The Center for Student Success has chosen the following members of the faculty as recipients of the 2006 Academic Advising Excellence Award: Antoine J. Alston, associate professor of the department of agribusiness, applied economics and agriscience education; LaToya T. Marsh, clinical assistant professor, nursing; Devang P. Mehta, assistant professor, graphic communication systems and technological studies; Shena D. Morgan, assistant professor, business administration; Bala Ram, professor, industrial and systems engineering; Richard Watkins, adjunct instructor, human performance and leisure studies, and Sheila M. Whiteley, assistant professor, journalism and mass communication.

Claude W. Barnes, associate professor in the political science department, presented a paper at the 37th Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists in Atlanta, Ga., March 22-25. Barnes participated on a panel that reported recent research efforts of a group of black scholars from Norfolk State University, Howard University, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Williams College and North Carolina A&T State University. The title of Barnes’ paper was “Research Search Engines, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Web Reporting.” The group is working on a multi-year project titled A Research Study on Progress and Stagnation: A Comprehensive Profile of African Americans in the American South (1950-2000).

The Office of International Programs selected Jose Bravo de Rueda to represent A&T as part of a UNC delegation to Uruguay to discuss opportunities for study abroad for UNC students. Bravo de Rueda is an associate professor in the department of foreign languages.

Tyrette Carter, Loufy Floyd, Anthony Graham and Stephen McCary-Henderson, assistant professors in the department of curriculum and instruction, made a presentation at the N.C. Department of Public Instruction’s 10th Annual Conference of Raising Achievement and Closing Gaps, March 29 at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The conference focused on ways to positively impact student performance and achievement.

On March 30, 100 students, faculty and professional staff at North Carolina A&T State University became members of the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society, Phi Kappa Phi. Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi now has nearly 300 chapters on campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Its mission is to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.

Included among the inductees are nine members of the faculty and staff: Bernadine S. Chapman, associate professor, School of Nursing; Thelma J. Feaster, assistant administrator, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; Louis O. Floyd, assistant professor, School of Education; Anthony Graham, coordinator, School of Education; Thurman Guy, associate professor, School of Education, Clarence W. Page, university residence administrator, Division of Student Affairs; Arthur Purcell, associate project director, School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences; and Eraka R. Williams, assistant professor, School of Education.

Karen Dyer of the Center for Creative Leadership was the keynote speaker for the banquet and recognition program that preceded the initiation ceremony. The program was facilitated by chapter officers: Peter V. Meyers, president; Erza C. Gravely, president elect; Ray J. Davis, past president; Thaddeaus Lamb Jr., student vice president; Kathy Cousins-Cooper, treasurer; Vivian H. Hampson, secretary, and Risa T. Lamb, public relations officer.

Read more about the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at its website, www.phikappaphi.org. For information about the N.C. A&T Honors Program, visit www.ncat.edu/~honors.

The annual campus-wide Futures retreat will be held 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, in the Alumni-Foundation Event Center. This year’s theme is Transitions with discussions facilitated by Ed Penson. Presentations and discussions will be based on the Futures Report Card for academic year 2005-06. Ed Penson, senior principal and president of Pension Associates Inc., a research and consultation firm, will facilitate the discussions. Other highligts include updates on the University Studies program, the search for a new chancellor, and a poster session presented by 2004-05 Futures Venture Fund grant recipients in conjunction with the teaching showcase. A reception for Chancellor James C. Renick and Provost Carolyn W. Meyers will occur immediately following the retreat.

The deadline to register for the retreat is Wednesday, April 26. Registration can be completed online at www.ncat.edu/futures. Registrants who do not receive an email with confirmation of their registration within three business days of registering online should contact Pauline Vail, Chancellor’s Office, at 334-7940.

Those who do not have Internet access should fax their name, title, department, phone number, email address and dietary preference for a meat/cheese or vegetarian box lunch to Vail at (334) 334-7982.
The award, named in honor of the late Vernon Jarrett who was a prominent journalist, has been given to 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 organizations in the United States.

Winners in the category of print journalism are Tammy L. Carter, Orlando Sentinel, for commentary; Kevin Merida, The Washington Post, features writing, and Jerry Mitchell, The Clarion Ledger, investigative reporting. A special judges’ award went to the staff of the Montgomery Advertiser.

Winners in the broadcast category are Byron Pitts, Jack Renau and Craig Crawford, CBS Evening News for news reports; Marion Brooks and Gregg Schatt, WMAQ-TV, documentary, and Jeff Koonsange, CNN International, news magazine.

The presentation ceremony will be held on campus Thursday, May 11. Each winning category will receive a bronze medal and $5,000.

The Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies is a university-based program that provides professional development opportunities for mid-career, black journalists and practical news gathering experiences for black journalism students.

Three Suppliers Get Exclusive Contract

As of February 1, 2006, changes were made in 615A State Contract Term to award five exclusive contract terms for office supplies. Office Depot was awarded the exclusive term contract for this procurement category.

In response to these changes, the Purchasing Office has arranged for two additional vendors to be available for the university’s office supply needs: Piedmont Office Suppliers and PACTS.

“These vendors offer a competitive pricing structure, next day delivery, strong customer support staff and a variety of methods to place your purchases,” said Ted Little, director of purchasing. “These are the exclusive vendors authorized for your office supply needs.”

Should you have any questions about making your office supply purchases, please contact the Purchasing Department, or one of the Account Managers listed for each vendor.

Little said that when preparing for office supply orders, remember that catalog prices may not reflect the discounted pricing that is available to state agencies. To access these prices, each vendor’s website is customized with the university’s current price structure.

“You may also contact each vendor’s customer service line for accurate pricing,” Little said.

A list of contact and other information about the vendors can be obtained from the Purchasing Office.

As a reminder, the PCard (procurement card) is the best method to pay for office supply purchases. For more information about the PCard, contact Thomas Williamson at twilliamson@ncat.edu.

Faculty and Staff Notes continued

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 International Technology Education Association. Childress will represent the International Technology Education Association.

Nita M. Dewberry, associate dean of arts and sciences, has been appointed to serve as a reader at the College Board’s 2006 AP Spanish Reading.

Minnie Battle Moyes, 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.

Beverly Wallace, director of the Upward Bound program, serves as a co-chair for the 34th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. The conference was held in Greensboro in February.

April 14
- University Holiday
- Faculty Forum, Carver Hall-Auditorium, 3 p.m.

April 19
- Sebastian Health Center’s Annual Health Fair, Memorial Student Union-Exhibit Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., F
- Performance Appraisal Training Workshop, 1020 Woven-Droom 009, 1-3 p.m., F, W, R
- Chancellor Search Community Public Forum, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro Office (330 S. Greene St.), 5-7 p.m.

April 21
- Beyond Rosa Parks: Civil Rights in the 21st Century, IAES Second Annual Blacks and the Fourth Estate Symposium, Alumni-Foundations Event Center, F

April 26
- Performance Appraisal Training Workshop.