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Young and the enrollment management team are dedicated to extending the magic of an Aggie education to as many students as possible. Those who want to expand their educational horizons can't go wrong at A&T in their quest for lifelong learning.

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"We want prospective students and parents to be assured that the quality of the educational experience and customer service from A&T is competitive with the nation's finest colleges and universities," Young says.

As the university builds a global reputation as a premier interdisciplinary university, it's attracting an increasing number of students from around the nation and around the world. At the same

time, it doesn't want to miss out on any homegrown talent right here in North Carolina.

"We're just nine blocks from downtown Greensboro," says Dr. Velma Speight-Buford, chairman of the A&T Board of Trustees. "We

diture of funds that most families can expect to make outside of buying a home." In addition, parents are eager and committed to doing whatever they can to provide their son or daughter the best opportunity possible to be successful.

Dr. Janice Brewington, as the university's interim provost and chief academic officer, has made maintaining a challenging academic environment A&T's foremost priority. "We consider it a sacred trust when students commit their

engagement, discussion and relevant practical experiences – at home and abroad.

At the same time, however, the university remains rooted to its legacy of providing personal advising and nurturing. With an average 20:1 student-faculty ratio, classes at A&T are small enough to allow personal attention. And while over 90 percent of full-time, tenured faculty hold doctorate or other terminal degrees, none are so highfalutin that they don't have time to talk with students.

"Faculty and staff talk to parents and students about what it takes to be an Aggie," Young says, citing such requirements as grades, scores and attitude. "We talk to them and explain about the variety of student services that are available to make their transition from high school to college seamless and easy."

Still, academics are only part of the experience at A&T, which has the same high standards for its dance troupe, theater, athletics, choirs, Army and Air Force ROTC, Student Government Association, drum line, Blue & Gold Marching Machine and other student activities.

"We have numerous student organizations, fraternities and sororities, intramural sports and Lyceum events," says Young, who encourages students not to cheat themselves out of the full Aggie Experience; he challenges them to "explore, discover and become."

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want local students to understand that an Aggie education is an unparalleled experience, and that they do not have to go far seeking what they can get right here."

Whether it's a child getting ready to graduate from high school or a downsized mom or dad deciding to go – or go back – to school, enrolling in college is a big deal. "For a lot of families it's an emotional experience," says Young, who often refers to it as a "high-anxiety moment." "For one thing it's the largest single expen-

The enrollment management team provides high quality services in the areas of admissions, financial aid, registration, housing, evening and weekend programs, distance learning and the Center for Student Success.

Vital to the Aggie educational experience are strong academic programs in the university's eight schools and colleges, and the interdisciplinary programs that cross their lines, such as certificate programs in global studies, entrepreneurship and motor sports.

educational futures to A&T," she says. "The promise we make is to provide them with high quality teaching and learning they need to ensure success in a competitive, global economy."

From increasing the number of online degree programs to providing five Ph.D. programs to keeping the F.D. Bluford Library open 24 hours a day, A&T is a player in the emerging global information economy and is utilizing the required new approaches to higher education that emphasize

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Non-traditional students are right at home at A&T

Feeling apprehensive about going back to school? Phyllis Cole understands.

With an easy, soothing, "mama knows" demeanor, N.C. A&T State University's director of evening and weekend programs has helped shepherd countless "non-traditional" students into the Aggie fold – helping them make smooth transitions to that next level in their careers and their lives.

While the students themselves know best what they want to accomplish, Cole and the rest of her colleagues on A&T's enrollment management and retention team know how to help them get there.

"They have concerns that traditional students don't have," Cole says. "Education is not their primary focus. No. 1 is life and living. They do it (go to college) to make the quality of life better for them and their families."

Undergraduate students older than 24 are considered non-traditional in the academic arena. Their specific goals vary, but often include a desire to advance in their current careers, to start new ones, to set an example for their college-age children or just to develop themselves personally.

A&T reaches out to this growing segment of the college population through efforts ranging from the annual New Year's Resolutions Party to keeping the library open around the clock and providing after-work hours for numerous other services.

Many started at A&T years ago and dropped out; many did the same at other schools. Cole can relate some of the more common stories.

"Often they were not ready so they didn't do well academically; for a lot of them the finances were not available; some of them just lost interest because they came for mama and daddy and not for themselves," she says.

Others are seeking higher education for the first time. More than a few are in their 50s and 60s and aren't doing it for the sake of their careers or earning power.

"Some say this is something that they always wanted to do and never did," Cole says, point-

ing out that North Carolina offers tuition-free higher education to residents 65 and older. "They put their children through college, the children have grown up and are doing well, and they say, 'Now it's my turn.'"

"Some of them just do it for personal development. They want to be able to have good conversations."

Whatever their reasons, A&T gives students what they want and need as adults, especially those rearing children. "They require different services but they still require quality services," Cole says.

One important service A&T provides is an understanding of how difficult taking that first step can be.

"A lot of them are frightened," Cole says, recalling one who complained, "I'll look stupid sitting in class with all those young students."

Her reply got a big grin: "Sitting in class working on a degree cannot possibly make you look stupid. Remember, it's cool to be smart!"

Adult students usually find that their life experience is a valuable asset in the classroom, where many are often surprised to find themselves excelling beyond their younger counterparts.

"When adults come, honestly, they need less help with the academic piece than they do with the personal pieces," Cole says, citing such considerations as financing, childcare and scheduling.

While such offerings as evening hours and online degrees are becoming commonplace as almost all schools get serious about competing for non-traditional students, students choose A&T for reasons ranging from proximity to their homes or workplaces to user-friendly degree programs.

One example is the College of Arts & Sciences' bachelor's degree in liberal studies, which now offers nine different concentrations. The program currently has more than 200 undergraduates, many of whom are non-traditional students.

"This degree helps a lot of those

students who have accumulated a lot of hours at several universities," Cole says. "They're able to choose from existing concentrations or work with the director of the program to design a piece that's tailored to fit what they personally want or need."

"That is so very attractive because students don't have to spend a lot of time taking a lot of courses they may not need."

Many students choose A&T, the area's largest historically black college or university, because they've heard about – or experienced firsthand – what it feels like to be part of the Aggie family. The student population includes numerous employees taking advantage of the tuition waiver program.

"I hear this over and over, especially from those we call re-admits: They remember that A&T was a family and it's still a family. We have that caring, nurturing attitude. You can always find somebody to help you."

Help often includes financial aid or assistance identifying alternative sources for funding higher education, such as students' places of employment and churches. Cole also tries to stay abreast of possible state or federal legislation that could positively affect financial assistance for adult students.

For most non-traditional Aggies, the decision boiled down to one simple – and central – factor.

"They know the quality of education they're getting is superb," Cole says. "These are people who have life-learning to their advantage. They read. They keep up, they know what's going on in academia, they know what's going on as far as trends in education, they know what's going on in the world of work."

Too many know all too well. "A lot of them have been downsized," she says, "and they don't want that to happen to them again."

For more information about A&T's evening/weekend programs, call (336) 334-7607.



Keeping Aggie Pride Competitive Worldwide

The Office of Career Services is customer focused and centralizes the function of full-time employment, summer jobs, internships, cooperative education, part-time employment, post graduation employment, and career counseling. It is tailored to keep A&T Aggies competitive in the workplace. Students, alumni and employers are invited to contact the Office of Career Services.

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All the way – night or day – with a Ph.D. at A&T

The School of Graduate Studies is the contact point for more than 40 graduate programs in seven different schools and colleges at A&T. It offers the Master of Science, Master of Arts, Master of Social Work, Master of Instructional Technology, Master of Science in Management, Master of Arts in Education, Master of School Administration, Master of Arts in Teaching and Doctor of Philosophy.

"We're the only graduate school in town that has technology, engineering and agriculture," says Dr. Kenneth Murray, interim dean of the graduate school. "If anybody's looking for graduate education in those areas, then we're the only game in town."

A&T happens to be nationally known for its excellence in those areas of study, Murray adds.

A&T also is attracting an increasing number of graduate students who are responding positively to the flexibility provided by its evening and online programs.

"We have a part-time evening education program that is very attractive to the teachers in our local systems who need to get new certification or to get re-certification," he says. "Our master's level programs in technology also can be an evening program so students don't have to quit work to attend."

All of A&T's graduate programs give students the opportunity to

study with faculty doing research in various fields. The classroom and laboratory experiences create a learning environment that encourages everyone to excel. Also, an integrated and intercultural faculty and student body attracts graduate students from all over the world.

While A&T's graduate school still boasts of small classes, they're not quite as small as they once were, Murray says, citing a positive response to classes that used to have only two students and now have eight or so.

"Our enrollment has grown, so our classes are a little bit fuller," he says, "so that makes the setting a little bit more comfortable for students."

For more information about graduate study at A&T, call (336) 334-7920 or visit www.ncat.edu/~gradsch/.

A&T's College of Engineering is unmatched

To students of North Carolina A&T's College of Engineering, it's worth much more than just bragging rights that their school is the nation's No. 1 producer of African-American engineers.

"Companies know this," says Dean Joseph Monroe, "so those that are serious about diversifying their workforce come to A&T."

Compared to other engineering schools five times A&T's size, A&T attracts five times as many corporations to recruit, as well as to build relationships that include scholarship and internship programs, and various other development opportunities.

"They're going to get good jobs," Monroe says of A&T graduates.

A&T's College of Engineering also has myriad relationships and collaborations with government agencies, including a Mars Research Center funded by NASA, from which A&T has received more than \$25 million in total funding.

Housed in a state-of-the-art building named for Dr. Ronald McNair, the Aggie member of NASA's lost Challenger crew, the school offers high-quality undergraduate, master's and doctorate degrees in various engineering disciplines and in computer science.

Monroe, the nation's first

African-American to earn a Ph.D. in computer science, heads the A&T team leading students along the trail that he and others of his generation blazed for them.

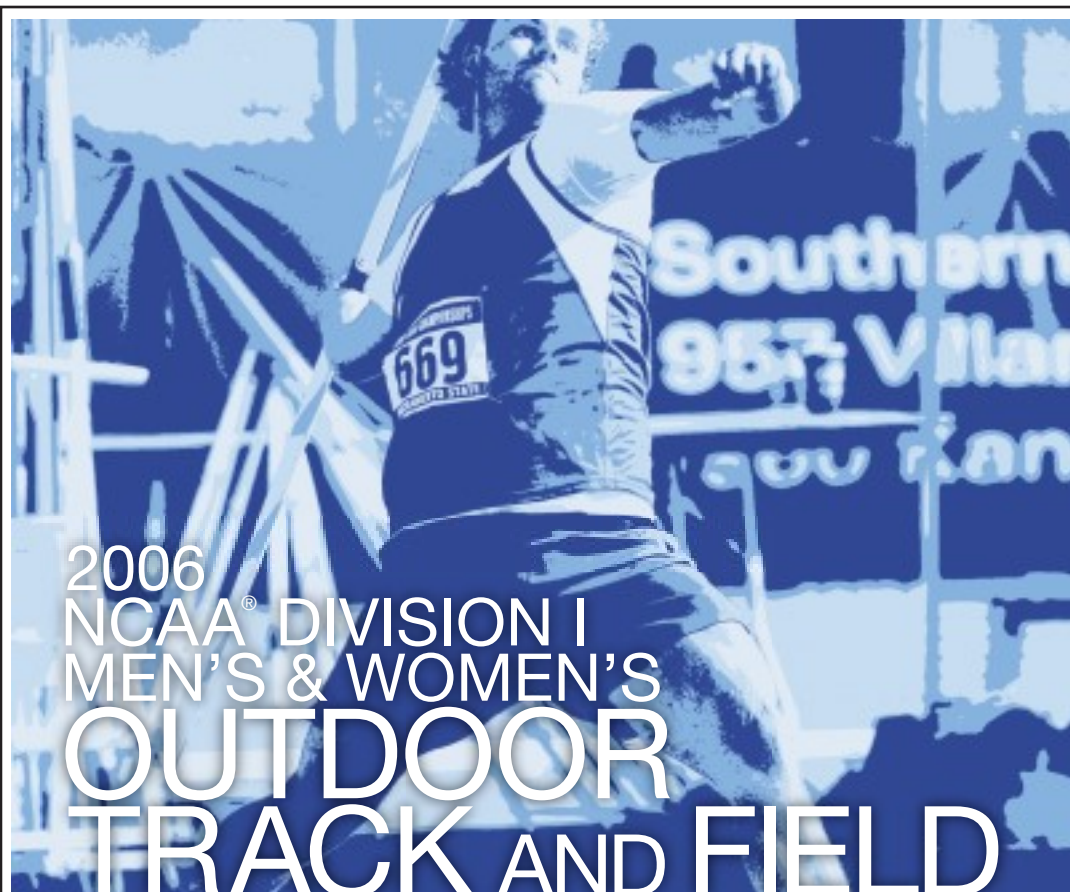
Students choose A&T over other schools for reasons that include the accessibility of faculty members and abundant opportunities to gain hands-on experiences.

"We have smaller classes," Monroe says, "and for all of our core engineering courses, we offer supplemental instruction."

A&T also has its finger on the pulse of the future, keeping up with employment trends and making sure graduates are competitive. As an example, Monroe cites engineer recruiting by firms such as Goldman Sachs: "Engineers are moving heavily into the financial world."

They're also leading the way as minorities diversify other fields, he says, citing College of Engineering graduate Chris Bristol, who is in his second year of stock car racing and who participates in a diversity program that was established by Joe Gibbs, NASCAR car owner and NFL coach, and the late Reggie White, former NFL defensive end.

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"We point to these outstanding graduates," he says, "and we can say to students, 'Now, if it happened to Joe or Mary, why not you?'"

Craig, A&T's longest-serving dean – known as the "dean of deans" – is legendary for setting high standards and holding students and faculty to them. His school provides high quality edu-

cation in the areas of accounting, business administration, business education, economics, and transportation/logistics.

A&T's School of Business and Economics is among a select group of business schools nationwide accredited by the nation's premier accrediting agency, AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The Department of Accounting – among the largest producers of black certified public accountants in the nation – is one of only four AACSB International-accredited programs in North Carolina and one of only 168 in the nation.

The school's mission is to provide a high quality management education in a learner-centered environment that effectively recognizes and responds to the diverse backgrounds and needs of students and society. An interdisciplinary foundation, faculty

scholarship and professional and community service are integral to this mission.

In addition to academics, the school stresses practical training through study abroad, internships and other real-world experiences. Its nurturing learning environment also places an emphasis on mentoring and encourages participation in student organizations, including honor societies and international groups such as Students in Free Enterprise.

Alumni play a key role in keeping the school linked to the real world.

"We're only as good as the preparation and performance of our last students," Craig says. "We want the alumni to be proud of what their alma mater continues to do, and to stay involved."

That spirit drove the building dedication and alumni reunion that drew hundreds of graduates back to celebrate the new state-of-

art building now named Quiester Craig Hall. The completely renovated Merrick Hall now houses faculty and administrative offices, classrooms, conference rooms and other facilities.

The improved facilities play a role in the school's continuing success.

"They promote enthusiasm for learning and foster better preparation for students," Craig says. "Our outstanding facilities certainly are consistent with our standards of excellence."

Craig sees the new building as one big invitation to prospective students. "We say, 'You want to be a part of where we're going. Look what we have to take us there!'"

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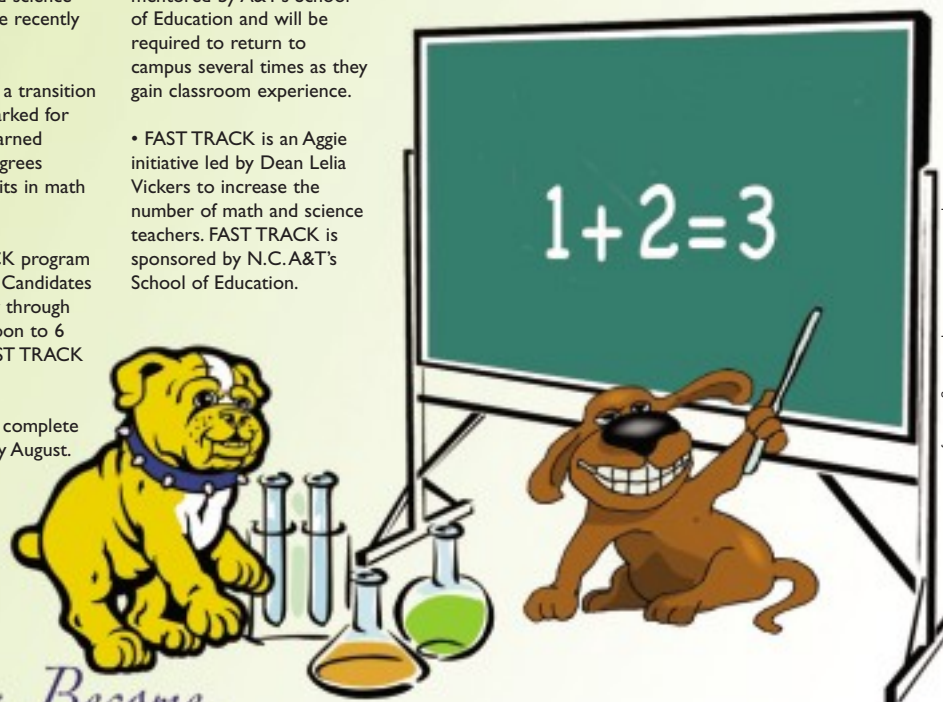
Explore. Discover. Become.

Is your dream to be a teacher?

A&T can get you started in a math or science classroom by this fall!

- UNC System President Erskine Bowles has made teacher preparation a top priority.
- U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings noted the need for math and science teachers when she recently visited N.C. A&T.
- FAST TRACK is a transition to teaching earmarked for individuals with earned undergraduate degrees (18 or more credits in math or science).
- The FAST TRACK program will begin in June. Candidates will meet Monday through Thursday, from noon to 6 p.m., for their FAST TRACK coursework.
- Participants will complete 15 credit hours by August.
- The ultimate goal of FAST TRACK is that each participant will be prepared to begin teaching math or science by the start of school in August 2006. They will continue to be mentored by A&T's School of Education and will be required to return to campus several times as they gain classroom experience.
- FAST TRACK is an Aggie initiative led by Dean Lelia Vickers to increase the number of math and science teachers. FAST TRACK is sponsored by N.C. A&T's School of Education.

The FAST TRACK: Transition to Teaching Session, 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, Hodgin Hall, N.C. A&T. To pre-register: call Sharon Hoard at 336.334.7175.



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A&T's College of Arts and Sciences: A place to develop a passion for learning

With 13 departments and programs that span the spectrum from physics to theater, the College of Arts and Sciences is truly a place where students learn how to learn, and to love learning.

"In an ever-changing technological society, we cannot teach students the techniques they will need 10 years from now, but we can teach them how to be critical thinkers," said Dr. Michael A. Plater, the college's dean.

The college points to its luminous alumni, from Dr. Ronald McNair, who built on his undergraduate physics degree to reach the stars as a NASA astronaut, to recent journalism graduate Anzio Williams, who as news director of a New Orleans television station gained national accolades for coverage of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Graduates have acted on Broadway and been divas of the opera stage, like Margaret Tynes; become political leaders, like Rev. Jesse Jackson; and have taught the next generation, like countless others.

The college encompasses the arts and humanities, sciences and social sciences. It offers:

- Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, history, music, political science, psychology, romance languages (French and Spanish), sociology, speech, liberal studies and visual arts;
- Bachelor of Science degrees in art, biology, chemistry, criminal justice, English, history, journalism and mass communication, mathematics, music, physics and romance languages (French and Spanish);
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in professional theater;
- Bachelor of Social Work.

"We are seeking to increase the number of our students who go on to graduate programs," Plater says, "and part of that means revamping the curriculum to give students the knowledge they need to be competitive in the graduate environment, while also providing

the skills they need in a corporate environment."

The college also has been working to increase its external presence through grant writing and partnerships with corporations and other universities. Through the physics department alone it has ongoing relationships with universities in France, Ethiopia and South Africa, with Duke and Stanford, and with the National Science Foundation.

Plater noted that in physics, chemistry and biology, graduates may work for a government organization or find a welcome among pharmaceutical concerns and industries that value their technical skills. Students of the arts may become professional artists, dancers and musicians, or enter teacher education in those fields.

"The criminal justice and social work programs are preparing people for particular professions – criminal justice, for instance, has had a great increase in majors, and has been doing very well in terms of internships with Washington and with the Marshals Service and FBI here in Greensboro," Plater says. Or students can continue an academic career – perhaps in the joint master's in social work program at A&T and UNC-Greensboro.

The largest unit of the college is a professional school. The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication prepares students to go directly into radio, television, print publications and new media. Its students have gained additional opportunities with the recent accreditation by the Association on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, making it the second such accredited program in the state (the other being at UNC-Chapel Hill) and the first at a historically black college or university in North Carolina.

The newest program in the college is Liberal Studies, which offers an undergraduate degree with

concentrations in African-American studies, international studies, dance, women's studies, business, pre-law, cultural change and social development and, most recently, race, class and culture. There is also an individualized concentration.

Visitors to A&T's campus will see some major advances in the form of a modern classroom building dedicated two years ago and, most recently, a new science building.

"This provides our chemistry and psychology majors with a state-of-the-art facility where they have the ability to do research at a very early age and be competitive when they go out into a corporate setting," Plater says.

Many advances are less tangible, however, such as the opportunity to work with professors who have amassed major records of achievement. These include Fulbright scholars and winners of national research grants.

DeWayne Wickham, a columnist for *USA Today* and the Gannett News Service, is a distinguished professor of journalism and director of the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies. Dr. Henry Frye, retired chief justice of the state Supreme Court, guides students in the political science department.

Students also benefit from programs such as the Lyceum and Colloquium series, and through service learning and study abroad initiatives.

"The University's motto of 'Explore. Discover. Become.' might be said to have its foundation in the College of Arts and Sciences," Plater says. "This is where students explore and discover – where in their early years they develop a passion for learning."

For more information about A&T's College of Arts and Sciences, visit www.ncat.edu or call (336) 334-7806.

Excellence, professionalism mark A&T-produced teachers

As one of the top producers of African-American teachers, N.C. A&T State University starts early to instill in its students the standards of professional excellence that are helping to raise the bar in public education.

"We have an excellent program in teacher education, and that's excellent by the standards of national accreditation, state accreditation and passage of the licensure test," says Dr. Lelia Vickers, the school's dean. "Our first goal is to ensure that all of our teachers, principals and counselors take and pass the licensure tests. Currently, 100 percent pass. We have excellent faculty, students and resources."

One of the keys to the school's success is its commitment to building strong relationships – both on and off campus.

On campus, freshmen are assigned faculty mentors who work with them throughout their study. The academic programs stress professional attitudes and dispositions, orienting students for success.

With a university-wide commitment to teacher education, A&T also engages education students in research so that they have information to make data-driven decisions in response to issues in the workplace. The re-location to A&T of the *Negro Educational Review*, an international, scholarly, professional quarterly journal in publication since 1950, and the new doctorate in leadership provide other opportunities to enhance the scholarly development of faculty and students.

The off-campus partnerships – with community agencies, churches, schools, parents, business leaders and foundations – help the School of Education build communities to support children while preparing educational leaders for urban, suburban and rural schools.

Some of the school's best and brightest teachers-to-be come through the Teaching Fellows Program. Through various enrichment activities and services, the program emphasizes leadership, decision-making and responsibility, and encourages individuality and creativity.

All students also are given an opportunity to interact with administrators and faculty, contributing to efforts to keep the standards high.

"We have regular student meetings where we ask them to share with us their ideas about the teacher education at A&T," Vickers says. "We're trying to make sure that we produce exemplary professionals who raise the quality of teaching."

Off campus, from rural exchange to study abroad, students have bountiful options for travel, exposure to other cultures and hands-on experience that are an integral part of the education process.

"They're in the schools early and have wonderful opportunities to work with the schools, in the community and with agencies," Vickers says, adding that students can get real-world experience right at home.

"We are one of only a few schools that are actually offering a public school on our campus," she

says. "The middle college is right here."

Through interdisciplinary collaborations with four other schools and colleges, the school also produces the uniquely prepared specialists needed for tomorrow's classrooms.

Upon graduation, 97 percent of the school's graduates receive teaching jobs while the other three percent enter graduate school, including A&T's exemplary graduate programs in education. Surveys of recent graduates and employers show that A&T students create classroom environments where all students learn, thanks to preparation that emphasizes assessment of student learning and design of teaching based on differentiated instruction.

"When they leave here and they march across the stage, they are teachers," Vickers says. "They don't leave here saying they want to be teachers, they are teachers."

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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is showing off its latest campus improvements and invites you to visit the campus! With over a quarter of a billion dollars recently spent on equipping our students, faculty, staff and visitors with the latest in technology, state-of-the art facilities, upgraded residence halls, classrooms, laboratories and timely renovations, Aggie Pride is growing by the minute!



NEW PARKING DECK (under construction)



NEW RENICK SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (under construction)

Check Out Our Latest Facelift

NEW PARKING DECK (under construction)
 A \$6-million parking deck will be constructed to accommodate A&T's growing population
 It will hold up to 500 cars
 It will feature three to four levels
 It will have a state-of-the-art security system

NEW RENICK SCHOOL OF EDUCATION BUILDING (under construction)
 It is named for Chancellor Emeritus James Carmichael Renick
 This \$14 million state-of-the-art facility has won two design awards
 It will house the School of Education offices and classrooms
 The ground floor will feature a welcoming entryway

ALUMNI-FOUNDATION EVENT CENTER
 It is a 30,000 square foot single-story facility
 It has a state-of-the-art Information Technology system
 It features an elegant grand ballroom, meeting, board and conference rooms
 It has a grand cathedral ceiling entrance and features Joseph Holston's stunning 20-foot mural
 Built by N.C. A&T University Foundation, Inc.

NEW SCIENCE BUILDING
 It houses the Chemistry and Psychology departments
 It features state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms
 It is a \$21.8 million project that features artwork by commissioned artist Joyce Wellman

AGGIE VILLAGE
 It features four newly built residence halls that replaced the historic Scott Hall
 It is a \$33.4 million, 270,000 square ft. facility with 840 beds
 A memorial paneled plaque will be erected to honor the 1960 Scott Hall incident
 It features a reflecting pool that adds a special touch to the new construction

GENERAL CLASSROOM BUILDING
 It features tiered classrooms, a breezeway, a state-of-the-art auditorium and a beautiful sculpture, "Progress" by Richard Hunt
 The \$35.3 million project features a New Classroom building and the renovations of the Paul Robeson Theatre, Merrick Hall and Crosby Hall
 It also joined together the School of Business (Craig Hall) with the College of Arts and Sciences

IRWIN BELK TRACK AND STADIUM
 It features a new mondo surface track that allows the stadium to host NCAA track meets
 It features a new state-of-the-art scoreboard
 It also features a branded Aggie bulldog that boasts "Aggie Pride!"

Other Facilities You Should Visit

WILLIAMS CAFETERIA
 State-of-the-art facility includes: student dining hall, staff and faculty dining area and Chancellor's dining room
 Popular eateries: Boss Webster's (Pizza Hut and Krispy Kreme), Freshen's Smoothie
 Outside features Holland Bowl, an area that can accommodate outdoor performances, guest speakers and an adjacent 400-car parking lot

AGGIE SUITES
 A \$16.6 million privatized housing complex on campus
 Features a 213,285 square feet facility and 804 beds
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FEBRUARY ONE MONUMENT
 This monument is dedicated to the achievements of the A&T Four/Greensboro Four and their commitment to the Civil Rights struggle
 It was created by N.C. A&T professor and local artist James E. Barnhill
 It is located in front of the Historic Dudley Building



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AGGIE VILLAGE

A&T nurses have served for generations

A&T's School of Nursing has been educating nurses - offering the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing - for more than 50 years. It continues to address a severe nursing shortage in the state and in the nation.

"The School of Nursing's motto is 'Accountability, Responsibility and Professionalism,'" says Dr. Patricia Price Lea, dean of the school. "Our graduates live up to it in their continued studies and in their careers."

The BUN degree program, which was first accredited in 1971 by the National League for Nursing, prepares graduates for nursing licensure and beginning practice in a variety of health care settings. The program is geared to address specific student needs through its LPN to BUN and RN to BUN curricula, and a new option for students in health-related technical fields.

A severe international nursing shortage is eased a little with every graduate of A&T's School of Nursing. In addition to academic scholarship, its program encompasses every aspect of professionalism. Caring, dedication, commitment and volunteerism are emphasized as an essential part of the curriculum, as are the moral and ethical dimensions of nursing.

A nurturing environment is among the most attractive features of studying nursing at A&T. Admitted students have access to a full-time counselor and computer assistance in order to improve test-taking and study skills.

Nursing students at A&T also receive exposure to the interdisciplinary general education afforded all A&T students.

The globalization of A&T's curriculum also has touched the School of Nursing. Since 2001, groups of nursing students have traveled to countries that include Australia, Sweden, Barbados and Ghana, where they've practiced in hospitals, in the community and gained hands-on experience with cross-cultural care.

For more information about the NC A&T School of Nursing, please call (336) 334-7751.



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AGGIE POINTS OF PRIDE

- ⊙ Established in 1891, N.C. A&T is a public, land-grant university in the University of North Carolina System (UNC).
- ⊙ The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classified A&T as Doctoral/Research University-Intensive.
- ⊙ Largest producer of African American doctorates in engineering in the nation, awarding 28 in the last two years. Ph.D. programs include mechanical, electrical and industrial engineering.
- ⊙ Highest producer of African Americans with bachelor's degrees in engineering.
- ⊙ A&T has two new Ph.D. programs: Energy Environmental Sciences and Leadership Studies.
- ⊙ The School of Business and Economics is housed in Quicster Craig Hall, a state-of-the-art facility. It is accredited by the nation's premier accrediting agency AACSB International. First HBCU in North Carolina and first business school program in Piedmont Triad to gain AACSB accreditation. A&T was the first HBCU with AACSB accredited accounting program. One of the largest producers of African American Certified Public Accountants in the nation; one of only four accredited accounting programs in North Carolina; one of only 160 in the nation.
- ⊙ DeWayne Wickham, distinguished professor of journalism and mass communications and director of the Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies, hosts unique journalistic opportunities for students. Wickham is a columnist for *USA Today* and the Gannett News Service.
- ⊙ School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, largest among all HBCUs, with six nationally accredited programs: landscape architecture, bioenvironmental engineering, child development, agricultural education, dietetics, and family and consumer science education.
- ⊙ Top producer of African Americans with bachelor's degrees in teacher education and master's degrees in counseling, adult education, instructional technology and leadership.
- ⊙ NCATE accredited teacher education programs with 100 percent completion rate of graduates on licensure examination; the only HBCU with CACREP national accreditation in counseling.
- ⊙ Over 11,000 students enrolled.
- ⊙ New interdisciplinary programs in global studies, entrepreneurship, and motorsports. A&T's Motorsports Technology Program races internationally and was featured on *NBC Nightly News*.
- ⊙ School of Technology graduates more African American students in industrial technology professions than any other institution.
- ⊙ New Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) program is the only stand-alone CSE graduate degree program in the UNC System and the first among HBCUs in the country.
- ⊙ "The Greatest Homecoming on Earth" is one of Greensboro's largest tourist attractions. More than 40,000 participants bring over \$12 million to the local economy.
- ⊙ More than 90 percent of full-time tenure track faculty with doctorates.
- ⊙ One of only two schools in North Carolina with an accredited program in Journalism and Mass Communications.
- ⊙ Ranked third in the UNC System in terms of research funding. Fiscal year 2005 funding for research: \$35.5 million.
- ⊙ A&T students were featured on *NBC Nightly News* regarding their recent trip to New Orleans to help rebuild the city. The students spent their spring break participating in the Katrina on the Ground Project.





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Way beyond farming: agriculture means more at A&T

If you still think of an old-style farmer when you think agriculture, it's past time for you to think again.

"Only 2 percent of agriculture these days is production or farming," says Dr. Alton Thompson, dean of N.C. A&T State University's School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. "The other 98 percent is the management, the agribusiness, the science and the technology of it."

Continuing a tradition that dates all the way to 1891, A&T is at the leading edge of institutions preparing students for a field that's a large part of everyone's life because it affects food, water, shelter, clothing, air, earth, economics, society, aesthetics and recreation.

"We have an interdisciplinary program focused on six major areas that have science and technology integrated through all of them," Thompson says. "Plus, we

have the science-based labs on campus to complement the work in the classroom."

Included among those labs is the university's largest – the 567-acre farm – which is used for research projects in a variety of areas.

With smart classrooms and small classes, the SAES's nine nationally accredited programs comprise landscape architecture, bioenvironmental engineering, child development, child development and family studies, fashion merchandising and design, agricultural education, dietetics, food and nutritional sciences, and family and consumer science education. A&T is also one of only a few universities in the nation with a program in laboratory animal science/pre-vet.

Students can take charge of their own education, working with faculty members to shape an educational experience that

meets their individual goals, with chances to add such elements as study abroad and internships.

Graduates are prepared for a range of careers in business, government, public service, retail and service industries, health-related fields, financial institutions, youth development agencies, conservation and environmental organizations, farming research, agricultural extension and education.

"National studies show that there are 12 percent more jobs in the food and agricultural sciences than there are people to fill those jobs," Thompson says. "The demand is much higher than the supply, especially when it comes to minority professionals."

Scholarship money is available for students who want to enter the field, and Thompson and his team are working to increase those funds by building on collaborations with such organiza-

tions as Syngenta, Novartis, BASF, Merck, Eli Lilly, Archer Daniels Midland, the N.C. Agribusiness Council and the USDA.

One example is the USDA Scholars program, which pays all college expenses and provides a computer, internships each summer and a guaranteed job upon graduation.

"We've grown about 8-10 per-

cent a year and we're as big as we've ever been," Thompson says, noting that there's room for more growth. "Our tag line is that we're a school on the move, and we're about preparing, finding and implementing solutions."

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A&T School of Technology: Meeting expanding global challenges

It's about much more than attending a lecture and submitting an assignment in N.C. A&T State University's School of Technology. In addition to developing sharp technical skills, students learn to cooperate, innovate, communicate and care.

Working hand-in-hand with several corporate partners, the school has gained renown for technology programs that prepare students for challenging technical-management positions in an expanding global and highly technological society.

The school – housed in the

state-of-the-art Smith Hall – ranks among the nation's top producers of technology graduates. Its faculty members are also leaders in their fields, conducting cutting-edge research and staying actively engaged as consultants to business, government and educational organizations.

Strong corporate partnerships help the school keep pace with changing technology and the need for updated facilities, equipment and curricula. These partnerships also benefit students by providing scholarships, co-operative education opportunities,

internships and permanent employment.

Programs include electronics, information technology, robotics, construction management, manufacturing, safety and graphics. The school is committed to offering flexibility for both traditional and non-traditional student and offers several online degree programs – including electronics technology, occupational safety and health, and the master's program in technology education.

The school is known for the quality of its graduates and takes pride in the fact that all programs

are fully accredited. Corporate advisory groups continuously review programs, curricula and facilities to maintain program quality and accreditation, and to ensure that they continue to meet national and regional standards.

Formal degree programs are just the beginning of education for A&T technology students, who gain leadership and communication skills, as well as experience working in teams through participation in the school's many community outreach programs. In addition, students are encouraged to become actively involved in

student organizations related to their academic majors.

From preparing the next generation of students to teach technology education in the public schools to preparing leaders for technological management positions in the 21st century workplace, A&T is committed to excellence and to living its motto: producing graduates who make a difference.

For more information about A&T School of Technology, visit www.ncat.edu or call (336) 334-7359 or (336) 334-7567.

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A&T means the HBCU tradition.

The history of the institution, and especially its mark in the civil rights movement, creates a special culture of nurture and pride.

A&T means community and service leadership.

The strong efforts for volunteer service and community involvement help create the essence of A&T. You will learn leadership skills through your involvement in student organizations and philanthropic efforts.

A&T means a culture of Aggie Pride (network, support, family).

Aggie Pride is the glue that pulls the Aggie Family together as one. Over 40,000 alumni show their Aggie Pride worldwide across a wide range of professional positions and businesses. This sense of Aggie Pride and resulting support provide a warm, caring, enriching home away from home.



The F. D. Bluford Library: A&T's window to the world of information

The F.D. Bluford Library is committed to creating an intellectual climate that encourages collaboration and interaction among students, faculty and the community at N.C. A&T State University. Its mission is to support discovery, engagement and use of knowledge by providing timely access to quality information and learner-centered services.

In addition to a 24-hour schedule five days a week, students have access to services such as group and individualized library instruction, virtual reference, document delivery and electronic course reserves.

The facility offers wireless access throughout its four floors, study rooms to encourage group collaboration, and access to laptop and desktop computers. The library maintains a balanced collection of print and non-print materials with an ever-growing collection of electronic databases, e-journals and e-books. The library also has an expanding collection of audiobooks available for download to PDAs or MP3 players.

A recent library survey found that students are benefiting:

- "The library definitely helped me earn a GPA of 3.75 during my

first semester at A&T. The 24-hour service during the week definitely helped me to study whenever I wanted to."

- "The library overall is a good place to learn, study and find information."

- "The library has always been an excellent place for me in graduate school. The staff was helpful and assisted me with my academic advancement."

For more information, visit www.library.ncat.edu or call (336) 334-7159 or, toll free, (888) 246-1272.

'Twas a few nights ago, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, except for the mouse.

Henry, on his computer, looked for A&T with care,
In hopes that his future dreams would be there.

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He loved to discuss all that he read.

He went online to www.ncat.edu,
And imagined all the possibilities he could do.

He pondered and clicked and surfed the website,
He was captivated and forgot 'twas late night.

He saw high-tech equipment, labs, and buildings tall,
Cutting-edge courses plus the Aggie Club's wall.

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Renovation, construction, and a reflecting pool.

The monuments, the statues, the stadium, the track,
He loved A&T's Popular Sites so much he went back.

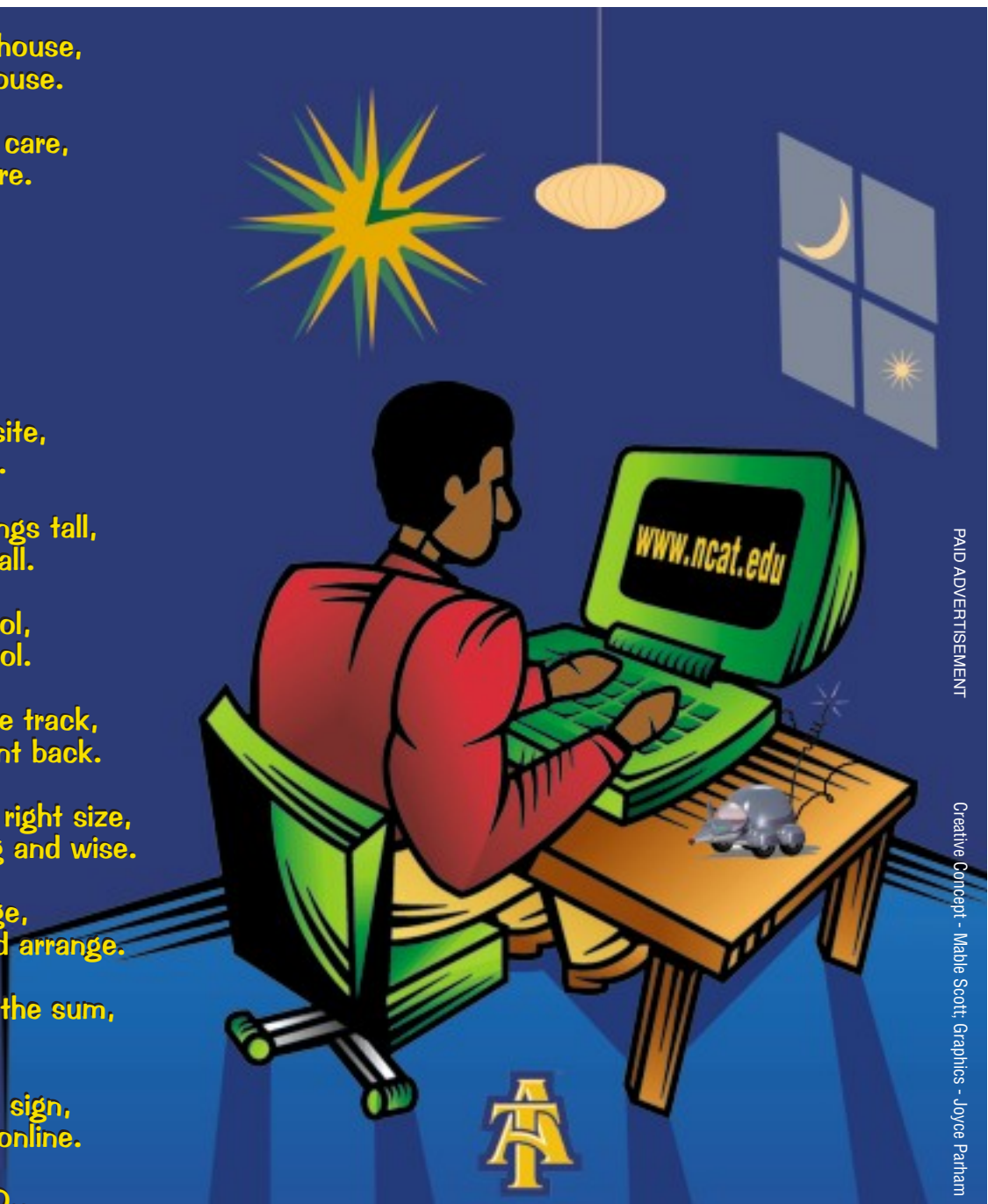
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