Parks a Key to Physical Activity According to Floyd
Public parks and recreation amenities play an important role in facilitating physical activity especially in low income communities. Our own expert, Dr. Myron Floyd, was awarded a Distinguished Researcher Travel Award by the University of South Australia allowing him to travel to Australia to exchange active living, physical activity, and sustainable communities ideas with colleagues at UniSA and Deakin University. He also presented a paper at the International Symposium on Healthy People, Healthy Parks in Melbourne. More

News & Events

Fund 5 New Scholarships in 5 Years!
Students want to study careers in tourism, park, recreation and sport management but current economic conditions make it difficult. Our alumni and friends are stepping up to help deserving students! Please help fund these scholarships. More

1st Annual CNR Golf Tournament is Successful
The 1st Annual College of Natural Resources Golf Tournament was held this spring at the new Lonnie Poole Golf Course at NC State. Almost 100 alumni and friends participated to benefit student scholarships. One of the many highlights was the accompaniment of a PGA Golf Management student as a forecaddie for each group. More

Where in the World are our PRTM Interns?
Over 200 of our students will spend their summer working at facilities and organizations like the YMCA, Stone Mountain State Park, Lighthouse Resort, TPC Sawgrass, the Raleigh Convention Center, and Durham Bulls Baseball. Read more about how a PRTM student can perform his / her internship with YOU! More

Second Saturdays
PRTM Tourism Extension and NC Cooperative Extension are partners in an exciting new state-wide initiative. “Second Saturdays”, sponsored by the NC Department of Cultural Resources (DCR), highlights 37 museums and historic sites across the state by creating fun and free events on the second Saturdays during the summer months. Events will highlight local artists, crafts, local foods, and fresh produce. More
Alumni Spotlights

Kelly Jordan Diener
Kelly Jordan Diener ('03) currently works in the Admissions Office at Cardinal Stritch University, a small private, Catholic school in Milwaukee, WI. Her recent marriage to the Cardinal Stritch Wolves men's basketball coach, Drew Diener, led to a new home and a new opportunity to assist a full spectrum of prospective students with the college admissions process. More

Neal Lewis Honored as Fall 2009 Outstanding Alumnus
The department is proud to recognize Neal Lewis ('73), as the Fall 2009 Outstanding Alumnus. Lewis is Director of the New Hanover County Parks and Recreation Department and is recognized for his successful career as a park and recreation professional, as a steward of the environment, as an active and contributing member of his community, and as a leader and mentor for young professionals.

Ingrid Wicker-McCree Honored as Outstanding Alumnus - Spring 2010
The department is proud to recognize Ingrid Wicker-McCree ('91, '08) as the Spring 2010 Outstanding Alumnus. This award is presented yearly to an individual who has earned at least a B.S. degree from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM) at NCSU and has been a practicing professional for at least ten years. More

Lewis Ledford Honored for Lifetime Achievement
The department is excited to recognize Lewis Ledford as the 2009-2010 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. This award recognizes the outstanding contribution to the parks, recreation, tourism, sport or golf profession at the state, national, or international level. The award is designed to recognize individuals who are not graduates of the NC State Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management. Recipients must be a practicing professional for at least twenty (20) years. More

Where Are They Now?

Mande Swisher
On January 4, 2010, NC and Robeson County Cooperative Extension welcomed the arrival of the state's first tourism development agent, Mande Swisher ('09). More

Information Needed
We would like to list information about our alumni for future issues of our newsletter. In order to do that we need your help. Please email information on what you are doing, where you are working, promotions, marriages, births, hobbies, great vacations you are taking, etc., to susan_colby@ncsu.edu.

Faculty & Staff Honors

Vick Honored for Outstanding Advising
Dr. Candace Goode-Vick has been awarded a Certificate of Merit from the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) and will be honored at the NACADA annual conference in October 2010. Vick has also been selected by the National Recreation and Park Association to serve on the NRPA Council of Accreditation. More
Moretz-Henderson Selected for University Award for Excellence
Janell Moretz-Henderson, lecturer and academic advisor for PRTM, has been selected as one of two recipients from the College of Natural Resources for the 2010 University Award for Excellence.

Grappendorf Delivers Keynote Address
Dr. Heidi Grappendorf, Assistant Professor, NC State University Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, delivered the keynote address at the 2nd Annual UNC-G Girls and Women in Sport Symposium Friday April 23. Her presentation was titled, “Where We’ve Been, Where We Are, Where We Are Going: Girls & Women in Sport and Physical Activity.” More

Tomas Honored by NC Extension Specialists
Dr. Stacy Tomas, Tourism Extension Specialist, in the NC State Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, has been awarded the 2010 Special Specialist Award by the NC Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists. More