

involved with a faculty mentor in major research for 10-weeks from May – July. Summer Research participants are awarded a stipend and tuition, room and board as needed during the research period.

### **VETERAN AND DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Office of Veteran and Disability Support Services (OVDSS), located on the ground floor of Murphy Hall, is established to assist veterans, eligible veteran dependents and students with disabilities in the areas of registration, certification, academic modifications, accommodations, assessment, and adjustment to university life.

**Veterans and Veteran Dependents** - This office is responsible for the certification and processing of applications for educational benefits for veterans and veteran dependents that are eligible. For detailed information on VA benefits, contact the certifying official in the office (Suite 005, Murphy Hall). *This office does not handle North Carolina Veteran Scholarships.*

**Disability Support Services** - This office also identifies and makes the necessary arrangements for academic adjustments as well as assuring that all other programs, services and activities are accessible to persons with disabilities.

The office serves as a liaison for all students with documented disabilities as they participate in programs and activities enjoyed by all students. Students with documented disabilities that wish to receive accommodations and/or adjustments MUST register with this office. All information pertaining to the student's disability is kept confidential. Information and arrangement for services are transmitted and handled through OVDSS including grievances, assistance and compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

### **UPWARD BOUND**

The Upward Bound Program was established by special amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 to assist students from low-income families and first generation college backgrounds. The primary purpose of Upward Bound is to generate in its participants the skills and motivation necessary to complete a program of secondary education, and to enter and succeed in a post-secondary education program. Upward Bound operates year-round and provides services through three components: a six-week summer residential program, a nine-month academic year tutorial program, and a Bridge Program for Upward Bound graduates. The basic services of Upward Bound have traditionally included tutorial and instructional assistance in college preparatory courses, counseling, academic advisement, personal and career development, cultural enrichment, and individualized assistance in applying to college.

Upward Bound serves 124 high school students from the Guilford County area, and has operated at NC A&T State University since 1967. This program has effectively promoted the college enrollment of numerous students. It has also routinely served as a valuable source for work experiences for upper-class college students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership and character.

### **INTRAMURAL SPORTS**

The mission of Intramural Sports is to provide students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to participate in recreation and sports programs as well as access to recreational facilities.

Intramural Sports programs may be competitive, noncompetitive, organized, or informal to meet the diverse needs and interest of the participants.

The sports leagues currently available during the school year include men's and women's basketball, flag football, volleyball, kickball, and soccer. In addition, softball, swimming, weightlifting, tennis, racquetball, aerobics, horseshoes, walking club, and open gym are also available.

Intramural Sports provides internships and field work experiences for students majoring in Recreation. Training and employment opportunities are also available to students interested in officiating sports.

### **STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM**

The Student Support Services (SSS) Program provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post secondary education. The goal of the SSS program is to increase the college retention and graduation rate of its participants and facilitate the process of transition from one level of higher education to the next.

Services Provided by the Program Include:

- Instruction in basic study skills
- Tutorial services
- Academic, financial, or personal counseling
- Assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate and professional programs
- Information about career options
- Mentoring

### **Application Information**

To receive assistance students must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of post secondary at this institution. Only potential first-generation college students, low-income students, and students with disabilities evidencing academic need are eligible to participate. The university received a four year grant from the department of education to operate the program. All services provided to participants are free. Applications are available in 212 Murphy Hall.

### **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

The primary purpose of the Student Financial Aid Office is to provide financial assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend college. Financial aid is money awarded to assist you and your parents in paying for the cost of an education. Applying and receiving financial aid should be a simple process. Students apply for need based and some non-need based financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students should complete this form immediately after January 1. There is no processing fee and all students are encouraged to complete the application. Students can submit the FAFSA on the Web (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>) or mail the form to the Federal Processing Center. North Carolina A&T State University school code is 002905. The University's priority deadline is March 15, however, students who miss the deadline are still encouraged to complete and mail the FAFSA.