Carolina's colleges, universities and schools, and she has been a strong advocate for the arts and culture. Her interest in educational equity and fairness in funding for historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) prompted Adams to introduce the *University Equity Bill* shortly after going to the House. This legislation ultimately led to the *Statewide University Bond Initiative*, which successfully passed a vote of the people. Love for her alma mater prompted Adams' successful passage of legislation for the first state matching funds for an agriculture research program at North Carolina A&T State University.

In 2006, "after 10 years of fighting," Adams successfully spearheaded the passage of HB 2174 which increased the state's minimum wage from \$5.15 to 6.15 per hour. The state's minimum wage had not been increased in nine years.

Adams was one of six founding members of the American Legacy Foundation Board (an 11 member national foundation established by the MSA tobacco settlement) to reduce the use of tobacco among youth and all generations. She is a co-founder of The African American Atelier, Inc., and a member of the Guilford Democratic Women, N.C. Equity, the NAACP, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church (Greensboro), National Alliance of Artists, National Art Education Association and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Adams has a long history of local, state and national recognitions and awards for her work in education, the arts and public service.

An avid hat wearer-collector, Adams is featured in two books about women: *Crowns Portraits of Black Women in Church Hats*, by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry, and *Jewels: 50 Phenomenal Black Women Over 50*, by Michael Cunningham and Connie Briscoe.

Rep. Adams received her bachelor's ('68) and master's ('72) degrees in art education from North Carolina A&T State University, and her Ph.D. in art education and multicultural education from The Ohio State University. She has been on the faculty of Bennett College for Women since 1972, and she has two adult children and four grandchildren.



Photo courtesy of Alma S. Adams

Journalism Students to Use "Moblogging" for Presidential Election

North Carolina A&T journalism students will be "moblogging" the upcoming presidential election using camera phones, digital cameras and camcorders to capture the sights and sounds of ordinary voters casting ballots in this year's historic presidential election.

The "mo" in moblogging refers to the use of mobile communication devices to deliver and post news and information in real time. A blog is an easy to produce Web site that allows people to post text, graphics, digital photos, audio and video.

Students, some armed with laptops and other mobile devices, will be dispatched to selected areas in Greensboro to capture events. Students will post their productions from their locations directly to <http://newmediajournalism.squarespace.com>, where they will be edited for content by members of the journalism faculty and student editors.

"This is an historic event that students will remember for the rest of their lives," said Kim Smith, a professor who teaches a course in converged media. "Students have spent the past several months

learning how to use mobile devices and post content to the Internet. Moblogging the election, which pits Barack Obama against John McCain, will further test their skills."

Smith said the Web site should change every 10 to 15 minutes once election day rolls around, as content will be added on a regular basis.

"Think of it as a mosaic," he said.

Smith worked as an editor while moblogging the 2004 Republican and Democratic national conventions at Newsplex, www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=www/story/08-30-2004/0002240455&EDATE=>, the experimental convergence newsroom at the University of South Carolina. Journalism students from across the country reported from the conventions using mobile devices.

For more information, contact Kim Smith at kcsmith1@ncat.edu or (336) 334-7900 x3010.





Kacie Blalock, assistant professor of rehabilitation counseling in the department of human development and services, School of Education, has been awarded a \$500,000 long-term training grant in Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment

from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. The purpose of the grant is to increase the number of trained rehabilitation counselors with certification in vocational evaluation and work adjustment available to state and other public nonprofit agencies involved in the rehabilitation of individuals with physical or mental disabilities.



Stephanie L. Lusk, assistant professor in the department of human development and services, School of Education, has received a five-year grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services

Administration. This grant will serve to increase the number of qualified rehabilitation counselors who work in state vocational rehabilitation agencies by providing scholarships and specific training in the area of behavioral addictions.



Michael Joseph Roberto, assistant professor of history, has been appointed to the Greensboro Human Relations Commission by the City Council for a three-year term.

The position was offered to Roberto for demonstrating a positive influence

with IMPACT Greensboro, which will make a public report on the city's economic life in November. IMPACT Greensboro, a unique leadership program that reflects a redesign of the Mosaic project, launched in 2005 to pair people of diverse backgrounds to spend quality time together and develop friendships.



Von Best Whitaker, a research associate professor in the School of Nursing, has been named the 2008 Research Nurse of the Year by the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA).

A manuscript written by Whitaker

and a South Carolina State University colleague that investigates the elimination of health care disparities, won the manuscript of the year from the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses/American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Whitaker, along with colleagues at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, published "African-American perceptions of health disparities: A qualitative analysis," in *The Journal of the National Black Nurses Association* (Vol. 19, No.1, July 2008).



Stanley F. Battle, Ph.D.

11th Chancellor
North Carolina A&T State University



AGGIE BITS

The 2008-2009 Dowdy Scholars are pictured with members of the Lewis C. and Elizabeth Dowdy family and Chancellor Stanley F. Battle.

For your convenience and good health, N.C. A&T State University has partnered with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (BCBSNC) and Maxim Health Systems to host a flu shot clinic Thursday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 1020 Wendover, room 007. Employees and their family members, ages nine and older, are invited to participate. Children under age nine must receive shots from their primary care physician.

Maxim will charge \$30 per flu shot for family members and employees who are not covered by the State Health Plan PPO. Participants are required to bring their BCNSNC ID card and photo ID to the clinic and sign a consent form before receiving a flu shot.

To register for this free clinic, log on to Benefits@ncat.edu. Someone from the Benefits Office will confirm your appointment via e-mail. Visit www.bcbsnc.com/flu or www.maximflu.com for answers to your flu-related questions.

The Office of Summer Sessions and Outreach has received a grant of \$112,851 from Piedmont Triad Partnership to promote and establish For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Tech Challenge (FTC) teams in rural counties of the Piedmont Triad Region. This is part of an effort to fill the workforce pipeline with technologically prepared individuals capable of performing critical workplace functions: programming, creative design, scientific thought, hands-on learning and effective teamwork for all of the region's job clusters.

The proposal, "Inspiring Youths to Higher Aptitudes in STEM Fields of Study: For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology," is a high school robotics initiative that offers hands-on programming that changes the way youth, educators and corporate partners view science and technology.

The third annual Fall Family Counseling Conference will be held in the New Education Building, Nov. 12. A series of pre-conference panel discussions are planned for 11:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., and the conference starts at 4:30 p.m. with a poster session followed by a keynote address and break-out sessions. The theme is Let's Listen – Embracing the Challenges of Families in Transition.

Pre-conference topics include Latinos and Mental Health Care, African American Males: Strengthening Self and Community, and Creative Conversations: Career Options in Family Counseling.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Alpha Tau Omega Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society and the Family Counseling class of North Carolina A&T State University, along with the North Carolina Association of Marriage and Family Counseling. For more information contact Patricia Whitfield at (336) 334-7916 or betheap@ncat.edu, or visit the School of Education website, www.ncat.edu/~schofed/newsite, to access the conference announcement, call for proposals and registration form.

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 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.

You requested it and it is being implemented! In lieu of receiving numerous emails, visit www.ncat.edu online and check the "Aggie Family Info," "eLetter" and "Calendars" links (bottom right) for current information and updates about campus events and condolences. Continue to send your news for these links to Mable Scott, mables@ncat.edu; send information for *The Aggie Report* and *A&T Today* to Sandra Brown, smbrown@ncat.edu; and send story ideas/information for release to news media (e.g. newspapers, magazines, radio and television) to Nettie Rowland, rowlandn@ncat.edu.

The School of Education is developing a directory of presenters for professional development workshops and/or interactions for school teachers, administrators, counselors, other school personnel and students. The directory will be forwarded to school systems in North Carolina to inform them of professional expertise available at North Carolina A&T State University. To participate, contact Karen D. Guy, director of student teaching, at karenguy@ncat.edu or (336) 334-7663.

ISET Center Has Performance Review

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Interdisciplinary Scientific Environmental Technology Cooperative Science Center (NOAA-ISETCSC) at North Carolina A&T State University conducted its NOAA Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting on campus, Oct. 27-28.

During the meeting, the NAC evaluated the progress of NOAA-ISET research and educational activities.

The highlight of this review was assessing the research training given to the students. On the first day, in addition to the overall ISETCSC performance review, students from N.C. A&T and the six partnering

institutions gave oral and poster presentations. On Oct. 28, the ISET senior scientist, thrust area leaders and sub area leaders made scientific presentations addressing the various research accomplishments, and collaborative and interdisciplinary activities.

NAC members include NOAA scientists and scientists from academic institutions with expertise in National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sciences.

For more details, contact Solomon Billign, director, at (336) 285-2328.

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