

## **MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER**

<http://www.ncat.edu/~multicultural>

The Multicultural Student Center is an integral part of the University and the Division of Student Affairs. Located in 213 of Murphy Hall, the Office provides programs and services that support the academic mission of the University by enhancing the educational, personal, cultural and social development of our diverse student population, including: African, Asian and Native American; Caucasian; Hispanic/Latino; International; Veteran; Non-Traditional; Students w/Disabilities; Visiting Scholars; and Others. North Carolina A&T State University is committed to the enrollment and retention of minority students. The Multicultural Student Center seeks to create an awareness of and appreciation for ethnic and cultural diversity by promoting culturally diverse activities. Programs and services are available to all students addressing academic, cultural and personal needs to ensure that each student in the A&T community receives the best education possible. Volunteer service opportunities exist through the Multicultural Student Center's Advisory Committee, Newsletter Editorial Board and various other committees.

Supporting the Multicultural Student Center is one way in which the University has dedicated itself to building bridges of knowledge, cooperation and understanding between persons of differing ethnic and social backgrounds. Students are encouraged to affiliate with the many student organizations on campus as well. Efforts to serve our students are designed to increase the retention and graduation of students through activities, newsletters, workshops, mentoring programs, surveys, counseling, and a variety of program outreach services that focus on personal development and campus involvement. The Multicultural Student Center offers leadership opportunities, social and service activities, often in cooperation with other campus organizations. The Center is open from 8am – 5pm daily and is staffed by the Director and Assistant.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS OFFICE (ISSO)**

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The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) provides services and programs for international (foreign-born) students and scholars. The office staff provides assistance with pre-arrival preparation, arrival/adjustment assistance, the admission process, housing, insurance, and immigration matters. Orientation and advisement are provided to assist students with their adjustment to the University and community. In cooperation with various departments and organizations, including the International Student Association (ISA), the office provides activities that enhance cultural, social and personal development. The ISA is open to all international students and scholars with an interest in the goals of the organization. Registration with the Office of International Students and Scholars Office is required.

Students and scholars are encouraged to promote multicultural understanding by participating in a variety of activities in the Greensboro community.

Approximately one hundred fifty international students attend the University and they represent over 50 countries in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Caribbean/West Indies, Central America, Europe, Middle East, North America, and South America.

All international (foreign-born) students are required to verify the immigration/residency status to the International Students and Scholars Office before registering at the University and notify the Office immediately of any change in their immigration status and address.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant students. All F-1 non-immigrants are required to obtain an I-20 [Certificate of Eligibility for Non-immigrant Student Status for Academic and Language Students] from this institution prior to enrollment. (I-20's issued by another institution are not valid for attendance at A&T). The requirements for an I-20 include acceptance to the University, a TOEFL score of 550 or above; a financial guarantee (letter of support, bank statement and verification of salary from sponsor's employer); and a partial deposit for the first year's tuition and fees. Proof of valid