



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

• OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT •

AGGIE PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WELCOME FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Greetings,

Welcome to Aggieworld new Aggie Parents! We are thrilled your student will create memories, earn their degree, make lifelong friends and experience Aggie Pride for the next four years here at North Carolina A&T State University. To our returning families, Welcome Back, we sincerely hope your students' journey has been and was successful during the 2017-2018 academic period. The Division of Student Affairs is gearing up for the year, the campus is abuzz anxiously awaiting the arrival of Aggie students. A variety of activities designed to support the students, as they pursue their degree, is our singular focus each semester. Throughout the year we will offer a series of leadership and professional development activities, Student Government events, multicultural awareness, community service, and membership in an array of clubs and organizations, just to name a few of the many opportunities.

We encourage you to stay connected to the Division, staying abreast of what is happening in Aggieworld, through the family portal, <https://www.ncat.edu/student-affairs/student-engagement>. Get ready to embark on the best year ever at A&T; we will be here to guide you – because that's what Aggies Do!

Sincerely,

Melody C. Pierce, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

COUNSELING SERVICES

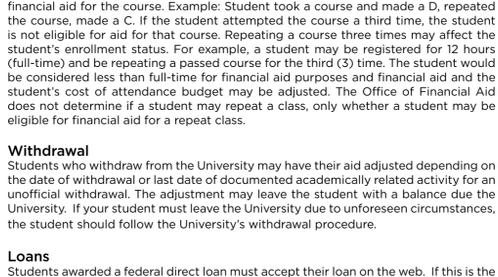
Greetings from Counseling Services!

As students are settling into their classes, inquiring about student organizations, connecting with new and old friends, and attending some campus programs, they may also be experiencing some adjustment issues from home to college.

Even returning from the summer break requires some readjusting for our returning students. It is not uncommon for students to experience some emotional challenges during this time or while in college. Please encourage your students to seek confidential and free support from Counseling Services.

Our center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) and has a diverse staff of licensed mental health professionals who are trained and equipped to meet the developmental and unique needs of college students. We also work collaboratively with student affairs, academic affairs as well as other supportive units to facilitate change for our students, including management of their mental health, recovery and prevention concerns, and social skills training, through outreach and consultation for decreasing stigma and increasing help-seeking skills, and provide information regarding referrals and access to campus resources. For additional information, call 336-334-7727 or visit our website: [Click Here](#)

THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE



Students can drop a course up through the fifth day of the semester on Aggie Access Online; after that, students need an add/drop form with signed permission from their advisor and receive a W notation on the course. Deadlines for dropping and withdrawing from classes are posted in the Academic Calendar (<https://www.ncat.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>).

Students are limited to 16 hours of Ws. Ws count as attempted hours and are included in Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) calculations as well as tuition surcharge assessment.

IMPORTANT: Not going to class does not constitute dropping or withdrawing from a course section. Students are responsible for ensuring they have officially dropped or withdrawn.

Students can request enrollment verifications through the National Student Clearinghouse (<http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/>).

Students can request official transcripts via the National Student Clearinghouse (<http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/>). Additional transcript ordering information (<https://www.ncat.edu/registrar/student-info/transcript1.html>).

[Click here](#) to learn more information about Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Requirements

[Click here](#) to view the Fall 2018 Academic Calendar

FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA for 2019-2020

Students and parents can begin completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for 2019-2020 beginning October 1, 2018 using your 2017 tax information. You are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval within the FAFSA. Apply early. The FAFSA is a free application and students should not pay anyone to complete the FAFSA.

Parents who are selected for verification and did not file taxes for the 2017 tax year must submit a Non-Filer form from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It is recommended that you request the form in advance, if needed. It may take up to sixty (60) days for the IRS to process your request. During tax season, it may take longer.

Repeating a Course

Federal regulations place limits on the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive financial aid for that course. Students who passed a course with a grade of a "D" or better may only repeat the class one additional time and receive financial aid for the course. Example: Student took a course and made a D, repeated the course, made a C. If the student attempted the course a third time, the student is not eligible for aid for that course. Repeating a course three times may affect the student's enrollment status. For example, a student may be registered for 12 hours (full-time) and be repeating a passed course for the third (3) time. The student would be considered less than full-time for financial aid purposes and financial aid and the student's cost of attendance budget may be adjusted. The Office of Financial Aid does not determine if a student may repeat a class, only whether a student may be eligible for financial aid for a repeat class.

Withdrawal

Students who withdraw from the University may have their aid adjusted depending on the date of withdrawal or last date of documented academically related activity for an unofficial withdrawal. The adjustment may leave the student with a balance due the University. If your student must leave the University due to unforeseen circumstances, the student should follow the University's withdrawal procedure.

Loans

Students awarded a federal direct loan must accept their loan on the web. If this is the student's first time borrowing at the University, the student must also complete the Entrance Counseling Session and Master Promissory Note at www.studentloans.gov. Loans for new students will not be disbursed until thirty (30) days after the beginning of classes.

Students and parents who borrowed a Federal Direct Loan for one semester will receive disbursements in two payments; one half at the beginning of the semester and the other half at the mid-point of the semester. First time borrowers expecting a refund from a Federal Direct loan will not receive a refund until a week after the second disbursement (mid-point of the semester).

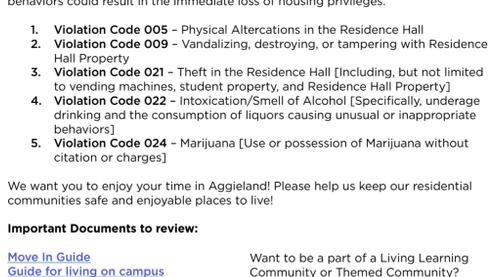
Email & Aggie Access

Students are notified of deadlines, missing documents and other information via their NCAT email address. Please encourage your student to view their email and Aggie Access account regularly.

Emailing Personal Identifiable Information

Parents and students are asked not to email personal identifiable information which lists the student's and/or parent's information (such as tax returns, information listing the student's full ID, etc) via email due to security reasons. Information should be faxed, mailed or brought into the office.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS



Are you claiming NC residency for tuition purposes?

If your student(s) claim(s) to be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes, he/ she must participate in the Residency Determination Service (RDS) interview process and provide the Admissions office with their Residency Certification Number (RCN) from RDS. For more information and to complete the RDS online interview, visit www.ncat.edu/residency/. Please note that all residency updates must be submitted by the 10th day of class.

CAREER SERVICES

The Importance of Obtaining an Internship and/or Co-op Opportunity

As a parent/guardian, family or friend, why is it important to encourage your Aggie to participate in experiential learning? We ask employers what they look for in candidates when hiring for a full-time position and the number one answer is **more experience!**

The Office of Career Services encourages all students to gain career-related experiences before they graduate by participating in at least one experiential learning activity. For college students, experiential learning means gaining active, hands-on experience in the real world of work as a part of their academic field of study and career development. These activities can include but are not limited to internship, co-op, volunteer, community service and research experiences.

Experiential learning enables students to:

- Explore career interests and clarify future career goals
- Network with professionals and identify potential mentors
- Improve post-graduation job prospects
- Earn recognition through transcript notation or course credit



North Carolina A&T students on their summer internship assignments

It requires a fair amount of effort from students to secure an experiential learning opportunity, so starting early is critical. Some things students should start with is to take a career assessment test, develop a resume, participate in a mock interview and register with our online job portal at [AggieIntern](http://aggieintern.com). Students can also make an appointment with our Assistant Director for Experiential Learning to discuss and develop a plan of action.

For more information about our office, registration process, workshops, and events visit us online at www.careerservices.ncat.edu or in person in Murphy Hall Suite 101. We can also be reached at ocs@ncat.edu or 336-334-7755.

Below are a list of upcoming career fair activities that will be beneficial for your Aggie to attend.



- Career Fair Kick-off Week: Resume/Mock Interview Drive - 9/4-7/2018
- Career Services/JCPenney Suit Up Event 9/9/2018
- Employer Panel: How to Obtain a Co-op/Internship - 9/10/2018
- Navigating the Career Fair for Freshmen Seminar - 9/11/2018
- Career Awareness Fair - 9/12/2018
- Career Fair Next Day Interviewing - 9/13/2018

ANNUAL GIVING



Parents and families, join in on the Aggie Experience!



Demonstrate your Aggie Pride and make a gift to North Carolina A&T State University. Visit www.ncat.edu/giving to support the university and help benefit your student.

Your gift in any amount will gain you recognition in our Honor Roll of Donors. Make an outright gift or provide steady and reliable support with bi-weekly or monthly recurring drafts.

Donors that give \$1,000 or more will receive a special invitation to attend the Chancellor's Donor Appreciation Reception.

Make your gift today and reference 19PFFNL appeal code.

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

Office Location: Aggie Village 2 Office 202
Phone: 336-334-7708 or Email: housing@ncat.edu

Welcome Aggies! We are glad you have decided to experience Housing & Residence Life in Aggieworld. We hope this experience will be memorable and rewarding during your stay. Campus living is a unique and valuable experience that will serve as a special part of your education. All student housing assignment information can be found in the [My Housing Portal](#).

Our talented staff members and student leaders are committed to serving you and working with you to create an atmosphere conducive to academic, intellectual, social and emotional growth within your community.

Our residents living on campus will have the opportunity to:

1. Establish a home away from home
2. Establish meaningful connections through academic and social networks
3. Become more aware of and appreciate diversity on campus and how it applies to the global community
4. Develop leadership skills
5. Understand the importance of community responsibility

Additionally, we expect our residents to uphold ideals for living on campus such as integrity, mutual respect, inquiry, citizenship, and connection. We believe that these ideals make up the foundation for creating a successful residential and campus community. These ideals allow residents to maintain honor and respect towards each other while strengthening their interpersonal relationships with others. Get to know your roommates, suitemates, neighbors and hall staff.

Housing and Residence Life Zero Tolerance

We are committed to providing safe, healthy, and engaging living environments for all Residence Hall Students. The violation codes below are a part of a **Zero Tolerance** Policy that aims to reduce and manage disruptive behavior in our residence halls and campus-operated apartments, while also ensuring the safety of our residential and campus community. Please be advised that engaging in any of the below behaviors could result in the immediate loss of housing privileges.

1. **Violation Code 005** – Physical Altercation, in the Residence Hall
2. **Violation Code 009** – Vandalizing, destroying, or tampering with Residence Hall Property
3. **Violation Code 021** – Theft in the Residence Hall (Including, but not limited to vending machines, student property, and Residence Hall Property)
4. **Violation Code 022** – Intoxication/Smell of Alcohol (Specifically, underage drinking and/or consumption of liquor of any amount or inappropriate behaviors)
5. **Violation Code 024** – Marijuana [Use or possession of Marijuana without citation or charges]

We want you to enjoy your time in Aggieworld! Please help us keep our residential communities safe and enjoyable places to live!

Important Documents to review:

[Move In Guide](#)
[Guide for Living on campus](#)
[Student Handbook 2017-2018](#)
[Suggested Items to bring](#)
[Campus Safety Tips](#)

Want to be a part of a Living Learning Community or Themed Community? For more information, please visit our [Residential Communities](#) webpage.

CONTINUING STUDENTS

We are excited for our Continuing students to reside with March 12 - March 18, 2019 in the [My Housing Portal](#). The application and the non-refundable \$175 application fee must be paid at the same time to complete this application process. Following the application process, Continuing Students get the opportunity to select from Residence Halls and Campus Related Apartments for their assignment. [View more details](#) about our assignment process.

Housing and Residence Life provides several undergrad and graduate [student employment](#) opportunities and the [Residence Hall Association](#) to help build professional skills, embrace diversity and develop lifelong relationships. Get Involved!

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MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER

Many Cultures. One Aggie Pride.

The Multicultural Student Center (MSC) at North Carolina A&T State University was established in 2001 to support the educational, cultural, social and intellectual growth of the campus community about individual differences and global issues. The center supports the institution's goal to ensure that the entire campus community, regardless of your individual difference is a safe and welcome environment. It serves to support the University's mission to protect, educate and inform the community that North Carolina A&T State University does not discriminate based on - ethnicity, race, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender, physical ability or religion. To learn more information about Diversity Scholarships, [Click here](#).

CAMPUS ENTERPRISES

COMING FALL 2018
All students living on campus will have [access to washers and dryers](#) in the residence halls.

A laundry fee will be automatically billed to your student account.

REQUEST FOR PARK ALLOWANCE BOOKING VOUCHERS AUGUST 6 - 29, 2018

AGGIE C-STORE
Will Accept Flex Dollars

Purchase your meal plan online today
Log into Aggie Access

To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into all Athletic Venues, a clear bag regulation has been implemented this year that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into these venues. The University Administration reserves the right to impose this regulation at any event.

Fans are strongly encouraged to only bring bags that are permissible. These bags include:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand
- Diaper bags must be accompanied by a child (are subject to be searched)

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to:

- Coolers
- Briefcases
- Backpacks/Cinch bags/Fanny packs
- Luggage
- Computer bags/Camera bags/ any bag larger than the permissible size.

Exceptions will be granted for medically necessary items, working personnel and media but are strongly encouraged to place in a clear bag for easier entry. These exceptions will enter through designated gates and be subject to screening and/or bag inspections. Exception to this regulation is the Game Zone during Football games.

HELPFUL LINKS

LiveSafe App

LiveSafe is a free mobile app made available by the University Police Department. Designed to prevent crime and enable better incident response, the LiveSafe technology includes an app for smartphone users that is connected to a cloud-based dashboard that is monitored by UPD.

AggieAlert!

AggieAlert! is the University text notification system for emergencies, life-threatening situations and inclement weather.

Please encourage other parents and families to join the [Aggie Parent Email List!](#)

