

#### ■ *Re-classified*

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University received the Carnegie Foundation classification of “High Research Activity,” a designation that is shared by only 108 universities in the nation, four HBCUs and two universities in the UNC System. “High Research Activity” is the second highest designation that can be given to a university.

#### ■ *Three for Three*

For the third consecutive year, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University ranked third among the 16 constituent universities of the UNC System with \$41.5 million in research funding for fiscal year 2006-2007.

#### ■ *Honorable Mention*

The Global Studies Certificate Program received Honorable Mention recognition for the 2007 Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovations in International Education.

#### ■ *Honors Paid*

The Honors Program formed partnerships with the Divisions of Research and Economic Development and the Division of Student Affairs. Eleven students in the program conducted paid, mentored research under the auspices of the Division of Research during the summer.

#### ■ *Combating Obesity*

The Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies launched its first national research project dealing with black youth obesity. Students paired with professional journalists who went out with the primary mission to “seek truth and report it.” The teams attained the project objectives, which were to report on “what we know about black youth obesity,” “what we don’t know about black youth obesity” and “what are the best practices for combating this problem.” As a result, the Institute hosted a Black Youth Obesity Conference in April 2007 and published a booklet, *Black Childhood Obesity: What’s Behind It, How to Beat It*.

#### ■ *Action Plan*

The Institute of Public Health led a Pandemic Response Team effort comprised of individuals across the University to develop a comprehensive Pandemic Influenza Action Plan for North Carolina A&T State University for submission to University of North Carolina General Administration. Upon review, UNC rated the plan outstanding and used it as a model for other colleges and universities.

#### ■ *Broken Records*

The Office of Summer Session and Outreach received record breaking enrollments and revenue generation. The headcount was up by 6.3 percent from 4,133 in 2005 to 4,394 in 2006, and revenue exceeded the \$3 million mark for the first time, up over \$600,000 the previous year.

#### ■ *Waste High*

The Interdisciplinary Waste Management Institute (WMI) established partnerships with Allied Waste Industries (\$20,000 in scholarships, internships, guest speakers and student employment), Camp Dresser and McKee Inc. (\$16,000 in scholarships/ internships and \$3,000 in support of the national environmental conference), Hardin County, Ky., Water District 1 (grease study); and Department of Energy Savannah River Site (\$123,000). The WMI awarded \$48,000 interdisciplinary scholarships to 45 WMI students.

#### ■ *Nano y Nano*

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors approved plans to establish the Joint Schools of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, a partnership with North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro that will be located at Gateway University Research Park in southeast Greensboro.

Proposals to establish a Professional Master of Science degree program and a Ph.D. in nanoscience were submitted to UNC General Administration. The state Legislature approved nearly \$4 million to begin the development of the Nanotechnology School.