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NC State Receives Carnegie Classification in Community Engagement

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The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected North Carolina State University among 76 U.S. colleges and universities for its new Community Engagement classification, which focuses on the nature and extent of the schools' connections with the community.

NC State submitted a 91-page document that highlighted its numerous and varied successful interactions with the community. These include Centennial Campus, the university's research park that stimulates creative solutions to problems through its strong partnerships with industry and government, and the Service-Learning Program, in which students actively participate in community service as part of classroom activities.

Schools were classified in three categories: "curricular engagement," or how the schools actively engage students and faculty in community-identified needs and work to improve community well-being; "outreach and partnerships," which focuses on the application and provision of institutional resources for community use with benefits to both campus and community and on collaborative interactions with community and related scholarship for mutually beneficial exchange; and a combined "curricular engagement and outreach & partnerships" category, which includes institutions with substantial commitments in both areas described above.

NC State was one of 62 institutions receiving classification in the latter category due to its deep and wide commitments in both curricular engagement and outreach and partnerships. These partnerships include college activities in community design, economic development, 4-H and youth development, as well as Centennial Campus, the Industrial Extension Service and Cooperative Extension programs.

"NC State and 'ivory tower' have never been synonymous," says Dr. James Zuiches, vice chancellor for extension, engagement and economic development. "This Carnegie classification affirms what we already know so well: NC State takes its extension, community engagement and economic development work just as seriously as it takes its

teaching and research responsibilities. We work hard to recognize, understand and solve the problems facing our state and nation.”

To view NC State’s community engagement document, go to the Web at www.ncsu.edu/extension/publications/documents/9.06.06_Carnegie_extended.doc.

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