Outreach & Engagement

Awards Celebration

April 25, 2017
Congratulations to our award winners!
2016 Economic Development Partnership Award

Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

Thanks to Chris Chung, John Loyack and the entire team of talented, dedicated economic developers at EDP NC for their commitment to engaging the students, faculty and staff at NC State University in the mutual efforts to attract capital investment and outstanding jobs to North Carolina.
2017 Economic Development Partnership Award

Duke Energy

The $386,000 investment from the Duke Energy Foundation for the Backpacks to Briefcases program has helped to expand workforce development efforts and real-life work opportunities to prepare recent college graduates for jobs in a variety of fields. The grant has allowed NC State to help unemployed and underemployed recent college graduates from Wake and Johnston Counties secure paid internship, often leading to permanent jobs.
2016 Outstanding Extension Service Awards

Dr. Denis Gray, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Marsha Gordon, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Kevin Oliver, College of Education
Dr. Colbey Reid, College of Management
Dr. Umut Dur, College of Management
Dr. Emiel DenHartog, College of Textiles
Ms. Deborah Mostek, College of Textiles
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2016 Opal Mann Green Award

North Carolina Food Youth Initiative

The Food Youth Initiative, or FYI, is a statewide collaborative network that supports and connects grassroots youth organizations doing food justice work in their local communities. Of crucial importance to the success of the work of FYI is the partnerships it has forged and nurtured. Each of FYI’s core partners are vested in and are working to support emerging leaders who believe in the power of young people to transform their own food systems and engage their peers in what is a growing movement.
Ashle is a leader both on campus and in our community. Her interest in public policy and science led her to mentor elementary and middle school students for NASA Girls and Boys, an organization connected with NC State and NASA. She had also served as an ambassador for the Institute for Emerging Issues where she initiated an educational program for school-age children that combines technology with civic engagement. In addition, Ashle has provided leadership for Service Raleigh, a campus-wide day of service connecting over 2,000 volunteers with almost 100 non-profits in the local community.
Deborah S. Moore Service Awards

Outstanding Student Volunteer

Samuel Shain

Samuel has used service as a way to become involved in Raleigh. Sam has taken on several positions for university fundraising, including the Poole Student Philanthropy Council, the Park Philanthropy Council, the Student Philanthropy Director for NC State, and the first student representative on the NC State Foundation Board. He aims to affect the student philanthropy culture on campus and works tirelessly to teach his peers about the importance of financially supporting the institution that has given them so much more than an education.

Additionally, Sam serves as a board member on the NC State Sustainability Fund Advisory Board, and as a Big Brother for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program of the Triangle.
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Outstanding Student Organization

SOUL Garden

SOUL Garden and its officers work hard to help students learn about the benefits of organic gardening, composting, food security and work to provide volunteers with free, fresh, organic produce as often as possible. The garden is intended to be a place of growth not only for plants but also for people. The leaders of SOUL Garden work with volunteers to assess what their specific interests and skill sets are in and how the garden can benefit and grow these skills.
Deborah S. Moore Service Awards

Outstanding Service Program
Challenging Anti-Muslim Sentiments

On February 10, 2015 Doha lost her best friend, Razan Abu-Salha, in a shooting in Chapel Hill. Most people do not have to spend their first year of college mourning the loss of a friend in a violent crime, and many would understandably find themselves adrift after such a trauma. Not Doha. She has worked from that day to this to honor Razan, her sister Yusor, and Yusor’s husband Deah Barakat, and also to build a community of justice and respect that will prevent such devastating acts from happening again. She became even more committed to volunteer work, working with the Light House Project in honor of Our Three Winners, organizing a food drive for United Muslim Relief, and participating in many other initiatives.

As part of her work with CSLEPS, Doha organized an event on February 2 "Challenging Anti-Muslim Sentiment". The attendance of over 200 people is a testament to her hard work, the timeliness of the conversation, and the connection she made to the campus community. With four speakers from different backgrounds the panel approached the topic from a variety of perspectives and angles. Having organized many panels, it is noteworthy how successful Doha was in securing diverse speakers who could bring different expertise and experience to the conversation.
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Outstanding Philanthropy Program

Kupcakes 4 Kay

Held during homecoming week, the group competition raised over $2600 for the Kay Yow Breast Cancer Foundation. In appreciation of the donation, the Foundation said that “Every contribution counts, especially when it’s coming from the student body.”
Sydney, a senior in Political Science with minors in history and journalism, has served as Executive Director and Media Coordinator for Feed the Pack: The Food Pantry at NC State. In her sophomore year, Sydney founded The Empowerment Project, a leadership development program for middle school girls. Sydney has also served as the Director of Student Government’s First-Year Leadership Program and as a Chancellor’s Aide, is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, NC State's Political Science Honor Society, and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. While at NC State, Sydney studied abroad at the Petra, Jordan Archaeological Field School, interned with the NC General Assembly and Lowes Foods Local Foods Program, and conducted independent research on the political nature of children’s literature and the politics of modern dating. After graduation, Sydney will join the Teach for America Corps in Houston, TX.
2016 William L. Turner Award for Outstanding Contributions to Extension and Continuing Education

Dave Milidonis
OLLI Volunteer Instructor
Outreach & Engagement

Dave has demonstrated exemplary and quality service to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute for over seven years, and through this program he has touched the lives of literally hundreds of older adults. Dave was recruited by a member of our Program Development Committee to coordinate a class in the Fall 2008 semester because of his work as founding director of the National Veterans History Archival Institute. The Institute is a volunteer organization that collects the oral histories of veterans and sends them to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. His first course featured five veterans of World War II who shared their stories with the class. The course was so well-received, he repeated it during the next few years with male and female veterans of the Cold War and Korean War, as well as additional World War II veterans. We were proud to partner with Dave in the recording of these veterans' stories in the OLLI classroom. In the records of the Veterans History Project, Dave's name appears again and again as the submitter of a veteran's story, which likely would not have been captured but for Dave's work. Since he is a retired Army officer who attended West Point, he next taught a course on "U.S. Army History through the Prism of West Point" and followed that one with a course about the Naval Academy. When OLLI decided to do a series of courses related to the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, Dave began teaching those courses, and he is currently teaching a series of courses related to World War I. He has taught at least one class each year since fall 2008. As his popularity has soared, so has his commitment to the program, and he now teaches in every semester. Since all our instructors volunteer, that’s an impressive record of volunteering.
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Toby Brody
NC State ESL Director & Associate Professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature
Toby retired from NC State University after serving 14 years as Associate Professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. During that time, she served as Director of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, where she provided oversight of credit and noncredit programs. As Director of ESL, Toby served as the program chair of the Summer Institute in English, which celebrated its 50th year in 2015. As program chair, Toby determined the curriculum of the five-week summer program and revised it over the years to meet the demands of an international audience. Toby also provided direction for the marketing of the Summer Institute, which is unlike any other program at our university. Toby's leadership has enabled NC State University to provide ESL programming in a residential setting to thousands of participants from around the world, especially Asia and Europe. The Summer Institute in English has also contributed to the financial stability of many campus units including University Housing, University Dining, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and the Office of Professional Development.

In 2011 Toby created a certificate program, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, or TESOL, as an extension of the ESL programming already offered by the university. Rather than hire an outside firm to provide the programming, Toby relied on our internal resources to create the program's curriculum and provide instruction. Since 2012, TESOL has had over a hundred participants in this specialized program, which has been held 2-3 times per year for the last four years.

Programmatically, everything Toby has directed has been successful in many ways. Last year, she resurrected the ESL Symposium, which had not been held for several years due to funding. Over 500 participants attended in May 2016 with speakers from throughout the United States who are well known in the ESL field. Toby was also known for her programmatic work for establishing the Academic English Program during her tenure. Within the Carolina TESOL professional organization, Toby served as the Higher Education Representative and was a regular contributor to the organization's quarterly newsletter. Additionally, Toby Brody has become nationally known for her work in ESL by presenting at numerous conferences and delivering workshops to teaching professionals. In October 2015, Toby was granted Senior Lecturer Emerita status by NC State University because of her many achievements.
2016 McKimmon Center for Extension & Continuing Education Award of Excellence for Customized Corporate Education

Richard Childress Racing
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North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Medical Assistance
The mission of the Division of Medical Assistance is to use the resources and partnerships of Medicaid to improve healthcare for all North Carolinians. The DMA vision is to lead the transformation to a healthier North Carolina.

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Medical Assistance is proud of their relationship with North Carolina State University and the partnership formed to benefit their employees.
Equity for Women

April Shaeffer
NC Leadership and Cattle Handling for Women Producers
April Shaeffer’s popular program, the North Carolina Leadership and Cattle Handling for Women Producers, is a three-day, hands-on training that covers everything from tractor safety to beef quality assurance. It was created in response to a challenge April witnessed during regular cattle workshops: lack of participation by women.

Since 2011, April and her team of experts have held 11 workshops that drew more than 180 participants. When an episode of female agriculturalist-focused FarmHer aired on RFN-TV in December and again in March, women from across the country contacted April to learn more.

April’s knack for recognizing a need in our Extension program for this particular audience, and putting together an exceptional team of instructors, has helped many women fulfill their goals of being involved in agriculture. This program will now help hundreds of female producers across the nation achieve their goals.

At the annual Sisterhood Dinner at Talley Student Union on February 27, April was lauded as “a leader and a problem-solver” and the staff winner of the Equity for Women Award.
James E. Holshouser Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service

Dr. Steve McKeand
College of Natural Resources
In addition to his faculty role, Dr. McKeand serves as the director of NC State’s Cooperative Tree Improvement Program. He has dedicated more than three decades to basic and applied tree genetics, helping to make NC State the world epicenter for tree improvement and tree breeding. North Carolina’s forest industry has benefitted from Dr. McKeand’s work through larger, healthier harvests and more sustainable forests.

NC State is the only university in the United States where formal classes in forest genetics are taught.

McKeand’s Tree Improvement Cooperative Program, or TIP, has hosted post-docs and visiting scientists from 34 countries on five continents. His program has impacted commercial forests across the globe by breeding superior trees. Working with scientists from across the world has helped McKeand increase the technical knowledge in breeding programs that benefit forest owners and managers in North Carolina.

“We talk all the time about the impact of research and service from our faculty, and in the case of Steve McKeand, that impact is literally growing every day,” University President Margaret Spellings said. “There are forests across our state and across the world that are healthier, more productive, and more sustainable thanks to the patient and dedicated scholarship of Dr. McKeand. He has a willingness to get out into the field and make public service a way of life. Dr. McKeand isn’t just one of the finest tree geneticists in the world – he’s also a highly effective teacher and advocate for better forestry practices.”
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Congratulations to all of our award winners!