The North Carolina General Assembly takes hundreds of votes each year. But a single decision made 125 years ago changed the course of education, agriculture, science and technology, economic development and outreach in the state.

On March 7, 1887, the Legislature created North Carolina Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Raleigh. NC A&M opened two years later with 72 students and six faculty members working and studying in a single building.

Today, NC State educates 34,000 students, employs more than 7,500 faculty and staff on a campus covering 2,100 acres in Raleigh, and provides extension services to citizens in all 100 North Carolina counties.

In the intervening decades, NC State has been a consistent catalyst for North Carolina, helping to drive its transformation from agricultural state, to manufacturing hub, to technological hotbed.

All the while, NC State has held tightly to its land-grant mission of providing outstanding teaching, research and outreach for the benefit of the people of North Carolina, the nation and the world. Throughout the university’s 125-year history, the NC State community has continually demonstrated an unwavering commitment to education, discovery and service that makes a difference.

NC State is a national leader in translating research from the lab to the market, contributing to the creation of more than 80 startup companies that have created thousands of new jobs in North Carolina and beyond.

NC State is an economic engine. The university’s more than 170,000 living alumni contribute billions to the state’s economy each year.

And NC State remains a good value for the state of North Carolina. The university ranks near the top of several national “best value university” lists for its combination of academic quality and affordability.

“Set on a richly textured background of deep-rooted tradition, this 125th anniversary year celebrates not only our rich heritage, but also our ability to build off a dynamic past in order to remain a presence of transformation in an increasingly complex world,” NC State Chancellor Randy Woodson said. “Today we come together as members of the Wolfpack family to cherish our past and take pride in our contribution towards the next 125 years in the story of NC State.”

NC STATE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

By: Jimmy Ryals, University Communication

First class of students, 1889

Commencement, May 2012

2012 Fall Semester Academic Calendar – www.ncsu.edu/registrar/calendars

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Welcome to the beginning of a new academic year at NC State! On behalf of the university, thank you for entrusting the education of your student to this outstanding institution. Your student is coming in at a very exciting time for the Wolfpack. This year marks NC State's 125th anniversary. We began our celebration in the spring and will continue to commemorate our founding over this special anniversary year.

This 125th Anniversary Year celebrates not only NC State's rich heritage, but also our ability to build off a dynamic past in order to remain a presence of transformation in an ever-increasingly complex world. Your student will be part of this transformative time; they will work alongside world-class professors and researchers and attend classes with the some of the most innovative and creative minds in the world. But they also will reap the benefits of a university set on a rich background of deep-rooted tradition. NC State is home to premier athletics, diverse events and an active alumni base, eager to collaborate with the next generation of students. We celebrate the past as we look to create the future.

We always are looking to transform our own university too, staying competitive and on the cutting edge, even in trying times. A weak economy certainly has contributed to this complex world and, like universities nationwide, NC State has faced new challenges. However, we have responded to these challenges, and the university is stronger for them. We are more efficient and effective. We have done some restructuring and centralized operations. Most importantly, the strategic plan and subsequent recommendations maintain first and foremost a commitment to students and faculty. In continuing this strategic plan, we welcome new faces to campus this fall — students and staff — with fresh ideas in hand and NC State's best interest at heart.

This year also marks another important milestone for NC State — the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act. The Morrill Act established land-grant universities, to teach agricultural and mechanical arts and spread accessibility to higher education. Today, NC State continues our commitment as a land-grant university, transforming our state, nation and world through innovative research, creative problem-solving and a bright vision for the future. We are proud to offer these opportunities while still consistently being recognized as a best value in higher education.

Thank you for your support of NC State. I look forward to another great year, our 125th, of achievement. We are glad that you are a part of the Wolfpack family.

Sincerely,

Randy Woodson
Chancellor

It is a pleasure to welcome you, the Parents and Families of the students at North Carolina State University!

I always enjoy the opening of the new academic year as a time of beginning. First-time college students arrive on campus, wondering about their courses, the major they (may) have chosen, the friends they will make and anticipating the experiences that will change their lives. New transfer students come from other universities and colleges to take advantage of all that NC State has to offer them. Returning students look forward to new challenges, reuniting with old friends, and forging new relationships and discovering new passions. Faculty look forward to new explorations of academic interests with their new and returning students, and staff are ready to assist the students with their quest for success, in and outside of the classroom.

This is a new beginning for me as well. Even though I am an alumnus of NC State (PhD, 1987), this will very much be a “first” fall for me as well as I arrive here this fall after 25 years away to take on a new challenge to provide leadership for a new division at NC State.

Effective July 1, 2012, the Division of Student Affairs and the Division of Undergraduate Academic Programs were brought together to form the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (dasa.ncsu.edu). The new division provides many of the same services that the former units provided, such as Housing, Greek Life, Student Organizations and Leadership opportunities, Honors and Scholars Programs, Music, Dance and Theatre opportunities, student health and wellness services, tutoring, the First Year College, and much, much more. Our staff and faculty are dedicated to assisting students to be successful in accomplishing their academic, personal and career goals while at NC State and the new organizational alignment speaks to the reality that learning and growing occurs inside and outside of the classroom.

We are committed to providing the best support programs possible for your students. A key to success at NC State is involvement. Encourage your students to explore the curriculum. Ask them to engage with the faculty and other students as they learn new and exciting things. Encourage them to explore the many student clubs and organizations available to them. Ask them to explore Living Learning Communities, research opportunities, education abroad, and community service opportunities. And when your student asks you questions about NC State that you don't know the answer to, recommend that they meet with their advisor to discuss the issue and to explore answers and solutions. All of these activities are keys to success in accomplishing the ultimate goal — attaining a great education and earning a degree in four years.

I look forward with excitement to this new beginning. It is great to be back with the Wolfpack Family and I welcome you and your student to NC State as well.

Sincerely,

Mike Mullen
Vice Chancellor and Dean
Academic and Student Affairs
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES:
Leading the PACK in health

By: Stephanie Sobol, MAEd, Associate Director, Health Promotion
and Dr. Beth Neel, Medical Director

The NC State Student Health Center, ranked the 11th best college health service nationwide by the Princeton Review in 2011, is proud to provide high quality, affordable care to students. With our on-campus convenience, dedicated professional staff and experience in college health, students can rely on us for their healthcare and wellness needs. We are recognized for our treatment and prevention efforts by AAAHC (Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care) as an accredited ambulatory health care clinic.

To help meet the demands of our growing population, the Health Center recently expanded to over 62,000 square feet. The construction and renovation project earned us the prestigious honor of being the first LEED Gold Certified building on campus. With our expansion, we now offer on-site specialty clinics, such as orthopedic and gastroenterology. In the future, we will continue to expand the types of clinics we provide.

For peace of mind, all students who have paid the tuition and fees package, regardless of their insurance plan, are eligible for services with Student Health and can be seen without being charged for a medical office visit. Charges may be incurred for labs, x-rays or specialty services. Student health medical services takes pride in encouraging healthy behaviors and preventative health care as well as an array of care ranging from acute sick care visits to the monitoring and management of chronic health conditions.

We are well connected with other professionals in the community for students who need care beyond our scope. In addition, students have access to our full-service pharmacy that accepts over 200 prescription plans. We fill prescriptions from Student Health and outside providers, and will assist in transferring existing prescriptions. Students can also purchase self-care and over-the-counter medications at competitive prices.

Research indicates that a well student will thrive academically, physically, emotionally and socially. For students wishing to empower themselves to live well by adopting or maintaining a healthy lifestyle, Health Promotion is staffed with highly trained health educators in the areas of alcohol and other drugs, interpersonal relationships, fitness, sexual health, nutrition and stress. Our goal is to enhance knowledge, identify behavioral strategies and connect students with community resources on and off campus for success. Students interested in health and wellness can become involved with Health Promotion through volunteering, internships, or becoming a PACK peer, a peer health educator.

Stay connected with the Student Health Center via our website, Facebook and Twitter. Questions and/or comments are always welcome via our main phone number, (919) 515-2563 or online (healthcenter.ncsu.edu) under “Contact Us.”

VIP DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Save a buck or two during Parents & Families Weekend. Parents & Families Association members are eligible for special discounts with their Very Important Parent membership card. Rules and restrictions may apply.

Hampton Inn Raleigh Midtown
1001 Wake Towne Drive
Raleigh NC 27609
(919) 828-1813
“NC State Rate”
$74 plus tax (Sun – Thurs)
$69 plus tax (Fri & Sat)

Wingate by Wyndham
State Arena Raleigh Cary
6115 Corporate Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607
(919) 809-8660
$75–$95 plus tax

Go to www.ncsu.edu/for_parents for more great discounts.
Parents & Families Weekend
Information Inside!

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Annual Giving for NC State University

Parents, you make a difference at NC State!

As a parent, you are just as much a part of the Wolfpack family as your son or daughter.

As an NC State parent, you have an opportunity to continue investing in his/her success and education by supporting the Parents’ Fund.

The Parents’ Fund was created in 1993 to give parents an opportunity to directly enhance students’ experience. Since then, parents have contributed well over $1 million. Your gift to the Parents’ Fund will touch the lives of all undergraduate students and support enhancements for critical functions that are not covered by tuition but are important for student success and life balance.

A few include:

- the Career Development Center
- campus safety and security
- student health services
- a year-long schedule of cultural events
- recreational activities, including 53 club sports and countless programs provided through University Recreation

In the year ahead, you will receive a letter or a phone call from an NC State student inviting you to participate in the Parents’ Fund. We encourage you to make a gift at that time — your support is needed and greatly appreciated!

If you would like more information or to make a gift today, please visit their website at www.ncsu.edu/annualgiving or call (919) 515-0563.

We’ve Moved!
The Office of Parents and Families Services has moved from Harrelson Hall to the E. Carroll Joyner Visitor Center. Feel free to stop by any time you are on campus, M – F 8:00am – 4:30pm.

The address is 1210 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606. Our mailing address is Campus Box 7404, Raleigh, NC 27695. Our phone number has not changed – (919) 515-2441. We look forward to hearing from you.
FRIDA Y, NOVEMBER 9
Chocolate Festival
(Tickets are limited to 5 per registration including the NC State student.)

Time: 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Location: Talley Student Center, 2nd Floor Ballroom

Kick off the weekend with NC State’s sweetest tradition and enjoy all things chocolate for a good cause. The Chocolate Festival supports breast cancer awareness and features a silent auction, games and wellness fair – along with cakes, cookies, ice cream and chocolate flowing from fountains. Proceeds benefit the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, Komen for the Cure – Triangle Affiliate, Pretty in Pink, and the NC State Women’s Center. Hosted by the NC State Women’s Center.

$7.00  NC State Students and siblings
$12.00  Adults

Front Porch Welcomes
(Does not require registration)

Time: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location: Ask your student to check with their Resident Adviser for location information.

The residential areas of North, Central and East campus come alive with entertainment and hospitality provided by Inter-Residence Council (IRC).

Comedy Showcase
(Tickets are limited to 4 Adults and 3 NC State Students per registration.)

Time: 8:00pm – approximately 10:30pm
Location: Campus Cinema, Witherspoon Student Center (corner of Cates Avenue and Dan Allen Drive). Doors open at 7:30pm, show begins at 8:00pm.

Come out and join us for an evening of laughter, excitement and entertainment featuring ‘MTV Disaster Date’ star and comedian K-VON and hypnotist Paul Ramsay’s Mind Games. The event will also feature special guests, Grains of Time. Please be aware some materials may be offensive and not suitable for younger siblings. Sponsored by the Union Activities Board.

$5.00 NC State Students
$15.00 Adults and siblings

Dance Program Fall Concert
(Tickets sold directly through Ticket Central.)

Time: 8:00pm
Location: Stewart Theatre

$5.00  NC State Students
$8.00  Parents & Families Association Members
$10.00  General Public

The Dance Program Fall Concert showcases the Movement Studies Project and the choreography of current students.

Members of the Parents & Families Association are eligible for the faculty/staff rate with their membership card. Others may purchase tickets at the general public rate. For more information, contact Ticket Central at (919) 515-1100 or online at www.ncsu.edu/arts.

NOTE: The Dance Program Fall Concert is the only event where tickets are purchased directly through Ticket Central.
NC State vs. Wake Forest
(Tickets are limited to 5 per registration including the NC State student.)

Location: Carter-Finley Stadium
Time: Please check your local listings or gopack.com for official kickoff time.

Catch the Wolfpack spirit and cheer the team to a rousing victory over the Demon Deacons.

Event packages sold through the Office of Parents and Families Services include the Pre-Game Tailgate Party, buffet lunch and football tickets. If you wish to purchase game tickets only, check gopack.com or call (919) 865-1510.

Pre-Game Tailgate Party, buffet lunch, and football ticket package
Choose this package if you plan to sit with your student at the game.

$23.00 NC State Students
(Student tickets are funded through student fees and are available at no additional cost. Students must present their student ID along with their ticket at the gate.)

$83.00 Adults
$73.00 Youths (siblings 12 and under)

Picnic Only
Choose this package for your student if you do not plan to sit with your student at the game, or if you want to attend the pre-game activities with your student, but not attend the game.

$23.00 NC State Students
(and siblings 12 and under)

$26.00 Adults

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Student-Family Planting Project
Time: 9:00am – 10:30am
Location: Between Syme, Gold & Welch Halls

For over ten years, hundreds of parents, students and staff have enhanced the quality of campus life by volunteering for the Parents & Families Weekend service project. Join the tradition and leave your mark on NC State this year while working with other families to beautify the area between Syme, Gold and Welch residence halls. Sponsored by the Center for Student Leadership, Ethics, & Public Service, University Housing, and Grounds Management.

Sunday Brunch
Time: 10:30am – 1:00pm
Location: Fountain Dining Hall

University Dining invites your family to enjoy a special Sunday Brunch at Fountain Dining Hall. Taste a bite of college life and enjoy fun activities at NC State's largest dining facility. Advanced registration recommended.

$7.75 Adults and NC State Students without a meal plan
$0.00 NC State students with a meal plan (student ID must be presented)
$0.00 Siblings 6 and under are free with a paying adult

Additional Weekend Options
Looking for other things to do during your weekend at NC State? Check out what is happening at these local attractions.

Museums
Gregg Museum of Art and Design: www.ncsu.edu/gregg
North Carolina Museum of Art: ncartmuseum.org
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences: naturalsciences.org
North Carolina Museum of History: ncmuseumofhistory.org

Entertainment
Visit Raleigh: www.visitleague.com/visitors/things_to_do
Progress Energy Center: www.progressenergycenter.com
Carolina Hurricanes: hurricanes.nhl.com