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Thank you for your interest in the first edition of the newsletter from the 2006 term North Carolina Agriculture and Technical University Alumni Association —Greater Los Angeles Chapter. These newsletters will be a source of information directly from the Chapter Executive Board, to you.

The main focus of this edition is to introduce you to the new President of the North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University Alumni Chapter—Greater Los Angeles Chapter and to familiarize you with our goals and the Chapter Directives.



Message from the President

Greetings and welcome to fiscal year 2005 of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association, Inc. – Greater Los Angeles Chapter. I am extremely honored and blessed to have the opportunity to serve this chapter in the presidential office. Thank you so much for electing me to this position. Let me be the first to welcome you to **“The Dawn of a New Chapter!”** For those of you who have been active in the past, new to the chapter, or interested in joining, you have inquired at the right time!

After a thorough analysis of the state of the chapter, it is clear that the primary focus of the chapter must be to productively fulfill the mission of the Association. Our mission is to encourage and promote involvement of Alumni by: meeting their needs for Alumni services; creating opportunities for participation in the life of the University; and developing and disseminating information that communicates the academic excellence of North Carolina A&T State University.

For fiscal year 2005, we will focus on the following directives: implement organizational structure, increase chapter exposure, manage membership recruitment, produce financial vitality, and improve chapter communications. If we, as a chapter, commit ourselves to the implementation of these five directives, we will be well on our way to becoming a noticeable and influential force in the city of Los Angeles.

Over the summer, your Chapter Executive Board has been transitioning, training, and developing policies to insure an efficient and effective process for managing the chapter. We have also been planning an exciting year filled with fun activities for members of all ages, including family-oriented events, mixers, and fundraising for the Annual Giving Fund.

What’s new to the chapter?

1. Governing documents – chapter bylaws and management policies.
2. Banking account – the checking and savings accounts are accompanied with an itemized budget for expenses and revenue.
3. Functional committees – allows the membership to get involved in decision-making in chapter operations.

4. Communication options – there are mechanisms in place for exchanging information with the members (telephone number, fax number, mail box, and e-mail)
Associate membership focus – persons who did not attend NC A&T SU can support the University through our efforts.

This year, we are going to play hard, take care of business, and have fun while we are doing it. We must, however, take care not to overextend ourselves. As the cliché goes, “We have to crawl before we can walk,” and in this manner, we must establish a foundation on which we can build the chapter to insure longevity for the future. I am so excited because of what God has promised for this chapter, but to succeed we must have the involvement of the membership and a determination to work towards the same goal - fulfill the mission. I look forward to a prosperous year and pray that you get involved, Aggies and supporters alike!

You will hear a lot of this during the year, so say it loud and say it proud..... ***AGGIE PRIDE!!!!***

Chapter Directives

The theme for the chapter this fiscal year is “The Dawn of a New Chapter – Building the Foundation.” As Aggies and Aggie supporters, we already know that when a functional mechanism has fallen apart, it must be evaluated, improved, and rebuilt. For this fiscal year, the chapter will be dedicated to building the chapter’s structure and ability to do business. While we are building, we must contribute to NC A&T State University and fulfill our mission.

I present you with the focus or direction for the year. By committing ourselves to fulfilling the five directives mentioned below, we will have a successful year that we can be proud to be involved, hereby, building the foundation for the future.

- President Byron Simpson, Jr.

Implement Organizational Structure

For any chapter or organization to prosper and be successful, there must be structure. For this year, we must create, maintain, and follow documents that will govern the chapter, create a Chapter Executive Board structure that will involve the membership in chapter operations and allow Board members to communicate and operate the chapter under the will of the membership. Once this is established, rules and policies shall be created to insure professional handling of chapter business.

Increase Chapter Exposure

If the chapter will have an influence on the city of Los Angeles, inform communities of the excellence that NC A&T has provided and continues to provide, we must publicize the purpose and activities of the chapter and university. To make this a reality, we shall create a network with other organizations and provide activities that influence the membership and greater Los Angeles community.

Manage Membership Recruitment

Active membership participation in the chapter has been a problem in the past. If the membership is happy with or feels appreciated by the Alumni Association, there is reason to return to the chapter each year. Without the membership, there is no chapter. To maintain a solid membership, we must retain the effort-giving and financially active members; solicit potential members in public places, and present attractive benefits for membership.

Produce Financial Stability

Everyone knows that an organization will not survive unless there is a stable source of finances. By executing a plan for raising funds and soliciting funds from government and private sources, we will bring money into the chapter to fill the financial need for chapter operational expenses and donations to the University Annual Giving Fund and scholarships. After a chapter budget is created, we will create savings and relief accounts for emergency situations and backup support.

Improve Chapter Communication

One of the purposes of the chapter is to pass information from NC A&T to the alumni and supporters in an efficient and effective manner. To do this, we must improve the communications within the Chapter Executive Board and between the Board and chapter members. By creating effective methods of communication within the chapter, communication will be improved.

Donate to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

The N.C. A&T Alumni Association has formed a Hurricane Relief Fund to support the needs of students and families impacted by the hurricane. The goal is a total contribution of \$50,000 to be collected by October 15th. The N.C. A&T Alumni Association will consolidate its giving with the nationwide giving effort being managed through the Tom Joyner Foundation.

We know that you are being solicited by a number of organizations. As a collective family, we know we can have an impact in the lives of affected people. We have demonstrated that in the past when we had floods in the eastern part of North Carolina in 2000.

We need you to make your donation count now when people need it the most. We are asking you to donate to the relief fund here.

National President Teresa M. Davis

You may download a registration form from or donate online at <http://www.losangelesaggies.com/katrina> or submit your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, chapter affiliation, class, college/school attended, names of family or alumni who are in need, and resources that you would like to donate. Please mail this along with contribution to:

The NC A&T Alumni Hurricane Fund
P.O. Box 20966
Greensboro, NC 27420

Thank you,

President Byron Simpson, Jr.

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