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INSIDE AGGIELAND

JACKSON AND TROTTER RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREES

Alphonso Jackson, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Lloyd G. Trotter, executive vice president of operations for GE, received the doctor of humane letters degree during the spring 2006 commencement ceremonies held May 13 at Greensboro Coliseum.

Secretary Jackson is guiding HUD in its mission of providing affordable housing and promoting economic development, an assignment to which he brings more than 25 years of direct experience in both the private and public sectors.

Jackson first joined the Bush Administration in June 2001 as HUD's deputy secretary and chief operating officer. The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed Jackson as the nation's 13th secretary of HUD on March 31, 2004.

Immediately preceding his appointment at HUD, Jackson served as president of American Electric Power-TEXAS, a \$13 billion utility company located in Austin. From January 1989 until July 1996, he was president and CEO of the Housing Authority of the

City of Dallas, which consistently ranked as one of the best managed large city housing agencies in the country during his tenure. Prior to that, he was director of the Department of Public and Assisted Housing in Washington, D.C., and he also served as chair of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency Board.

Jackson holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in education administration from Truman State University. He received his law degree from Washington University School of Law.

Reporting directly to GE Chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt, Trotter leads efforts to lower structural cost and improve operational excellence across GE's businesses and works with other GE leaders to achieve world-class performance in GE's supply chain. Trotter also oversees the talent pipeline in operations including the development of leaders and plant managers.

Prior to this role, Trotter was president and CEO of GE Consumer and Industrial, a \$14 billion business that spans the globe as an industry leader in major appliance and lighting products, and in integrated electrical distribution equipment, systems and services. He assumed leadership of that business following the merger of GE's Consumer Products, Industrial Systems

and Supply businesses in January of 2004.

Trotter began his GE career in 1970 as a field service engineer with GE Lighting. He subsequently held production and technology positions of increasing responsibility in GE's Lighting, Gas Turbine, Appliances, and Electrical Distribution & Control (ED&C) businesses. He was elected to the position of vice president and general manager of manufacturing for ED&C in 1990. In 1992, he became president and CEO of ED&C. He was named a senior vice president and the president and CEO of the new Industrial Systems business in 1998 when ED&C merged with GE Industrial Controls Systems.

A founding member of GE's African American Forum, Trotter is actively involved in numerous professional and community organizations. He represents GE for America's Promise, an organization whose aim is to increase volunteerism in support of youth founded by former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Serving on the boards of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association, National Association of Manufacturers, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) and GE Foundation, Trotter also finds time for volunteering and mentoring.

Trotter is a 1972 graduate of Cleveland State University. In 2001, he received an honorary doctorate in business administration from his alma mater. He resides in Plainville, Conn., with his wife Teri.



Alphonso Jackson



Lloyd Trotter



The College of Arts and Sciences dedicated its new science building on April 7. Located on the corner of Sullivan Street and Charles Drew Dr., the building was constructed at a cost of \$21,831,600. The 74,100-square foot, three-story facility houses the chemistry and psychology departments along with laboratories and classrooms.

Funding for the project was provided by the state education bond referendum passed in November 2000.

Eta Upsilon Chapter, Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Inducts First N.C. A&T Students

The Eta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, inducted its first North Carolina A&T State University students on April 27. The inductees received certificates and pins recognizing their membership and achievement.

The Eta Upsilon Honor Society will complement the Judge E.A. Ralston Criminal Justice Society that was organized on campus last fall. Together these organizations will promote scholarship and professionalism among students.

The department of political science and criminal justice at A&T is an institutional member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice.

O'Brien & Gere Announces Scholarships/Internships for WMI

O'Brien & Gere has selected the Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute of N.C. A&T as a partner to help advance diversity within its organization. The announcement was made by O'Brien & Gere CEO Terry Brown on May 12 during the Waste Management Certificate ceremony.

Brown told the audience that the mutual beneficial alliance between A&T and O'Brien & Gere includes \$10,000 and paid internships for juniors and seniors who are enrolled in the Interdisciplinary WMI program. "...Waste management is an important issue for everyone," said Brown.

WMI awarded 85 waste management certificates and 19 advanced certificates to undergraduate and graduate students who completed degree requirements in their majors and required course work and projects in waste management this past academic year. The keynote address at the ceremony was delivered by Secretary William G. Ross of the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Godfrey Uzochukwu is director of the Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute at A&T.

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS TO CHANGE

Beginning this fall semester, North Carolina A&T State University will require all undergraduate, graduate, international and professional students taking six or more credit hours to have health insurance coverage as a condition of enrollment.

Choices in health insurance coverage are available:

- 1). Students who already have health insurance coverage may apply for a waiver of the University Health Insurance Plan. The waiver process can be completed online at www.studentinsurance.com.
- 2). Students who currently do not have health insurance coverage, and those who wish to enroll in the

University Health Insurance Plan rather than retain their current plan, will not need to do anything. The cost of the plan will be included in tuition and fees at a rate of \$229 per semester. The health insurance coverage for the fall semester begins Aug. 15, 2006, and extends through Jan. 2, 2007. Spring/Summer semesters health coverage runs Jan. 3 through Aug. 15, 2007.

Those individuals who fail to appropriately waive coverage will be enrolled in the University Health Insurance Plan.

Additional University Health Insurance Plan coverage is available for spouses and dependents of

covered students. Students desiring to obtain coverage for spouses and/or dependents will be assessed additional premiums for the enhanced coverage.

Full details about the University Health Insurance Plan are being mailed to the permanent addresses of students this summer.

The Sebastian Health Center staff is available to assist students with questions regarding the waiver or enrollment process and plan benefits. Call the health center at (336) 334-7880 or send an email to health@ncat.edu.

CAMPUS BRIEFS



Richard E. Moore Lecture Series

Award-winning journalist and commentator Hodding Carter III talks with A&T students Crystal Williams (Miss N.C. A&T, 2006-07) and Jeremy Faulk after the fourth annual Richard E. Moore Memorial Lecture Series, which is sponsored by the department of journalism and mass communication. During his presentation Carter stated, "We as citizens need to stand up and more importantly, as journalists, we must not become complacent and passive in our reporting. Democracy does matter."

STUDENTS



Tanesha Marshall

Tanesha Marshall, a transportation and supply chain management major, is the recipient of the Battelle School of Business and Economics Scholarship in Transportation and Logistics. Marshall is interning this summer with the Greensboro Transit Authority. She is the second recipient of the Battelle Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding student majoring in transportation and supply chain management. Battelle Corporation is a global science and technology enterprise that develops and commercializes technology and manages laboratories for customers headquartered in Columbia, Ohio.



Christopher Cobbs

Three A&T students participated in the UNC in Washington Program during spring 2006: **Christopher Cobbs**, a psychology major, and **Rickardo Howell** and **Eric Singleton**, criminal justice majors. Cobbs had an internship with the U.S. Department of Defense, Howell interned with the Police Foundation and Singleton interned with the Equal Rights Center. UNC in Washington is a statewide initiative conducted by the University of North Carolina Office of the President.



Rickardo Howell

Krystle Bradley, Crystal Covington, Kelley Gadsden, Pamela Glover, Melanie Johnson, Joy Martin and **Candace Scott**, student teachers from the elementary education program, attended the NASA Pre-Service Teacher Annual National Conference, Feb. 16-18, in Alexandria, Va. The conference was designed to enhance the teaching of science and mathematics by incorporating technology at the elementary and middle schools level. The seven students from A&T placed in the top 10 out of approximately 60 institutions for the poster contest.



Eric Singleton

Irish Gaymon-Spencer, Susan Hernandez-Figueroa and **Jarvis Siler** are the first graduates of the African American Studies program. Implemented in spring 2004, African American Studies is an interdisciplinary degree that requires students to take 30 hours of coursework from at least four different disciplines. Currently, students can select from among 40 course offerings in 11 disciplines. African American Studies is the fastest growing Liberal Studies degree with over 70 declared majors. For further information about the program, call (336) 256-2165.

Eight undergraduate honor students are participating in a summer student research program that is sponsored by the Division of Research and Economic Development: **Corey Caldwell** (history), **Rae-Ann Headley** (psychology), **Shavon Hines** (history), **Kiara Walters** (marketing), **Rohan Sethi** (electrical engineering), **Desiree McNair** (chemistry/biology), **Rashawnda Daniels** (elementary education), **April Wilson** (family and consumer science) and **Mia Waller** (electrical engineering). The program is designed to foster an interest and excitement about research in undergraduates. Each student is assigned a faculty mentor who will guide them through a research project throughout the length of the program.



Chi Anyansi-Archibong, professor in the School of Business and Economics, presented a paper, "Entrepreneurship as the Missing Factor in the

Sustainable Economic Development of Poor Nations," at the Entrepreneurship Research Exchange Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, Feb. 5-11.



Eric A. Cheek has been selected as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and director of summer sessions and outreach after serving

in an interim capacity. In this position Cheek will provide the leadership for the daily functioning of the Office of Summer Session and Outreach, and he will lead in maintaining and expanding strong and effective summer sessions and special outreach programs. Cheek has been a faculty member at A&T in the department of electrical and computer engineering for over 11 years.



Vincent Childress, associate professor in the department of graphic communication systems and technological studies, has been

appointed to the board of directors for the International Technology Education Association. Childress will represent the Technology Education for Children Council.



Shena L. Crittendon has been appointed assistant vice chancellor for communications and operations in the Division of Research and Economic

Development, where she will oversee daily management of all operations as well as direct the division's marketing and communication strategy. Crittendon is also an instructor in the journalism and mass communication department.



De Polo

Jason De Polo, lecturer of English and humanities, presented a paper at the 95th Annual National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Conference held in Pittsburgh, Pa. His paper, "Critical Consciousness and Composition in the Historically Black College and University," was part of the College Level Diversity strand of participants. De Polo and **Bryon Turman**, both coordinators of composition

in the English department, presented at the McGraw-Hill Symposium for English in Chapel Hill. The symposium, Freshman Composition: Setting a New Standard, focused on innovative and effective practices for teaching writing.



Marion A. Franks, assistant professor of chemistry, serves on the American Chemical Society In-Chemistry Advisors Board for 2006.



Colleen P. Grotzky, formerly the executive assistant to the chancellor, has been selected as the associate vice chancellor for outreach and economic

development in the Division of Research and Economic Development. As associate vice chancellor, Grotzky will assume a position of leadership in the daily functioning of the division in addition to leading economic development, outreach and technology transfer activities, and developing partnerships, collaborations and agreements with other universities, government agencies and the business sector.



Bernetta Hill has been promoted to information applications specialist in the Division of Research and Economic Development. Hill

formerly served as executive secretary to the vice chancellor for research and economic development.



Frances B. Lackey has been appointed assistant director for sponsored programs in the Division of Research and Economic Development. Lackey was

previously a grants administrator in the Office of Sponsored Programs.



Miller Lucky Jr. was named Actors Center Fellowship Region IV Outstanding Acting Teacher of the Year by The Kennedy Center

American College Theatre Festival. Lucky is an associate professor in the department of journalism and mass communication.



Minnie Battle Mayes, director of international programs, has been selected by the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Division to serve as a mentor

to Alcorn State University for a grant funded project titled *Strengthening Study Abroad at HBCUs*. The two-year project includes a workshop in Atlanta and site visits to Alcorn State and study abroad programs in Argentina.



"The Census Bureau and Its Accountability," an article written by political science professor **Phung Nguyen**, was accepted for publication in *American Review of Public Administration* (Vol. 36, No. 2, June 2006).



Donna Paulsen, clinical instructor in the School of Nursing, participated in the School for International Training Access China Faculty Development

Program, June 24-July 2. The program is funded by the Freeman Foundation and focuses on public health and traditional Chinese medicine, providing an introduction to the Chinese medical system for faculty wishing to pursue research and teaching interests in this area and study abroad.



Teresa J. Styles, associate professor in the department of journalism and mass communication, has received the Society of Business Editors and

Writers' Benita Newton Faculty Fellowship for Business News Education. SABEW is sponsoring this fellowship to Black College Communication Association member schools for the advancement of business journalism to encourage more interest and expertise in the field of business journalism at historically

black colleges and universities. The grant will match the recipient with a SABEW member teaching business journalism in a peer relationship and will provide funding for campus visits. Styles also was provided funding to attend the organization's national conference that was held April 29-May 2 in Minnesota.



Athletics Director **Dee Todd** has been named to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Baseball Committee. Todd will be one of 10 committee

members from Division I conferences making recommendations to the Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet on matters pertaining to Division I baseball. The committee also selects the participants to the Regional, Super Regional and College World Series, and it acts as a liaison between the American Baseball Coaches Association and ESPN representatives. In addition, the committee studies and makes recommendations on how the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) is compiled. Committee members are nominated from their respective conferences.



Setaria J. Watson has been selected as public relations specialist in the Division of Research and Economic Development. Watson

previously worked in the public relations and marketing department of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. As public relations specialist, Watson is the primary media contact for the division, issuing timely and newsworthy information to the media regarding research activities at the university.



The National Council for Social Studies House of Delegates has appointed **Ereka R. Williams** to the National Membership Committee and the National

Outstanding Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award Subcommittee. The appointments began July 1, 2006, and expire June 30, 2009. Williams is an assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction and the undergraduate coordinator of elementary education in the School of Education.



Alex Williamson and **Etta Gravely**, associate professors of chemistry, presented a poster titled "Enhancing Student Performance by Sharpening Analytical Reasoning Skills" at the 231st National Meeting of the American Chemical Society that was held in Atlanta. Gravely also chaired the Task Force on Undergraduate Programming



at National Meetings and she served on the executive committees of the Society Committee on Education and the Women Chemist Committee. The 15-year-old task force serves as a model for instituting programs for graduate and high school students.

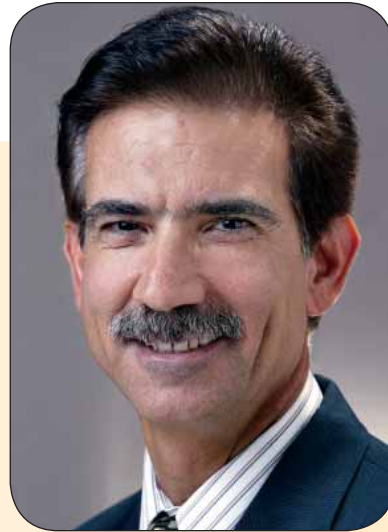
RESEARCH



Desai



Isikhuemhen



Shabazi



Shivakumar

OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS

Four North Carolina A&T researchers were recognized on Honors Day for their outstanding work.

Salil Desai, an assistant professor in the department of industrial and systems engineering, was named 2006 Rookie of the Year. The award was established in 2005 to recognize an assistant professor in her/his second year of appointment for demonstrating extraordinary research initiative and displaying outstanding promise for future research activities. The award carries a \$1,000 cash stipend.

Desai has distinguished himself in cutting-edge interdisciplinary research in nanotechnology. He has received national recognition for his work in fluid structural interaction and his research to develop numerical models of complicated continuous ink jet phenomena. His work has direct application to many diverse fields spanning advanced manufacturing, medicine and biotechnology.

A patent holder and recipient of the Department of Defense's Young Investigator Award in 2005, Desai has authored a book chapter and 16 refereed conference proceedings and journal publications.

Omoanghe "Omon" Isikhuemhen, an assistant professor in the department of natural resources and environmental design, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, received the Outstanding Young Investigator Award for 2006. The award is given

annually to junior, tenure track or research faculty in their third or fourth year at North Carolina A&T, and it carries a \$2,000 stipend.

The recipient of this award must have demonstrated outstanding capability and exceptional promise for significant future achievement as evidenced by distinctive contributions to her or his discipline. He or she must be an innovator who has unlimited potential for new discoveries.

Since joining North Carolina A&T in 2002, Isikhuemhen has secured over \$800,000 in research funding, and he has authored/co-authored more than 20 scientific publications, that have been published in international journals. Isikhuemhen has made significant contributions to the field of mushroom science and fungal biotechnology, continuing to receive international recognition for his work.

The Senior Researcher Award is given annually to the most outstanding researcher. Recipients of this award are tenured and have demonstrated sustained research productivity through submission of proposals, proposals that have been funded, refereed publications, citations received, intellectual property disclosures, patents/copyrights and other pertinent contributions. In short, the Senior Researcher of the Year must have made outstanding contributions to the enhancement of the university's research capabilities, has formed internal and external partnerships through interdisciplinary teams, and has

enhanced the curriculum for both undergraduate and graduate students.

This year two individuals tied for the honor of Senior Researcher of the Year: Abolghasem Shahbazi, director of the bioenvironmental engineering program that is jointly administered by the School of Agriculture and Environmental Science and the College of Engineering, and Kunigal Shivakumar, a tenured professor in the department of mechanical engineering, College of Engineering.

Shahbazi has extensive research experience in the areas of bioprocess engineering and renewable energy systems. He is the campus' lead scientist in the area of renewable energy and bio-fuels research and development. He has been published in over 20 peer-reviewed publications and has brought in over \$3 million in research funding during his tenure at A&T.

Shivakumar is an internationally known researcher in the areas of solid mechanics and composite materials. He holds one patent, and he has two patents filed and one invention disclosure. He has authored numerous refereed journal articles and conference proceedings, and his research contributions have been cited in several hundred publications. Shivakumar has advised almost 40 master's and Ph.D. students as well as brought in over \$9 million in research funding to the university.

SUMMER FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Nine North Carolina A&T professors were selected to participate in the Summer Faculty Fellowship program sponsored by the Division of Research and Economic Development:

Phoebe Ajibade, department of human performance and leisure studies (School of Education); Crystal Cody-Connor, nursing (School of Nursing); Salil Desai, industrial engineering (College of Engineering); Uduzei Edgal, electronics, computer and information technology (School of Technology); Margaret Kanipes, chemistry (College of Arts and Sciences); Stephanie Luster-Teasley, civil engineering (College of Engineering); Harry Sink, logistics and transportation (School of Business and Economics); Alice Stewart, strategic planning (School of Business and Economics), and Rosemarie Vardell, family and consumer science (School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences).

The tenured or tenure-track faculty members are spending six weeks writing proposals, expanding or changing their field of work, and/or writing for refereed publications.

"We want to encourage our faculty to be active participants in the research enterprise," said N. Radhakrishnan, vice chancellor for research and economic development. "We acknowledge that it's difficult to balance the demands of teaching while building a research portfolio. This program offers faculty the chance to focus exclusively on their research for six weeks and from that produce something viable."

RESEARCH

GRANTS

Ashot Gasparian, associate professor in the department of physics, received \$80,000 from the National Science Foundation for the project titled "Precision Study of the Radiative Decay Widths of Light Pseudoscalar Mesons Via the Primakoff Effect."

Younho Seong, assistant professor in the department of industrial and systems engineering, received \$60,467 from the Alion Science and Technology for the project "HUMAN Trust Calibration and Self-Confidence in Human-Robot Interaction."

Yaohang Li, assistant professor in the department of computer science, received \$15,539 from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education for the project "Large Scale Exploration of Protein Models for System Biology Applications."

EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

A recent signing ceremony at North Carolina A&T State University sealed the deal for future intellectual exchanges with a major agricultural research university in India.

Officials from Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University of Hyderabad, India, met with A&T officials in May to formalize the agreement for student and faculty exchange and agricultural research collaborations. The agreement is the latest in several similar international exchange arrangements that A&T has established, in its continuing emphasis on preparing students for a global economy.

Hyderabad is a major biotechnology research hub located in India's largest agricultural state.

CLARE BOOTHE LUCE FELLOWS

The College of Engineering has been awarded a \$158,572 grant from the Clare Boothe Luce Program of the Henry Luce Foundation to support two new female Ph.D. engineering students for two years as distinguished Clare Boothe Luce Fellows at N.C.A&T. The distribution of funds from the award will begin in June 2007.

The two recipients of the awards will be chosen by rigorous methods to determine their potential contributions to the engineering profession and their likelihood to pursue careers in teaching and research in the engineering profession.

Awards from the foundation are strictly merit-based. Almost 60 percent of the funds awarded from the foundation are designated for specific institutions in perpetuity.

A&T successfully competed in the undesignated category by demonstrating how much the university has done to foster the education of women in the engineering field and by also demonstrating the potential for many new avenues to increase the representation of women in the engineering profession, particularly in academia.

The Clare Boothe Luce Program is the single largest private source of funding for women in the sciences (including mathematics) and engineering in the nation. Luce was the wife of Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time, Inc. An accomplished person in her own right, she was a successful playwright, journalist and Ambassador to Italy for the United States of America, the first woman in the nation to hold such a position.

Although Luce's accomplishments were in other professional fields, she believed that all women faced obstacles in their professional careers and she especially wanted to increase the representation of women in the science and engineering professions.

2006-2007 FUTURES VENTURE FUND GRANTS

Revitalization of the Association of Graduate Students

Ayanna Boyd-Williams, assistant dean,
School of Graduate Studies
Darius Hale, graduate student
\$15,000

Building & Bridging: Academic Writing and Presenting

Millicent Brown, assistant professor, History
\$6,995

Networking to Explore International Public Health through Math and Computation

Mingxiang Chen, assistant professor, Mathematics
\$15,000

Winning It All: Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching Life Skills for the Academic and Athletic Success of Students

Yongchul Chung, assistant professor, Human Performance and Leisure Studies
\$14,410

Integrating Construction, Manufacturing and Electronics Concepts in the Context of Engineering Graphics: A Collaborative Instructional Design Approach

Robert Cobb, assistant professor, Graphic Communication Systems and Technological Studies
\$11,000

Providing Responsive Student Services to Secondary Education Majors

Walthea Cobitz, assistant dean, Curriculum and Instruction
\$15,000

AggiEMentor: Increasing the Retention of Undergraduate Students in STEM Disciplines

Lauren Davis, assistant professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering
\$15,000

Brother 2 Brother

Anthony Graham, adjunct assistant professor, Curriculum and Instruction
\$15,000

Retention and Employability – A By-product of Faculty and Corporate Collaboration

Claude Hargrove, assistant professor, Electronics and Computer Information
\$15,000

Writing for a Better Future

Kimberly C. Harper, lecturer, English
Hope Jackson, interim director, University Writing Center
\$15,000

Improving N.C. A&T State University IT Infrastructure

Yaohang Li, assistant professor, Computer Science
\$15,000

Healthy and Fit for Life: N.C. A&T Health and Fitness Assessment Program

Diana Melton, assistant professor, Human Performance and Leisure Studies
\$13,484

Electronic Portfolio Development

Tamrat Mereba, professor, Journalism and Mass Communication
\$15,000

Establishment of Vibrant Partnerships between A&T and Southeast Asian Universities

Manuel Reyes, associate professor, Natural Resources and Environmental Design
\$15,000

Six Sigma Quality Awareness and Certification Preparatory Workshops

Silvanus Udoka, associate professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering
\$15,000

Providing International Research Opportunities for Leadership Studies

Ellen Van Velsor, adjunct professor, School of Education
\$15,000

Thinking Out of the Box: An Approach to Introducing Freshmen to Entrepreneurial Thinking

Chung Yu, professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering
James T. Green, alumnus
\$15,000

Hackley *at the* Helm

Seasoned administrator appointed interim chancellor

Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor emeritus of Fayetteville State University and former president of the North Carolina Community College System, is serving as interim chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University until a permanent campus leader is elected by the UNC Board of Governors.

"Vic Hackley has earned a national reputation as a charismatic leader who is absolutely passionate about public education and student achievement at all levels," said UNC President Erskine B. Bowles, who announced the appointment May 1. "His extensive academic and administrative experience, his knowledge of North Carolina and his demonstrated commitment to help all students succeed in both life and work make him well qualified to lead A&T during this time of transition."

Hackley is president of Hackley & Associates of North Carolina, which focuses on ethics, leadership, community and character development, and he is chairman emeritus of the national CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition and a member of the Josephson Institute of Ethics Board of Governors. Over the past decade, he has conducted or participated in thousands of workshops, seminars and lectures throughout America related to ethics and character development.

The Roanoke, Va., native holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Michigan State University and

a doctorate in international relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A retired U.S. Air Force officer, Hackley has earned numerous military decorations, including the Bronze Star for Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry. He also served as a faculty member and track coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1978, Hackley joined the University of North Carolina General Administration as an assistant vice president and later associate vice president for academic affairs. In 1981, he left the state to serve as a tenured professor and chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

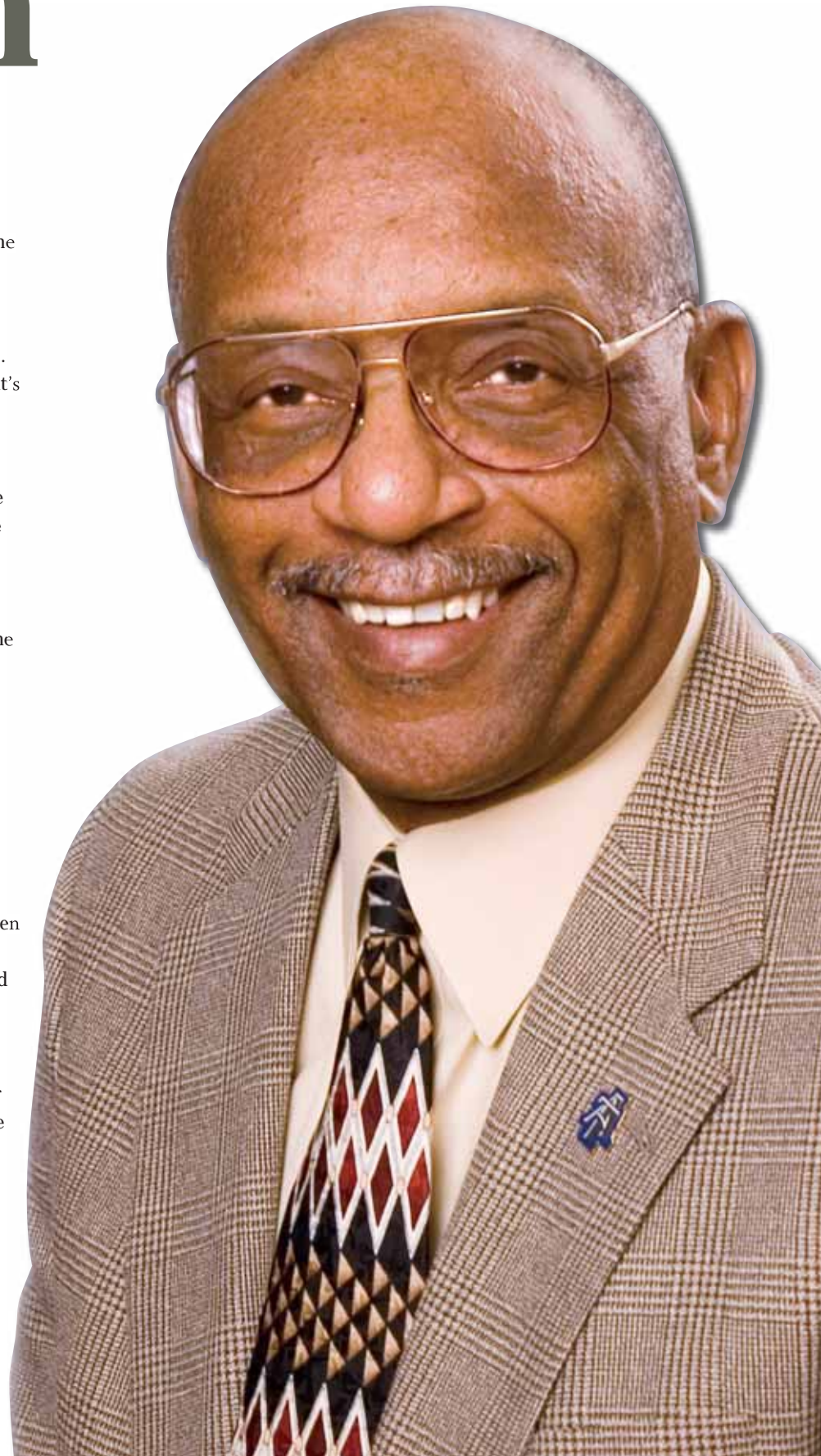
In 1985, Hackley was recruited back to UNC General Administration to become vice president for student services and special programs. Three years later, the UNC Board of Governors tapped Hackley to serve as chancellor of Fayetteville State University. During his six-year tenure at FSU, dramatic improvements were realized in enrollment, retention, student preparation, and fund-raising.

He stepped down as chancellor in 1995 to serve as president of the North Carolina Community College System. During his two years at the helm, the system increased its partnerships with business and industry and began developing solutions to deal with high school dropouts who transfer to community colleges.

Hackley serves on the boards of the FSU Character Development Institute, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the N.C. Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism (member emeritus). Previously, he has chaired the President's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute, the N.C. Methodist Home for Children, and the Arkansas Civil Rights Commission. He also has served as a faculty member of the Government Executive Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School and as a member of the Duke University Advisory Board and the N.C. State Bar Council.

Hackley has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates, public service awards and other recognitions for his contributions to education and service to children. At FSU, the Academic Honors Dormitory, a distinguished faculty chair and an academic scholarship program have been named in his honor.

Twice, Hackley has been presented the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association's (PTA) highest award for service to children. In 2002, he received the N.C. Methodist Home for Children's Guardian Angel Award. The following year, the N.C. Association of Family and Children Services named him the 2003 Trustee of the Year for his work with the Methodist Home for Children.



BREWINGTON NAMED INTERIM PROVOST AND VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

On May 1, Janice G. Brewington began serving as interim provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs.

For six years, Carolyn W. Meyers served as provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs. On Feb. 3, Meyers announced that she had accepted the presidency of Norfolk State University, effective July 1.

Brewington has held key leadership positions in the Division of Academic Affairs. She most recently served as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs/institutional planning, assessment and research.

During academic year 2004-2005, Brewington was an executive on loan with The Gillette Company in Boston, Mass. As the manager for university relations and diversity department in talent acquisitions, she handled college recruitment and diversity initiatives for disciplines across the company, aligned with corporate strategy.

In addition to her administrative duties at A&T, Brewington is a pediatric nurse practitioner and she also provides organizational development consultation services to businesses, city and county agencies, and universities in areas such as organization assessment, team building, effective management, conflict resolution, communication systems, leadership, consensus building and program assessment and evaluation.

Brewington has been involved in national and international research activities, she has led numerous grant and special funding projects, and she is published in refereed publications. Her global activities have included outreach programs in Egypt, women in leadership and health care projects in Thailand, and women's health issues in Africa.

The Greensboro native has a B.S.N. from N.C. A&T, a M.S.N. from Emory University, and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.





“Vic Hackley has earned a national reputation as a charismatic leader who is absolutely passionate about public education and student achievement at all levels. His extensive academic and administrative experience, his knowledge of North Carolina and his demonstrated commitment to help all students succeed in both life and work make him well qualified to lead A&T during this time of transition.”

— *UNC President Erskine B. Bowles*



Shirley Taylor Frye



George Antonelli

Far left: Associate Vice Chancellor for University Relations Mable S. Scott interviews Chancellor Lloyd Hackley for Hackley's first installation of "Chancellor & Company," a radio talk show that broadcasts on A&T's WNAA 90.1 FM.

FRYE AND ANTONELLI JOIN SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley made his first appointments to the university's senior leadership team in June.

Shirley Taylor Frye and George Antonelli have been appointed special assistants to the interim chancellor.

Frye will provide leadership on building and maintaining strong external relations for the university. She has a distinguished background as a civic leader, higher education administrator, special education teacher and broadcasting executive.

Frye recently retired as vice president of community relations at WFMY News 2, the local CBS affiliate. She previously served as special assistant

to the president of Bennett College for Women and assistant vice chancellor for development and university relations at N.C. A&T.

“Shirley Frye will provide a wealth of knowledge, experience and support for A&T,” Hackley said. “She has previously played an integral role in the growth of her alma mater and will certainly strengthen the university's overall mission with our diverse constituents. She will be an exciting addition to the Aggie senior leadership team.”

A native of Fremont, N.C., Frye was valedictorian of her high school class in Wayne County. In 1953, she graduated with honors from A&T with a degree in

elementary education and English. She received her master's degree in special education from Syracuse University, and she has received executive educational certifications from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), The Wharton School of Business, University of Wisconsin, Case Western Reserve, Wayne Community College, and The American Management Association. She also has honorary doctorates from Bennett College for Women and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Antonelli served with Hackley at the University of North Carolina General Administration and at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

“I have known George in several capacities,” said Hackley. “We worked together on statewide projects long before we worked together as colleagues in education. He is a remarkable person both in terms of commitment to the total education of all students and ethical integrity. If I was going to be a permanent chancellor, I would want a person of his national caliber.”

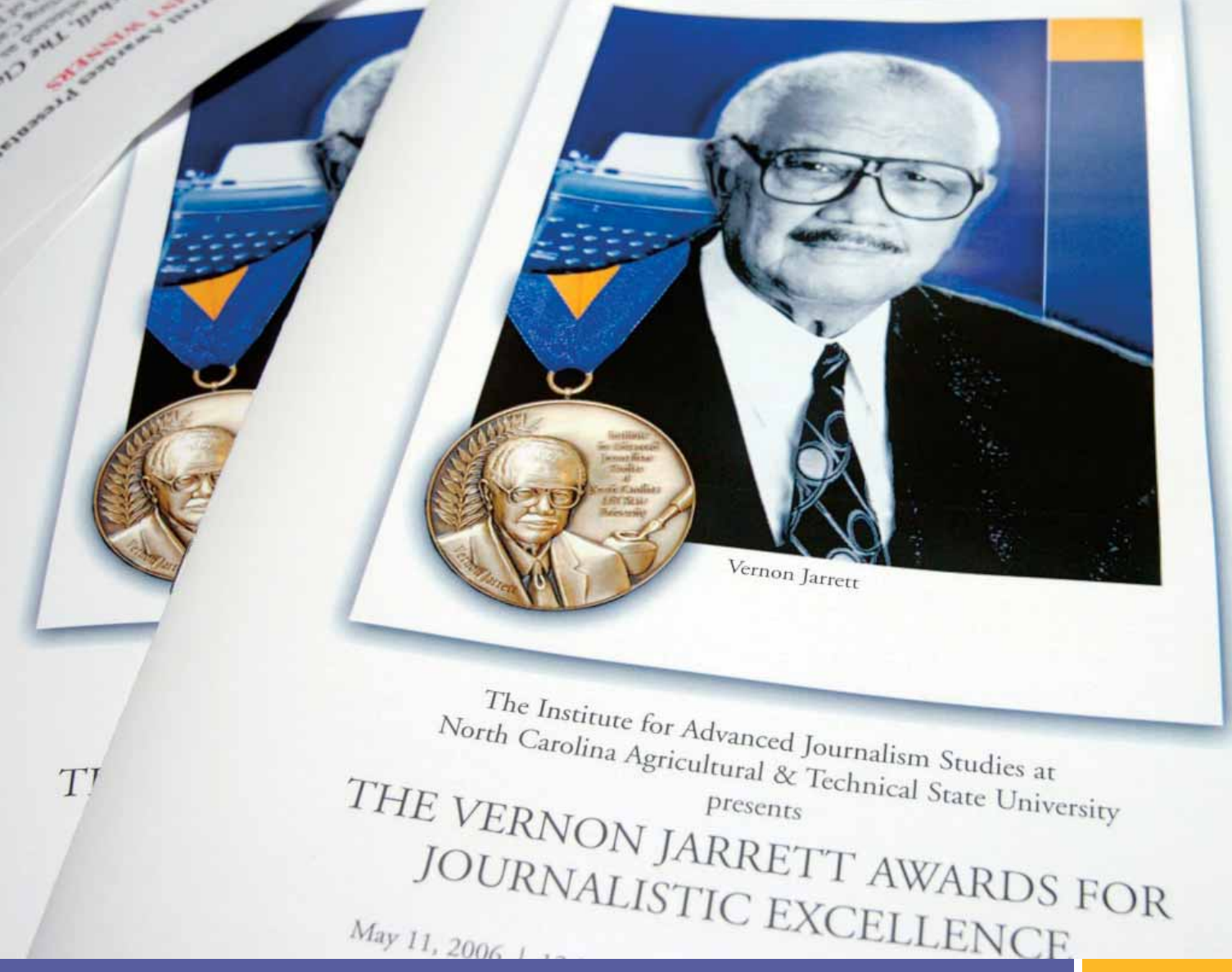
Antonelli, who retired in 2003 after 17 years as an associate vice president at UNC General Administration, brings an abundance of knowledge in the field of higher education. He held the responsibilities of student affairs, admissions, financial aid, health services, disability services, the Student Advisory Council, student fees, the

Association of Student Governments and athletics. In his final assignment at General Administration, Antonelli served as the North Carolina Officer for Institutional Licensure and Exemption from Licensure and he supervised the North Carolina State Approving Agency.

Antonelli served as a clinical professor of educational leadership at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1990-93), as dean of education and director of the Advocacy Center for Equity and Excellence at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and on the graduate faculty of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (1983-86). Prior to his tenure at Arkansas, he served from 1972-1983 at the UNC Charlotte as an

administrator, professor and cross-country coach. In addition, he taught high school in Wisconsin.

The Navy veteran received his degrees from Southern Illinois University and the University of Wisconsin. He also studied at The University of Hamburg in Germany. Antonelli has authored articles for scholarly periodicals, popular magazines and newspapers. He is best known for his innovative work with teacher effectiveness, and his most current publication on service learning programs appears in the 96th *Yearbook of the National Society for the Study of Education* and his most recent book review was published in *The Journal of Higher Education*.



The Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies (IFAJ) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University awarded its first Vernon Jarrett Awards for Journalistic Excellence in May.

The award, named in honor of the late veteran columnist and television commentator Vernon Jarrett, recognizes journalists for outstanding coverage of people of African descent and the issues that impact their lives. It is intended to promote greater diversity in the coverage of domestic and foreign news by media organization in the United States.

Print journalists receiving the award were **Tammy Carter**, *Orlando Sun-Sentinel*, for commentary; **Kevin Merida**, *The Washington Post*, features writing, and **Jerry Mitchell**, *Clarion Ledger*, investigative reporting. A special judge's award went to the staff of the *Montgomery Advertiser*.

In the broadcast category, winners included **Byron Pitts**, **Jack Renaud** and **Craig Crawford**, *CBS Evening News*, for news reports, **Marion Brooks** and **Gregg Schatz**, *WMAG-TV*, documentary, and **Jeff Koinange**, *CNN International*, news magazine.

Each winning category received the inaugural Vernon Jarrett Bronze Medal and a \$5,000 cash prize.

"I thought Tammy's commentary was fresh and provocative, and she wrote with a wisdom that is beyond her years," said Lee Ivory, one of the judges. Carter's commentary covered the Katrina disaster in New Orleans and "brought it home that real people have suffered real losses in the Katrina nightmare."

Ivory said, "For years Kevin Merida has used his writing to breathe life into the people who make up the landscape of (Washington) D.C. (He) has done a remarkable job focusing on the folks who live and work in the city and his piece about Lee Marshall was one of his best."

"Kevin Merida's stories on Lee Marshall provide an unvarnished view of violence and its impact on a community. He tells the story through strong reporting and unflinching detail about the reality of

violence. The writing is crisp and evocative," said Jarrett award judge Mark Russell. Merida's feature story detailed the life of Marshall, a 22-year-old Washingtonian who was shot and killed in broad daylight over a \$349 jacket.

Mitchell received the investigative award for a riveting piece on the reopening of the Edward Killen trial.

"Dredging up painful memories from the dark days of the civil rights movement is Jerry Mitchell's specialty," Russell said. "His stories on the reopening of the trial and the painful memories it evoked in Mississippi should be required reading for anyone seeking to understand that era. Mitchell also faced personal risks in telling these stories. His reporting is in the best tradition of what Vernon Jarrett stood for."

The *Montgomery Adviser* received a special judge's award for its 44-page special section, "Voices of the Boycott," which was published shortly after the death of civil rights icon Rosa Parks.

"The *Advertiser* wanted to go beyond just retelling the history of the boycott. The personal stories and photographs of people who participated in the protest paint a compelling portrait," Russell added.

Another news team won for producing a historical piece on Parks. "The CBS News team did a masterful job of not only producing a heart-warming remembrance of Rosa Parks' life, but also a vivid picture of a chapter of American history that reshaped the social order of this country," Ivory said.

WMAQ-TV of Chicago documented the history of singing group *The Dells*.

This medal, which honors the memory of one of this nation's foremost black journalists, is awarded in several categories to journalists who excel in their coverage of black issues – the kinds of stories that the Kerner Commission urged the media to report on more extensively nearly four decades ago.

According to DeWayne Wickham, a columnist with *USA Today* and IFAJS director:

"While there has been a measurable increase in the media's coverage of stories of interest and importance to blacks, it hasn't increased enough. 'By and large, news organizations have failed to communicate to both their black and white audiences a sense of the problems America faces and the sources of potential solutions. The media report and write from the standpoint of a white man's world ... This may be understandable, but it is not excusable in an institution that has the mission to inform and educate the whole of our society,' the Kerner Commission wrote in 1968. The Jarrett Medal, hopefully, will encourage all journalists to work harder to achieve this lofty goal."

The Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies is a N.C. A&T State University-based program that provides professional development opportunities for mid-career, black journalists and practical news gathering experiences for black journalism students. It supports the training, recruitment and retention of black journalists, who continue to be underrepresented in the nation's media, through programs that sharpen their research, news reporting and writing skills.

For more information about IFAJS, call (336) 256-2261.



Left to right: Jerry Mitchell (*The Clarion Ledger*), Kevin Merida (*The Washington Post*), columnist and Pulitzer Prize winner Les Payne (*Newsday*), Tammy L. Carter (*Orlando Sentinel*), national correspondent Byron Pitts (*CBS News*) and columnist and IFAJS director DeWayne Wickham (*USA Today*) at the 2006 Vernon Jarrett Awards for Journalistic Excellence program. Mitchell, Merida, Carter and Pitts were among those honored.

Excellence in Journalism

Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies gives first Vernon Jarrett Awards for Excellence in Print and Broadcast

By Samantha Hargrove



Photos courtesy of TMF Photography

MISSION: BRAZIL

Witnessing the breathtaking beauty of Brazil and getting a close-up look at its culture during a recent trip to the world's fifth largest country left a group of N.C. A&T students, professors, alumni and others with mixed emotions.

By Bob Burchette

The charm of the rural nooks and the clamor in the “cities that are as modern as any in the United States” made positive impressions on the 33 visitors on the university learning mission to Brazil, South America.

But the excitement and beauty were marred by the overwhelming number of people they saw living in poverty, the group agreed.

A&T dance teacher Tiffany Fuller's excitement with the blue water, warm weather and beautiful beach in Rio de Janeiro was typical of the group's first impression of Brazil.

It was in Salvador, the capital of the state of Bahia, where they walked the streets and interacted with people that they came face-to-face with poverty.

“I will never forget walking the street of rocks at night and interacting with Brazilians that look like people of our culture but do not speak English,” Fuller said.

That's also where the serious poverty was evident.

“I could not believe that there were some (children) only six-years-old begging for money to get high. I also will never forget seeing people asleep in the street,” Fuller said. “I did not know how blessed we were until I saw that some houses did not have windows or the (bad) condition that people lived in.”

They also made the two-hour trip inland to Cachoeira, where the main work is in raising cotton, sugar and tobacco.

The country's poverty is locked to a poor education system, said Lelia Vickers, dean of A&T's School of Education.

“The poor class continues to grow because advancement on the economic ladder depends on having an education, and the very poor can not afford an education, Vickers said. Thus, they are relegated to service jobs such as maids, cooks and janitors – and many work in the streets trying to sell food or trinkets.”

The A&T group that spent May 13-22 in Brazil also included some family members not related to the university.

There was a variety of reasons that students and educators chose to take the trip. Most went for the cultural

experience, some had a special interest in learning more about the country's educational system, and some in the group had the rare experience of having their art exhibited in a city known for outstanding art exhibits. For most it was their first visit to Brazil, but for Carolyn Durham, chair of the department of foreign languages, it was her 20th trip to the Portuguese-speaking country.

Durham organized the trip and made arrangements with friends in Brazil to make sure that the group would be exposed to more than what typical tourists might experience.

Having Durham on campus was a Godsend for Willie Hooker, an art professor on the A&T faculty for 11 years and a practicing artist. Hooker has had some 50 art exhibits, including a major one in Ghana and on the campuses of Harvard and Yale universities. His work also has been shown at The Louvre, Sorbonne and the George Pompidou Center, all in Paris. But his heart yearned to have an exhibit in Brazil, a place rich in works by black artists.

“I had wanted to go for a long time,” he said. He wanted to compare the cultures of Ghana and Brazil, which he understood are very similar. “I was fascinated by the culture of Brazil, but I also saw a lot of poverty,” Hooker said.

Durham, who joined the faculty three years ago from Texas Christian University, was just the person to make Hooker's dream come true. She first went to Brazil in 1989 as a Fulbright Scholar and returned a year later as a Ford Foundation Fellow.

Brazil is close to Durham's heart, a place where she became fluent in the Portuguese language and was able to translate “Finally Us,” a poetry anthology by contemporary black Brazilian women, into English. She has become immersed in Afro-Brazilian academic works, publishing several articles about the country

including encyclopedia entries and translations of Afro-Brazilian literature. She also has been involved with Brazilian art, religion and cultural translations.

She brought an enthusiasm about Brazil to the A&T campus. And she wanted that enthusiasm to be accepted by others at her new job. It caught on quickly, especially with Hooker and art students – and even education majors who saw an opportunity to survey an historic black culture.

Exhibiting along with Hooker were two of his former students, Bexton Carmichael and Jeffrey McCauley. A&T students among the exhibitors included some who didn't make the trip were Latisha Coleman, Muhsin Cooper, Briana Garcia, Charles Hodge, Jamen Kearney, Amanda Lewis, Samantha Lewis, Ronnie Little, Kevin Robinson, Jamica Tate and Zachary Wolfe.

Other exhibitors from the American group were James Huff, adjunct professor of art at A&T; Jacqueline Mooney, artist in resident at Bennett College for Women (Greensboro); Hasaan Kirkland, assistant art professor at Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte), and Lee Ransaw, art professor at Morris Brown College (Atlanta).

The art exhibit was held in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary of Black People in Salvador, built in 1703 by blacks and the oldest church for Afro-Brazilians. Hosts for the exhibit were religious leader Jorge Kalile and his sister Monica Kalile, who is the founder of a musical group.

The group toured several places, especially churches and schools. They found that most of the people are members of the Catholic church but also practice their own Afro-Brazilian religion known as Candomblé.

There are 170 million people in Brazil of African descent, “making it the world's second largest black population, outranked only by Nigeria,” according to Afriqwe Kilimanjaro, an A&T graduate

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Eight 4.0 grads share their secrets to maintaining perfect GPAs

By Nettie Collins Rowland '72

A&T VISITORS TO BRAZIL

Faculty members: Carolyn Durham, Tiffany Fuller, James Glenn, Willie Hooker and Lelia Vickers. Students and others: Tecara Bracey, Gwendolyn Bookman, Marsher Boyd, Bexton Carmichael, Langston Clark, Rashawnda Daniels, Davina Davis, Diana Durham, Barbara Glenn, Banita Hall, Gladys Hooker, Tamesha Hooker, William Hooker, Willie Hooker III, Candice Hunter, Valencia Jones, Afrique Kilimanjaro, Chye Kornegay, Phylcia Lockhart, Ayanna Mackins, Ellie B. Mbumina, Jeffrey McCauley, Beverly McLaughlin, Edward Muirhead, Migael Penix, Raymond Boyd Will, Andre Williams and Melissa Young.



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and editor of the *Carolina Peacemaker* who accompanied the group.

It was a nation of slavery that lasted until 1888, 25 years longer than slavery was practiced in the United States, Kilimanjaro noted. Slaves worked on plantations and in gold and silver mines.

Brazil doesn't have "anything like historically black colleges and universities – there is no appreciation of their culture. We are so blessed in the United States to be able to get an education," Vickers said. "Poverty continues to grow because so many can't get an education.

"It was very clear from the beginning that there are two education systems – one private and one public – and the public system is far superior to the private system. But the public system is totally inadequate," Vickers said. "Racism is manifested in economics. For the first time I saw the connection between education and economics and state control."

There is wealth in Brazil – the fine cities demonstrate that – but it is

unequally distributed, she said. "The very poor don't have a way to get an education; they can't afford it. Education is the only way a person can move up on the socio-economic ladder."

Fuller, who is studying world dance, was able to watch a dance teacher and her students practice capoeira in a small studio in a basement. She also was given the opportunity to dance on a train where the Brazilians were playing music and attend a dance festival.

Not only is there a lack of quality education available to the masses, there also is a lack of equipment, supplies and teaching materials in the schools, Vickers said. "That's why we took them pencils, paper and other school supplies."

The Brazilian government implemented college affirmative action policies in hopes of enhancing educational opportunities for blacks and closing the socioeconomic gap between the races, according to a recent story in *Diverse* magazine. "Since the expansion of affirmative action, many more blacks

now have the ability to go to school, but opinions vary on whether affirmative action helps or hinders black Hispanics in higher education," according to the magazine.

But N.C. A&T State University may soon be giving Brazil an educational boost for at least some of its students.

A visit to the University of Bahia and discussions with leaders there possibly opened the door to a student exchange program between that school and A&T, Vickers said. Such a program would add to the educations of both groups, she said.

"I'd love to go back next year with education in view," said Vickers.

The recent trip has given her and others an overview of Brazil and its needs for education. And with A&T having Durham – the university's own "ambassador" to Brazil – and Vickers' expertise in education, coupled with Hooker's love for the creative culture, another trip seems likely for next spring.

Eight students graduated with 4.0 grade point averages, earning them top honors at the spring commencement exercises held May 13. Jamel A. Aldrich, Tedra N. Embry, Andrea P. Fuller, Johanna L. Mearns, Loretta C. Mitchell, Mark P. Venvell, Seth B. White and Willie J. White tells others how they made straight A's.

Aldrich, 30, received a degree in management information systems. Numerous factors contributed to the East Spencer, N.C., native's success in the classroom including prayer, luck, time management, family, friends and prioritization of his subject matter.

"The easier a task, the lower it went on my to-do list as hard tasks would require more time and attention," Aldrich said.

Aldrich plans to work for Cisco, GE or IBM to gain valuable project management and consulting experience. In 10 years, he wants to own a consulting firm and see his son, Jamir, graduate at the top of his high school class. He is the son of Carol Peterson and the grandson of Robert and Grace Hammond.

A native of Petersburg, Va., Embry received her degree in graphic communication systems. "Hard work, persistence, late nights, but most importantly prayer and the help of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, allowed me to make all A's," the 22-year-old said.

Embry plans to work for a while and then pursue a graduate degree in integrated communication marketing or a related field. She also plans to own her own business one day. She is the daughter of David and Sharon Embry.

Fuller, 21, hails from Spartanburg, S.C. Her degree is in journalism and mass communication. Being focused, dedicated, motivated and keeping God first in everything are what Fuller says helped her to achieve. Her plans are to become a writer and producer for a television station and to become a freelance writer.

Fuller is the daughter of Constance Peoples.

Mearns, 29, earned a degree in natural resources and environmental design, environmental horticulture. She grew up in Pennsylvania and now lives in McLeansville. "I was able to maintain A's with determination and perseverance, and by planning my time carefully and maintaining a generous and helpful support network. I owe my husband Richard a heavy debt of gratitude for his advice and long suffering."

Mearns plans to work in the field on natural resources or ecology. She may also pursue graduate studies.

Mitchell is a 21-year-old native of Wilson, N.C. She graduated with a double major in political science and economics.

"I maintained a high level of quality in my class work, and I



Top, left to right: Jamel Aldrich, Tedra Embry, Andrea Fuller, Johanna Mearns
Bottom, left to right: Loretta Mitchell, Mark Venvell, Seth White, Willie White

was well prepared for the transition to college by my high school teachers." Mitchell plans to attend law school this fall. She is daughter of retired educators, Lovie and Bernard Mitchell.

Vanvell, 45, hails from Manchester, Great Britain. "I attribute making all A's to the dedicated support of my wife Marie and a strong work ethic," said Vanvell. "I never stopped asking questions."

After graduation, he plans to move to Philadelphia to work for an engineering consulting firm. He would also like to pursue a master's degree.

Seth White, 23, obtained his degree in industrial engineering. He says he was able to achieve "through many long hours of studying and the support of friends and faculty." He plans to pursue a graduate degree in industrial engineering.

The New Orleans native is the son of Kimberly Hill.

Willie White, 21, hails from Charlotte, N.C. The 21-year-old is received his degree in economics.

"I managed to maintain all A's by applying myself fully and going the extra mile," he said. "I have also maintained a 4.0 grade point average through creating a balance between my spiritual life and my academic life. I have learned through experience that if I give God my best, he will allow me to do my best in every aspect of my life." In the fall, White will attend law school in pursuit of a juris doctorate.



Good Influence

A brother's dedication to educating others inspires his sister to establish an endowed scholarship in his memory

By Darlene F. East '04

Louis Randolph Johnson II '42 and Nina May Johnson Williams, Esq. '51 are siblings whose success stories are powerful testimonies of the sound training, appreciation for education and discipline taught by their parents, Mattie G. and Randolph Louis Johnson.

As siblings, their relationship serves as a model for what psychologists, researchers and clinicians have repeatedly discovered when older siblings model friendly and cooperative behavior toward their younger sibling, e.g. an influential and long lasting relationship that outlasts ties to parents, spouses and children.

"He was my inspiration," said Williams, who attended the same high school as her older brother. "I graduated from Queen Street High School in Beaufort, N.C., where he was principal when I was 16."

Following in her big brother's footsteps once again, she attended A&T where she was Miss A&T (1950-51).

Johnson's teaching career began at industrial schools for blacks in his native state of North Carolina – Henderson Institute, Henderson and Peabody Institute, Troy – but his rich historical legacy as an educator, community leader/activist and administrator was in his beloved hometown of Beaufort.

It was there where he skillfully exercised his own style of prowess to influence the lives of African American children in the county's segregated school system and later provided strong support in helping to desegregate the system after the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in May 1954.

Throughout Carteret and Craven counties Johnson was recognized as a renowned educator, administrator and impartial negotiator spending 30 or more years of his life instilling the merits of an education and hard work that he inherited from his parents.

For 22 of those years, he was principal of Queen Street High School where his principle mission was his students.

The youngest person to be hired as its principal at the time, he was endowed with the invaluable leadership skills of fund-raiser, role model for his professional staff and his students, counselor for parents and liaison with the white community.

For example, the community of Beaufort never had a band. So Johnson, who played in A&T's band, used his skills, influence and knowledge to establish the community's first, the Queen Street High School Marching Band. The leaders of the community immediately recognized its significance and invited it to play on the courthouse steps and other events.

Johnson was ahead of the times in many ways.

He had his own method of "raising achievement and closing the gap" during a time of strict segregation. He believed that every child had the right to learn how to read and write and using foresight, he implemented special educational programs for children with disabilities and migrant children from Florida.

His devotion and dedication to produce doctors, lawyers, teachers and productive citizens did not stop in the classrooms and hallways of Queen Street but spilled over into the financial arena as well.

He secured scholarships for any student who had the aptitude and willingness to pursue a college education. It did not matter if they wanted to attend historically black or other colleges and universities; he was loyal to their pursuit. "There was nothing that he would not do to make sure that it happened," said his sister.

Seemingly, the mission statement of the Carteret County Public Schools embraces Johnson's own mission. One of the goals on its website reads: The mission ... is to graduate all students to be productive citizens.

Because of integration, school officials found it necessary to eliminate the all black Queen Street High School by renaming it Beaufort Middle School which later was destroyed by fire. It was during this period that he assumed the position of assistant superintendent of Carteret County Schools and became a key player in implementing Brown in the system.

Johnson did not let his new assignment overshadow his deep commitment to educate black students.

When they were displaced by desegregation and randomly chosen to attend West or East Carteret Middle and High Schools, Johnson went into action.

Using his keen sense of fairness and his sensitivity in handling controversial situations, he enrolled each of them in schools where they could succeed.

His wisdom was not forgotten.

When he died in 1980, an editorial in *The Carteret County News-Times* read, "His experience, his counsel and his presence were sorely needed during the days of desegregation. Without him, integrating Carteret schools though difficult would have been more so."

Johnson was a role model at home. His middle sister, Rev. Violet J. Bailey, is a community activist and volunteer in Beaufort. Daughter Amy Johnson Ferdinand is director of environmental health and safety at Montclair State University.

His wife and son, Delphine Hester Johnson and Louis Randolph Johnson III, are deceased. He has one grandson, Rolih Ferdinand.

The effects of Johnson's labor live on to this day as products of his generation inspire other generations. More importantly, however, is his sister's desire to keep his memory alive and honor his service to educating young people. To accomplish this, Williams has established an endowed scholarship fund in his name at North Carolina A&T, the second alma mater the siblings shared.

AGGIE SPORTS

By Brian M. Holloway '97

ATHLETES HONORED FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Aggies maintain 3.0 and above GPA

Student-athletes achieve many goals and accomplishments on athletic playing surfaces. In order to dazzle crowds, however, they must succeed academically in the classroom.

On April 6, the North Carolina A&T Athletics Department honored the student-athletes who are among

the best in achieving in the classroom at the annual Student-Athletes' Academic Excellence Luncheon, held in the Memorial Student Union. The event was held in conjunction with the NCAA National Student-Athlete Day.

"I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to salute and honor the best of the best and the cream of the crop today," said athletics director Dee Todd. "These students have shown that they have what it takes to be successful in a larger world with their academic achievement in a smaller sphere: the classroom. I am proud of their accomplishments."

The university's new faculty athletics representative, M. Ray McKinnie, an associate dean of the Cooperative Extension Programs, gave the keynote address to the student-athletes who maintained a 3.0 or

above cumulative grade-point average over the last academic semester. McKinnie spoke on the importance of being prepared for a changing world.

"The workforce is looking for intelligence beyond the athletics field," he said. "These students have placed academics in the order where it should be, and they are to be commended."

Football and cheerleading tied for the highest number of honorees per sport with 12, while the baseball team had 11. Swimming followed with nine members and softball had eight. The team with the highest percentage of its members honored was the bowling team. Four of the five bowling team members were recognized.

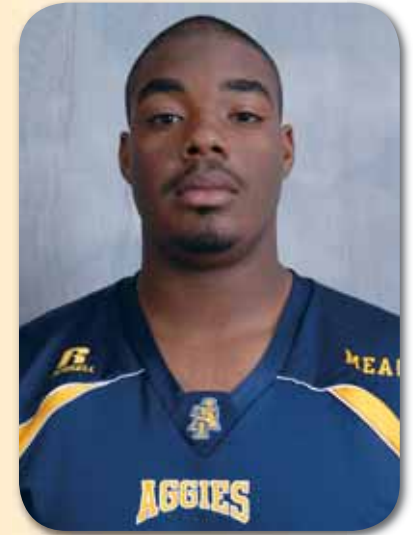
STITH SIGNS WITH BROWNS

Walter Stith, who played right tackle for North Carolina A&T during the 2006 season, has signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

Stith, a 6-foot-8, 320-pound transfer out of Western Michigan, attended rookie mini-camp as a tryout candidate. His outstanding performance led to being added to the Browns' roster.

In one season with the Aggies, Stith earned first-team All-MEAC honors as an offensive lineman. He had nine pancake blocks and an average grade of 87 percent, which was based on assignment and execution. As a result of his efforts, he was selected to play in the 60th annual Hula Bowl (Honolulu) this past January.

A former college tight end, Stith joins New York Giants cornerback Curtis Deloatch, Chicago Bears offensive tackle Qasim Mitchell, Green Bay Packers cornerback Jason Horton and guard Junius Coston, St. Louis Rams safety Dwaine Carpenter and San Francisco running back Maurice Hicks as former Aggies on NFL active rosters.



2006 STUDENT-ATHLETE HONOREES

BASEBALL: Ronnie Battle, Phillip Brewington, Chris Eggers, Charles Gamble, Justin Goldston, James Howard, Dustin Ijames, Nicholas Mayo, Ryan Sellers, Jasper Smith and William Sunderland

BOWLING: Jamie Brungard, Jessica Florit, Danielle Hanna and Erica Johnson

CHEERLEADING: Valentina Burton, Danielle Battle, LaTonya Bowles, LaTresha Drummond, Dana James, Keya King, Loren Lyles, Raina McClintock, Ashley Staton, Brittany Stinson and Teresa Wyatt

WOMEN'S TRACK: Atir Carter, Brittany Dixon, Lillian Galloway, Christina Gray, Carmenta Mitchell, Candace Robinson and Lauren Taylor

MEN'S TRACK: Tarrish Alexander, Sentel Allen, Dominique Camm, Jesse Fox, Antonio Lee, Kevin Lowe and Lonnie Phifer

WOMEN'S TENNIS: Kathryn Jackson, Terika Palmer, Shannon Pittman, Tracy Ross and Christina Ruffin

MEN'S TENNIS: Brandon Evans, Quincy Hawley and Ellsworth Thompson

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Walter Booth Jr. and Austin Ewing

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Emilee Christopher, Tiffany Grady and Ryann King

SOFTBALL: Kendra Bryant, Adia Dial, Jekesha Herring, Brittney Hodges, Renecia Lovelace, Serissa Sanchez and Tabitha Veney

VOLLEYBALL: Krystal Cooper, V. Ashleigh Odom, Shea Stark and Lauren Walker

SWIMMING: Donielle Campbell, Asha el-Shair, Ashley Farr, Kira Johnson, Janelle Mason, Sujotta Pace, Brittani Smith, Aasiya Townsell and Signe Waldbauer

FOOTBALL: Edward Arroyo, Eugene Banks, Ricky Bennett, Justin Blake, Mike Caldwell, Michael Christen, Ortiz Green, Christian Hill, Brian Johnson, James Newby, Chaz Truesdale and Brandon Wade.

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AGGIE SPORTS



Charlie Gamble



Joe McIntyre



Michael Hauff



Jeremy Jones

AGGIE BASEBALL HAS TELEVISION DEBUT

Ten months after appearing in its first NCAA Baseball Tournament, Aggie baseball experienced another first on April 30 by showcasing its talent on national television for the first time in the program's history.

The Aggies faced Delaware State in a game that was televised live by ESPNU from historic World War Memorial Stadium in Greensboro.

Among the A&T superstars the nation saw were power hitters Charlie Gamble, a perennial All-MEAC selection, and Joe McIntyre, the 2005 MEAC Tournament MVP, as well as Michael Hauff, one of the best strikeout pitchers in the country.

World War Memorial Stadium was built in 1926. The 7,500-seat facility has been the home to minor league, college and high school baseball and college football. Legendary baseball names such as Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson and Carl Yastremski have played in the ballpark. The New York Yankees with manager Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris played there in the late 1960's, as well as future Hall of Famers Derek Jeter and Curt Shilling.

ROCKIES SELECT JONES IN MLB DRAFT

Jones was the MEAC Player of the Year in 2005

A wrist injury forced North Carolina A&T junior outfielder Jeremy Jones to miss most of the 2006 season; yet his body of work over his first two seasons at A&T were impressive enough for the Colorado Rockies to select him in the 25th round of the Major League Baseball draft. He was the 738th pick overall.

The six-footer was following the draft online when he received a call from a Rockies scout telling him to look for his name in the next few minutes.

"Everyone dreams of playing professionally," said Jones. "But to actually have an opportunity to play professional baseball is a remarkable feeling because you know all the hard work you put in ... those cold winters when you're there swinging the bat all paid off."

Jones, a native of Fayetteville, N.C., becomes the sixth player during head coach Keith Shumate's 10-year stint at A&T to be drafted by a Major League Baseball team. He will become the seventh Shumate player

to sign a MLB contract. Duron LaGrande was the last Aggies baseball player selected in the draft. The Montreal Expos (now the Washington Nationals) selected him in the 10th round of the 2004 draft.

Before the start of the 2006 season, Jones was added to the Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year watch list. The National College Baseball Writers Association and Collegiate Baseball named Jones a preseason third-team All-American. But Jones had only two official at-bats in 2006 after injuring his wrist while taking batting practice.

He was trying to follow up a 2005 season in which he earned Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year honors, batted .402, broke at the time the school record for hits in a season (82), led the Aggies to the MEAC Championship and helped the school earn its first-ever bid to the NCAA Baseball Tournament.

Let the Games Begin

Aggie Mania kickoff rally planned to bolster football season

Dust off your pompoms, brush up on your cheers, and don't forget to don your best blue and gold paraphernalia because Aggie football is about to begin.

A pep rally will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, at the Greensboro Coliseum indoor football field to kick off the season.

Highlights will include introduction of the 2006 team, coaching staff, administrators, partners and sponsors; performances by the Blue & Gold Marching Machine and the Aggie Cheer Squad; multiple promotional giveaways and music provided by artists or radio deejay.

The season will get underway with the Aggies going head to head with their longtime rival – the Rams of Winston-Salem State University – at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, in Aggie Stadium. Dubbed the "I-40 Showdown," this is the first match between the teams in six years.

The pep rally is free and open to the public. To purchase tickets for the I-40 Showdown and other Aggie football games, call (336) 334-7749, stop by the University Ticket Office in Brown Hall or visit www.ncat.edu/~tickets/ to purchase tickets online.



I-40 Showdown Events

Yard Festival
Thursday, August 31
Holland Bowl, 2 p.m.

Aggie Mania Pep Rally
Thursday, August 31
Greensboro Coliseum, 6:30 p.m.

North Carolina A&T Hall of Fame Golf Tournament
Saturday, September 2
Location TBD, 8 a.m.

Tailgate Party
Saturday, September 2
Aggie Stadium Tailgate
Lots 1 & 2, 4 p.m.

Aggies vs. Winston-Salem Rams Football Game
Saturday, September 2
Aggie Stadium, 6:30 p.m.

Battle of the Bands (Exhibition)
Sunday, September 3
Greensboro Coliseum, 7 p.m.

PEOPLE BEHIND *the* SCHOLARSHIPS

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Alumnus Uses Team Approach to Giving By Millicent Rothrock

Hugene Fields Jr. never questioned whether or not he would attend college, it was simply a matter of where.

“Continuing my education was not something my parents told me I had to do, but I saw how my grandparents invested to send their children to college and beyond,” says Fields, a 1979 A&T graduate. “My college education was something that was given to me and my sister. We never gave it a second thought; we were really fortunate.”

Now a successful engineering project manager with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Md., Fields realizes that other students aren’t quite as lucky and need help paying their college tuition. To aid deserving students, Fields has joined forces with other A&T architectural engineering graduates to establish the Architectural Engineering Endowed Scholarship, which will be awarded to upperclassmen majoring in architectural engineering.

“This is a scholarship created to help architectural engineering students matriculate through school,” Fields explains. “Many students receive scholarships for their first year, but don’t have enough funds to help them continue their education.

“What we are trying to do as a group is to provide a resource for the students to bridge from the first year to the later years and until they graduate. The money might be for a senior who is a bit short but wants to continue in school or it might be for a sophomore who needs funds.”

The idea to pool resources with other AE graduates came to Fields as he contemplated how to give back to his alma mater. Eventually, he and his wife Shelby, a 1978 A&T graduate with a degree in business finance, plan to endow one or more

scholarships. But, for now, with two children in college out of state, their money is limited. Their son, Hugene Tyrell Fields, is a rising sophomore at A&T. Their daughter, Crystal Nicole Fields, will transfer to Winston-Salem State in the fall.

“I don’t want to get stretched too thin, so I chose to get a group together to fund the scholarship,” Fields says. “When I learned that only 15 percent of alumni give back to their schools, I decided to contact some people, and in three days we had a group of people to contribute to the scholarship.”

Others who are contributing to the AE Endowed Scholarship are Kenneth Bright, Warren Cheek, Tony Graham, Sidney Holmes, Robin Jones, Quincy Purvis, Steven Robinson, York Thorpe and Valencia Winstead.

“They are all outstanding graduates of the architectural engineering program at N.C.

A&T State University,” Fields says. “I have either known them since my tenure at A&T or have worked with them.”

Fields is excited that he and his peers can help students earn a degree in architectural engineering, mainly because his own education has served him so well over the years.

In addition to his degree from A&T, he holds a M.S. degree in administration from Central Michigan University. He also has earned a Certificate in Legislative Studies from the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University and attended the University of Maryland for additional studies.

An avid traveler, Fields has visited more than 20 countries on nearly every continent and 45 the states in this country.

After graduating from A&T, Fields began his career as an architect with the

Wilmington, N.C., District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. From 1981 to 1986, he served as one of the lead architects with the Al Batin District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, working to construct a city in Saudi Arabia. Afterward, until 1994, he served in the Corps’ Savannah, Ga., District as a project manager for the design of facilities at military installations. In 1994, Fields joined the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he is responsible for the design and construction of research facilities throughout the United States.

Fields supports education on numerous levels. He serves as a member and past vice chairman of the City of Bowie (Maryland) Education Committee, an advisory board to the

city council. He also is chairman of “Bowie Reads,” a subcommittee that promotes reading by providing books to children and adults.

A dedicated alumnus, Fields has served the A&T Alumni Association in various capacities for approximately 20 years. In recognition of his efforts, he recently received the association’s Julia S. Brooks Achievement Award for 2005-2006. He also received a 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award from the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

According to Fields, working with fellow graduates to endow a scholarship is a great way to give back to A&T.

“I encourage others to give back any amount they can – individually or team up with a group and give.”

ALUMNI PROFILE

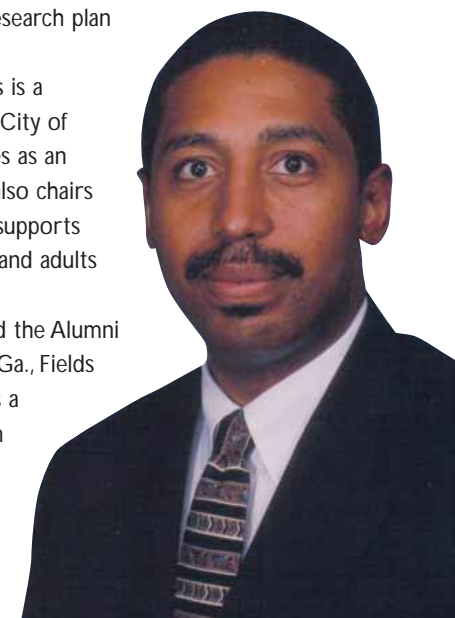
Hugene Fields Jr. '79, a project manager within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service headquarters office in Beltsville, Md., is one of three alums honored this year by the North Carolina A&T Alumni Association for service and achievement. Fields is the recipient of the Julia S. Brooks Achievement Award. He has a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from A&T, a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University, and a certificate in legislative studies from Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute.

Fields has received numerous awards for his managerial skills, he has served on numerous panels to address management concerns, he has provided leadership in activities that foster better understanding of equal employment opportunities in government, and he has provided assistance in support of Latino high school students. In addition, Fields facilitated the national

conference to develop ARS' strategic research plan for soil quality and management.

As an advocate of education, Fields is a member and past vice president of the City of Bowie Education Committee that serves as an advisory board to the city council. He also chairs the “Bowie Reads” subcommittee that supports reading by providing books to children and adults during Bowie Feast.

In the 20 years since he first joined the Alumni Association while residing in Savannah, Ga., Fields has tirelessly served the organization as a member and in roles of leadership from local to regional and national levels. He is currently first vice president of the Washington, D.C., chapter.



GUIDELINES TO ESTABLISH AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP AT NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY

An **endowed scholarship** strengthens the long-term financial underpinnings of North Carolina A&T State University. Endowed scholarships provide a base of support for generations of students in perpetuity.

An endowment is a permanent fund, often named in honor of an individual, created for the purpose of leaving a legacy to current and future Aggie students. The principal, or corpus, of an endowment fund is never spent. Only annual earnings, or a portion of annual earnings, are awarded for scholarships. In this way an endowed scholarship provides annual income to be awarded to deserving students forever.

Typically, annual awards equal no more than 5 percent of the principal balance (depending on investment performance). Thus, a \$25,000 scholarship would pay out \$1,250 (5%) each year in the form of a scholarship. Annual earnings above the payout amount are reinvested in the principal of the endowment fund over time, allowing for larger scholarship awards in future years.

Historical evidence proves tuition typically increases! Reinvestment also serves as a hedge against inflation.

AMOUNTS REQUIRED

Endowed Scholarship (*minimum*) \$25,000

Fully Endowed Scholarship \$200,000
North Carolina or Washington, D.C. Student

Fully Endowed Scholarship \$400,000
Out of State Student

The minimum amount to establish an endowed scholarship is \$25,000 and may be donated over a period of up to five years (\$5,000 gifts annually for five years). One year after the principal reaches \$25,000, the first scholarship award may be made. (One year is needed after the minimum is reached to earn interest.)

A donor (or donors) may suggest a designation and associated criteria for an endowed scholarship. For example, the John Doe Endowed Scholarship Fund may be designated for a student in the College of Engineering who demonstrates financial need and who if from North Carolina (or a specific county or region of North Carolina).

A scholarship donor(s) is required to sign a Deed of Gift (pledge statement) and document the desired scholarship designation and criteria.

ALUMNI NEWS

AGGIES ON THE MOVE

Audley B. "Paffos" Darmand, a lecturer and researcher in the University of Technology's School of Engineering in Jamaica, has received a six-month post-doctoral research fellowship from Matsumae International Foundation. He will pursue his research interests in electrical power systems and renewable energy resources at Nagoya University in the Graduate School of Information Science's department of complex systems science. Darmand earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate at N.C. A&T.

Thomas Ervin, a principal engineer with the Cyber Analysis and Investigation Department in MITRE Corporation's Center for Integrated Intelligence Systems, has been named a 2006 Black Engineer of the Year in the Special Recognition category. Ervin was honored during the 20th annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference that was held in February. The Montgomery, Ala., native has a master's degree in engineering from A&T.



Thomas D. Johnson Sr. has been installed as the senior pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ in Harlem (N.Y.C.). Johnson has been preaching and teaching the gospel for more than 30 years. Prior to his election at Canaan, he served as pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Danville,

Va., and before that he served at West End Baptist Church in Reidsville, N.C. Johnson has a master's in adult education from A&T. He received the doctor of ministry degree (with distinction) from Drew University in Madison, N.J.

1950s



Velma R. Speight-Buford '53 is one of three alums honored this year by the North Carolina A&T Alumni Association for service and achievement. She is the recipient of the Howard C. Barnhill Distinguished Service Award. She graduated from A&T with

a B.S. degree in mathematics and French, and she has a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Speight-Buford chairs the N.C. A&T Board of Trustees – the first alumna to serve in that capacity – and the Chancellor Search Committee. The retired administrator also has served in numerous other roles at the university including national president of the Alumni Association, where she established the Alumni Scholars Program, and as alumni affairs director and executive director of the Association. She is a life member of Gate City Alumni Chapter.

A selfless donor, Speight-Buford has given the university over \$150,000 in cash, several acres of property and a planned gift of one million dollars. In 2004, her philanthropic activities were recognized by the Kresge Foundation. This year the Velma R. Speight-Buford Lobby was named in the new Alumni-Foundation Event Center that is located on the A&T campus.

In addition to her love for alma mater, Speight-Buford is an active member of the Greensboro, N.C., community, serving on the boards of Leadership Greensboro, Shepherd's Center, Adult Enrichment Center and The Children's Academy. She also directs "Care for Action" at the local CBS news affiliate, WFMY-TV, and she mentors students and professionals.

1960s



LaFrance Kleckley Muldrow '60 has been named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2006. This annual award program recognizes 100 of Maryland's leading women who are making an impact in the state. Maryland's Top 100 Women was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of professional women who reside or work in Maryland as well as provide candidates to fill a management position or corporate board seat.

Robert Donald '68 has written *Successful Career Management: Strategies beyond Technical Preparation* (AuthorHouse), a book that aims to "help others bridge the gap between good technical preparation and career success."

1970s



Harold L. Martin Sr. '74 has been named senior vice president for academic affairs of the 16-campus University of North Carolina, effective July 17. As the UNC system's top academic officer, Martin will be responsible for leading the University's educational and research missions. Martin previously served as chancellor of Winston-Salem State University for six years.

1980s

Michael R. Shaw '83 has been promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force. Shaw is director of financial management at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He serves as the chief financial officer for the Air Armament Center and he is responsible for all center-wide financial operations with an annual \$4 billion budget supporting munitions acquisition, test evaluation and support operations.

Author **Norma L. Jarrett '87** has published a new novel, *Sweet Magnolia* (Doubleday/Harlem Moon), that is featured as an Essence Book Club recommendation in the July 2006 edition of *Essence* magazine. Jarrett is also the author of *Sunday Brunch*, a novel she published in 1999.

1990s

Matthew Barnhill Jr. '92, senior vice president of market research at Black Entertainment Television (BET), has received the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award from the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation. HOBY is one of the nation's foremost youth leadership development organizations and has reached nearly 350,000 high school students from more than 70 countries. Barnhill attended the 1986 Maryland HOBY seminar as the representative from Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Md. He currently serves on the HOBY International Board of Trustees.



Timothy L. Davis '94 and **Rashard Jones** are the executive directors of GBO Partnership for Children, Inc. GBO (Growing Beyond Obstacles) is a not-for-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable

and educational purposes, more specifically to help minimize the manifestation of challenging behaviors by the adolescents and young children of highly impacted neighborhoods. The partnership simultaneously assists in the overall development of children. GBO is located in Greensboro, N.C.



Michele Y. Lewis Watts '94 has been appointed vice president of event management and production at The Parade Company, a not-for-profit organization governed by the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation and whose mission is to fund, create and execute the best family events in metro Detroit. Lewis Watts

came to The Parade Company from the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee. Lewis Watts, with more than 10 years of experience in the event management field, will lead the logistical and production aspects of America's Thanksgiving Parade.

Sylvester "Sly" Fleming, M.B.A. '96, has authored two books, *30 Days of Love: A Spiritual Journey* and *Lost and Betrayed: An American Tale*.

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AGGIES ON THE MOVE

Felecia C. Baker '98 is one of three alums honored this year by the North Carolina A&T Alumni Association for service and achievement. Baker, who holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from A&T, is the recipient of the Velma R. Speight Young Alumnus Award. She has worked as a civil servant for the State of Maryland for the past eight years managing multi-million dollar highway projects and interdisciplinary teams.

Baker recently was accepted into the Maryland State Highway Administration's Chief Engineers Rotation Program. She also has volunteered to work in the Governor's Office of Smart Growth as a program coordinator for Maryland's "Smart Step Forward" walking campaign, teaming with multiple communities, agencies and private industries to promote and implement the campaign as a form of transportation while teaching citizens how to include walking in daily activities. In addition, Baker prepared a proposal that received a \$150,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that funded several walking initiatives, winning the prestigious Governor's Citation at the age of 25.

Baker chairs the annual fund campaign for the Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter.

2000s



Mashawnda J. Dowell '00 of Washington, D.C., has launched her first company, Speak2Society (www.speak2society.com), an African American public speaking portal based out of the District of Columbia. Dowell is a contract online U.S. networks editor at Discovery Communications, Inc. in Silver Springs, Md. In this position she is as a contract content editor for the scheduling of Discovery networks (TLC, Discovery Health Channel, Discovery Kids/NBC and Fit TV). In addition to her business ventures and public speaking, Dowell is pursuing a master's degree in mass communications and media studies with a concentration in economics at Howard University.



Tony G. Reames '02 has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Reames is currently assigned to Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment at Fort Jackson, S.C., as a company executive officer. He has served as an engineer project manager and task force intelligence officer in Baghdad, Iraq. Commissioned through A&T's Army ROTC program, Reames is pursuing a master's degree in engineering management at Kansas State University.

Memoriam

IN MEMORIAM

NAFEO HONORS FOUR AGGIES

Four North Carolina A&T graduates were honored as 2006 Distinguished Alumni at the 31st National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education sponsored by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).



Goldie S. Byrd, Ph.D. '78 is chair of the biology department at N.C. A&T State University. Prior to this position, Byrd worked in the biology departments at Tennessee State University and North Carolina Central University. She has won millions of dollars in grant support for research and training.



Hugene Fields Jr. '79 is a project manager with the Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Beltsville, Md. Fields also has held lead positions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is first vice president for the N.C. A&T Washington (D.C.) Alumni Chapter and he is a member of The Aggie Club.



Donna Ford '86 is vice president of business development for Johnson Controls Inc. Real Estate and Facilities Management Business. Prior to this position, she was the national account manager for the company's national call center. In 2005, she secured a \$20 million multi-year partnership with Fulton County to maintain operations and maintenance for the Fulton County Jail.



Marva L. Whitley Tidwell '62 is a retired certified social worker with the Passaic County (N.J.) Board of Social Services. She has received numerous commendations including Congressional recognition, dedicated service, community service and outstanding service, among others.

ALUMNI

- Charles T. Byrd Sr. '49**, April 28
- Dorothy Simmons Cameron '48**, Feb. 5
- Lillian M. Couch '63**, May 15
- Twanna B. Dixon-Cherry '90**, June 7
- Gwendolyn M. Johnson Evans**, June 4
- Vernon M. Greene**, April 13
- Tarik A. Hairston**, May 27
- George L. Holliday Sr. '49**, May 13
- Coy Holmes**, April 5
- Lillian Jeffries Kennedy**, June 17
- Lester L. Little**, June 13
- Jonathan M. Johnson**, June 24
- Milas D. Kelly Sr. '50**, April 15
- Dorothy Spain "Dot" Martin '62**, April 8
- Walter McAllister '59**, May 31
- Bernice Oliver Mitchell '75**, April 3
- Ricky A. Parker**, May 29
- James A. "Jim" Raleigh**, June 1
- Jacob E. Smith Jr.**, April 16
- Finnell M. Watson**, May 17
- Antwain Wimbush '98**, June 24

OTHERS

- Janet Ham**, administrative assistant, Office of Summer Sessions and Outreach, March 4
- Joseph C.W. Jasper Jr.**, retired, April 13
- Dorothy Morgan**, former secretary, June 20
- William E. Reed**, former dean of agriculture, April 12

ALUMNI NEWS

CALLING ALL BIOLOGY ALUMNI!

The North Carolina A&T State University Biology Advisory Board is sponsoring an Alumni Reception and Scholarship Auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in the Alumni-Foundation Event Center on campus.

Competition for recruiting the best and the brightest students grows more and more challenging every year. Highly qualified students seek institutions with strong academic programs that offer competitive scholarships, research opportunities and nurturing environments.

The university's current enrollment is in excess of 11,000 with 90 percent of its students on some kind of financial aid. More than 300 of these are biology majors. Consequently, the department of biology has a dire need to offer competitive scholarships and resources in order to recruit and retain high quality students.

The department of biology has launched a \$1 million scholarship campaign to assist in these efforts. The department is calling upon all biology graduates throughout the nation, university faculty and staff, as well as local and national businesses, political leaders and organizations, to assist in this quest for monetary donations and objects that are suitable for auctioning.

Our students need and deserve your support. Please mark your calendars now for September 8, 2006, and contact the department of biology for additional information by telephone, mail or email as follows:

Dr. Goldie S. Byrd, *Professor and Chair*
 Department of Biology - Barnes Hall
 North Carolina A&T State University
 Greensboro, NC 27411
 (336) 334-7907, (336) 334-7908 or (336) 334-7909
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THURSDAY, OCT. 19

Fall Convocation
 Location/Time TBA

Alumni Job Fair
 Sheraton Four Seasons, Time TBA

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Alumni Reunion
 Location/Time TBA

27th Annual Richard E. Moore Memorial Golf Tournament
 Grandover Resort, 8:30 a.m.

Vending
 Sheraton Four Seasons

Chancellor's Donor Reception
 ** Invitation Only **
 Sheraton Four Seasons, 6 p.m.

Alumni Concert
 Location/Time TBA

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

School of Nursing TELOCA Breakfast
 Sheraton Four Seasons, Time TBA

Homecoming Parade
 8 a.m.

Vending
 Sheraton Four Seasons

Aggies vs. Howard Bison Football Game
 Aggie Stadium, 1:30 p.m.

Alumni Dance
 Koury Convention Center, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

Worship Service
 Sheraton Four Seasons, 9 a.m.

Vending
 Sheraton Four Seasons,
 9 a.m. - noon

MIXED BAG



VICTORY CLUB INCREASES SPONSORSHIPS FOR ATHLETICS By Phillip L. McAlpin

Aggie athletics is on the move!

With the addition of Lee Fobbs as the new head football coach and a new staff of assistant coaches, fans, alums and the Greensboro community are looking forward to an exciting year of Aggie football and Aggie mania.

The Victory Club is also on the move. As the premiere athletic booster organization for North Carolina A&T as well as the sponsorship marketing arm for athletics, the Victory Club has been working to bring corporate support and new members into the A&T athletic fold.

Athletic sponsors are key to providing the dollar support that is critical to elevating athletic programs and allow A&T to field championship teams. The Victory Club more than doubled corporate sponsorship during the 2005-06 fiscal year and the organization is on pace to double sponsorships again in 2006-07.

Longstanding sponsors such as Crown Automotive, McDonald's, KFC, Budweiser, Bill Black Chevrolet Cadillac and Guilford Orthopaedic will be continuing their support. Nationwide Insurance, Alltel Communications and ExecuTax'N Fax have been added as major sponsors.

All of these new sponsors have signed on for multi-year commitments. Carolina Ford Dealers has significantly increased their sponsor support this year. The Victory Club is assisting all sponsors to develop better and more effective ways to interact with the great Aggie fan base.

Not only are sponsorships growing, the Victory Club has been experiencing growth in individual memberships. Last year the organization had over 60 members who contribute \$1,000 each annually and this year it expects to secure 100 members.

Victory Club members receive special benefits as major donors to the athletics program at A&T. Benefits include the first right to purchase football and basketball tickets, first right to priority parking at Aggie Stadium, and invitations to the chancellor's game day hospitality tent.

As a state supported institution, A&T cannot use state funds to support athletics. Corporate sponsors and individual contributors are a critical funding source for the athletics department. These unrestricted funds allow the athletics director the flexibility to direct resources where they are needed most — such as scholarships, team expenses, summer school for students-athletes or facility improvements.

The Victory Club will continue to work on behalf of A&T athletics to assist in providing all the necessary support to operate a top-notch athletics program. For more information about becoming a corporate supporter or a Victory Club member,

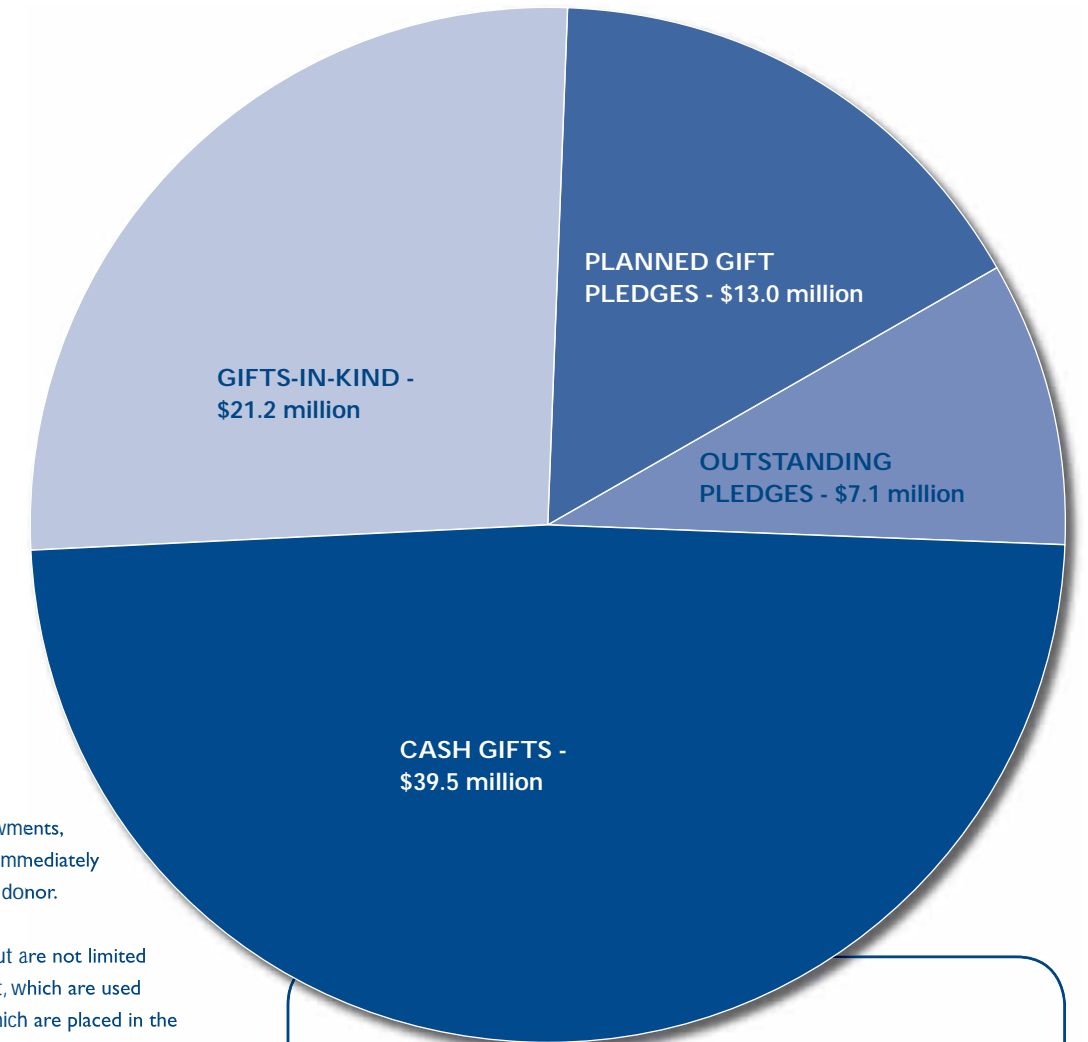
contact Phillip McAlpin at (336) 334-7600, phillip.mcalpin@ncat.edu or visit www.thevictoryclub.com.

Phillip L. McAlpin is the development officer for athletics at N.C. A&T and executive director of the Victory Club.



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION: The CAMPAIGN FOR NORTH CAROLINA A&T

CAMPAIGN TOTALS July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2006



With the exception of endowments, **CASH** donations are spent immediately for projects identified by the donor.

GIFTS-IN-KIND include but are not limited to technology and equipment, which are used immediately; works of art, which are placed in the University museum, and real estate, which is held, sold or used.

PLANNED GIFTS are gifts the University will receive upon the donor's death. While these gifts guarantee the future, they cannot be used today. The amount of some planned gifts is reduced for capital campaign accounting purposes due to the donor's age.

PLEDGES are gifts that are spread over a period of time. The pledge is reduced as cash is realized.

CASH GIFTS	\$39.5 million
GIFTS-IN-KIND	\$21.2 million
PLANNED GIFT PLEDGES	\$13.0 million
OUTSTANDING PLEDGES	\$7.1 million
TOTAL	\$80.8 million
GOAL	\$100 MILLION

REMEMBERING THE PAST

ILC Monument Unveiled



Anita Bailey-Blanks (left) and Geneva Averett-Short unveil a monument on the original site of Immanuel Lutheran College, which held its last commencement in 1961. Today, the east end of North Carolina A&T State University occupies the site. The last visible structure of ILC — a gymnasium/dormitory — was demolished in 2005 to make room for the Alumni-Foundation Event Center.



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