Gillette, A&T Establish $1 Million Partnership Program

Gillette will provide the university with $1 million over the next three years to fund scholarships for students majoring in engineering, accounting and finance; faculty fellowships; internships at Gillette; faculty exchange programs and the creation of a Gillette Project Center.

The Project Center will be housed at N.C. A&T and it will provide opportunities for students to work on product development and testing, while the faculty exchange program will allow well-prepared professors to spend time at Gillette learning about the company’s latest technological advances and management initiatives.

“This partnership is good for the university, good for its students and good for Gillette,” said Royall Mack Jr., corporate vice president of civic affairs. “As one of the world’s leading marketers of consumer products, we are always looking to attract the best and brightest graduates.

“In addition, this partnership will provide us with top-notch, highly skilled minority graduates. North Carolina A&T is regarded as one of the nation’s leading institutions of higher learning, graduating more African American engineers and technologists than any other university in the country. We are proud to become a part of that history.”

Mack, an A&T alumnus, added, “Walking around campus today and meeting some of the students and faculty of the university, I felt a sense of thrill at the prospect of being able, in the not-too-distant future, to address some of them as my colleagues and coworkers at Gillette.”

Chancellor James C. Renick said that it was a momentous occasion for The Gillette Company and North Carolina A&T.

“It is definitely a win-win situation where all aspects of the campus will benefit from the scholarships, faculty fellowships, internships, faculty exchanges and corporate internship,” said Renick. “It illustrates Gillette’s expanded access to the rich talent pool here at A&T. Together, The Gillette Company and N.C. A&T are making a difference in the lives of our students and their families and in our country’s growing challenges of the future.

“Our promise to Gillette is that there will be many, many dividends from (their) investment at A&T.”

David Hoard, vice chancellor for development and university relations, said that the Aggie Family is very enthusiastic about the collaborative, interdisciplinary opportunities for Gillette, A&T and local communities.

“This gift puts us over the half- million mark for the 100 million capital campaigns,” Hoard added.

Headquartered in Boston, Mass., The Gillette Company is the world leader in male grooming, a category that includes razors and shaving preparations. Gillette also holds the number one position worldwide in selected female grooming products, such as wet shaving products and hair epilation devices. In addition, the company is the world leader in alkaline batteries and in manual and power toothbrushes.

Provost Recognized for Career Achievement

Once again, Provost Carolyn W. Meyers has made history. She is one of the first winners of the Emerald Honors for outstanding women in research science and technology.

Meyers has been a mechanical engineering pioneer for several decades, receiving commendations never before awarded to black women by the National Science Foundation, the Society of Automotive Engineers and the Foundry Educational Foundation. In September, she received a Women of Color Research Sciences and Technology Award from Career Communications Group, Inc., publisher of US Black Engineer & Information Technology magazine. The recognition is for career achievement.

As the first provost of North Carolina A&T State University—she also holds the position of vice chancellor for academic affairs—Meyers is second in command and she oversees all university operations and activities, along with fiscal management of an $85 million budget.

Meyers received her B.S.M.E. degree from Howard University, and her M.S.M.E. and Ph.D. from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Prior to her most recent appointments at A&T, Meyers was a program officer for the National Science Foundation (1999), dean of A&T’s College of Engineering (1996-97) and a professor of mechanical engineering, a title she still holds at the university.

At Georgia Tech, Meyers was an associate professor of mechanical engineering and director of the SUCCEED Coalition Center for Professional Success. She has been an engineering instructor at Atlanta University Center Corporation, a systems faculty research fellow in the Air Force Materials Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, and an analyst with General Electric Company. She also has done engineering consulting with the U.S. Army Materials Laboratory, Georgia Dome, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Neodyne Corporation.

Meyers has an impressive list of awards, honors, presentations, technical journals and publications to her credit. Her papers have been presented over half the United States as well as Canada, England and Sweden. She has been instrumental in securing millions of dollars in research grants from the National Science Foundation, TRW Foundation and other foundations, General Electric Foundation, United Technologies, and Exxon Corporation. According to USBE & Information Technology, “women are up to the challenge of science as well as technology, but our society is far from tapping their full potential.”

“Dr. Meyers continues to passionately promote science, mathematics, engineering and technology to students and in the community,” said Chancellor James C. Renick. “If there were more like her, I feel confident that our country would be the world’s foremost leader in all areas of education, but particularly in her chosen field.”

Rooney Visits Campus

CBS News and “60 Minutes” icon Andy Rooney brought his own view of humor to North Carolina A&T on Nov. 14. The three-time Emmy Award- winning writer gave a lecture and autographed books. The program was part of the Fall Lecture Series sponsored by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, where Dr. Teresa Jo Styles is chair. Styles, pictured with Rooney, is a former CBS producer.
Malone to Address December Grads

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Malone is general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, the United Kingdom's largest professional association and trade union of nurses. RCN has a membership of over 340,000 registered nurses, student nurses and trained health care assistants.

Since assuming her RCN role in 2001, Malone has served on numerous boards and committees in the U.K. In 2002, Management Today magazine identified her as one of the top 50 most powerful women in Britain.

Malone's career has mixed policy, education, administration and clinical practice. She is the author of many articles on nursing, diversity and health care, and she has published book reviews for various journals, including the Journal of Psychotherapy Practice and Research, American Journal of Nursing and Journal of Psychosocial Nursing.

A native of Elizabethtown, Ky., Malone began her career in nursing with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati in 1970. Two years later, she gained a master's degree in adult psychiatric nursing at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. She earned a doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Cincinnati in 1981.

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Employees should indicate eight days of vacation leave on their documents for Monday, Dec. 22. The university will reopen Monday, Dec. 29, and will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, to observe New Year's Day.

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DECEMBER 1-6
- Black Nativity, Triad Stage, 232 S. Elm St. (Greensboro), 8 p.m., $ ■

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A session on Basic Blackboard Training will be held 1-4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, in IBC 102. Topics include login, adding a banner, an announcement, staff information and external links; creating folders, copying and pasting text; attaching files; creating discussion boards and using digital drop box. Other training options include on-demand training with advanced training offered in the Academy for Teaching and Learning Center, training at departmental sites and drop-in sessions. Dates and times must be negotiated for these options. (336) 256-0210 for information.

Join the International Students Association (ISA) for a game of football Saturday, Dec. 6, in Holland Bowl, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Come prepared to play or cheer on your team. Experience international football in style! For information contact Loretha Graves, (336) 334-7551 or loretha@ncat.edu.

N.C. A&T’s Police Department will sponsor its second annual Police Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in Stallings Ballroom. Greensboro Police Chief David Wray is the guest speaker. Dinner, music and dancing are included in the cost of $11 per person. Contact Capt. Bigelow, (336) 334-7128, for payment, or stop by police headquarters in Ward Hall, 406 Laurel St.

Supervisors, don’t forget to collect emergency information forms from employees in your area and file them in a safe, secure location until needed. The forms should be accessible by another individual in your area in the event of your absence.