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## **NC State is New Home to National Academic Advisors Organization**

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The National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics (N4A) has established permanent headquarters on the campus of North Carolina State University at the newly renovated Case Athletics Center.

In addition, the N4A has named NC State graduate and Raleigh-area resident Jane Moore to become the organization's first permanent executive director. Moore graduated from NC State in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

"To have the national office here is important for us," said Phil Moses, the director of NC State's Academic Support Program and a past president of the N4A. "And to get someone of Jane's stature and skill is really icing on the cake."

Established in 1975, the N4A is a non-profit organization that has previously relied on part-time directors and a large base of volunteers, with executive officers who serve one- and two-year terms. The organization conducts five annual regional conferences and a national convention each year to bring its members together to discuss ongoing issues in the field of academic advising for athletes at two- and four-year colleges.

The N4A has approximately 800 members in five regions across the country. The membership includes advisors and counselors from college campuses, tutorial coordinators, life skill coordinators, compliance coordinators, psychologists, faculty members and faculty athletics representatives, athletics administrators and high school guidance counselors.

The organization chose NC State as the host of the national office because of the university's dedication to N4A's mission of personal and academic development for student-athletes. Both Moses and Demetrius Marlowe, NC State's academic coordinator for the Academic Support Program for Student Athletes, have served as president of the organization. Carrie Leger, the assistant director of academic support, is the current Region II representative.

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“When the opportunity surfaced to bring the national office of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics to our campus, Provost Larry Nielsen and I both strongly felt that it would be a great fit for NC State and the N4A,” said Dr. Thomas Conway, NC State’s dean of undergraduate academic programs. “The N4A has provided the professional development component in the field of athletic academic advising for three decades. Our own Academic Support Program for Student Athletes has been actively involved in the association for a long time in very prominent leadership positions.”

Conway also praised the selection of Moore as the organization’s first executive director.

NC State was host for the association’s 30<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Cary in 2005 and has twice been a host of regional conferences.

Current N4A president Kerry Howland of the University of Tennessee is also supportive of the organization’s growth.

“I cannot fully express my gratitude to Phil Moses and his staff, as well as Dr. Thomas Conway, in making this significant progress happen,” Howland said.

“Because of them and the strong leadership of the N4A Board of Directors and past presidents, we are professionalizing our organization in ways we previously only imagined.”