On October 13, 2013 Barry S. Tindall ('67) was awarded the Pugsley Award for his devoted service to the National Recreation and Park Association (1967-2005). The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley Award is sponsored by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the Davey Tree Expert Company and the National Park Foundation. It is one of the most prestigious awards given in recognition of individuals who make remarkable progress in the advancement and improvement of public parks. Barry's professional expertise established fundamental relationships within NRPA, with community leaders, local government, U.S. Congress and international leaders. "Tindall's legacy remains a driving force within NRPA for continued success of the public park and recreation movement in the 21st century. (The Honorable Cornelius Amory Pugsley 2013 Awards, Page 18)".

Learn more about the Puglsey awards at: www.aapra.org/pugsley.html

Dr. Yu-Fai Leung has partnered with the National Park Service and the North Carolina Coastal Reserve on two different projects focused on land use management and visitor impact. Dr. Leung collaborated with the Park Service to develop the Merced River Plan for Yosemite National Park to preserve the park while enhancing visitor experience. Please visit the New York Times to learn more. Through Dr. Leung's collaboration with the Coastal Reserve, valuable data regarding the
impact of visitors on land resources at the Rachel Carlson and Masonboro Island reserves has been collected. More information can be found here.

Dr. Duarte Morais Introduces Students to a New Kind of Tourism

Students in PRT 491 - Tourism, Poverty & Health spent a recent Saturday in Chatham County. In the morning they interacted with two People-First Tourism micro-entrepreneurs, and in the afternoon they worked with GPS units, a smartphone geo-track app (Wikiloc.com), and with GigaPan robots that collect 360 panoramic photos. It was a rewarding day of hands-on learning and service, please visit this link and view the youtube video the students made.

Dr. Jordan Smith Publishes Study on Impact of Population Growth on Residents Trust

During times of community change, familiar sources of information feel more trustworthy. As local populations grow, local elected officials and national news media become less trusted, compared with friends and family, local churches and civic institutions. This 'trust deficit' has implications for long-term environmental and community planning. Read more details regarding this study online in the journal Human Ecology.

Alumnus Honored by White House as Immigrant Innovator Champion of Change

In May of 2013 the White House recognized a group of Americans who do extraordinary things to empower and inspire members of their communities. Alumnus ('99) John Herrera was among them. His work within the Durham, NC community developing economic opportunities for Latino families and ultimately co-founding the Latino community Credit Union (LCCU) in 2000 earned him the title "Immigrant Innovator Champion of Change." He is currently the Senior Vice President for Latino Hispanic Affairs with the Self-Help Credit Union. Read More>>>
PRTM Undergraduate Students Quiz Bowl Champions!

At this year's NCRPA/SCRPA Joint Carolinas Conference Quiz Bowl in November competition was fierce between: Appalachian State University, North Carolina Central University and NC State University. In the end it was NC State's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management who was victorious. Congratulations!

Two PGM Alumni at PGA Headquarters

Lindsay Pitts (2011) was named Account Executive and Steve Limpach (2013) was named Member Services Representative at the PGA Headquarters in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

PGM Alumni Develops Successful Children’s Golf Program

Matthew Jones (2013) is the Get Golf Ready Coordinator at Highland Park Golf Course in Birmingham, Alabama where he has created programs to make golf easy and fun for children. Both parents and children have had a positive response to his work. Read more>>>

PRTM Freshman Receives CNR Research Grant

Freshman Devin McAreavy has been awarded a CNR Undergraduate Research Grant to work with Dr. Jordan Smith on developing ways to use GPS enabled smartphone technology to inventory and monitor resource conditions in urban parks.

Stephenson at NCHSAA

Alumnus Patrick Stephenson (2013) was named Assistant Director of Sponsorships and Marketing for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Names Geoffrey Stephens

North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitors Bureau has named Geoffrey D. Stephens (2011) Sports and Group Tourism Sales Manager.

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Alumnus Dr. Mike Edwards Joins PRTM Faculty

Dr. Mike Edwards joined the PRTM faculty as an assistant professor in August of this year. He comes to our department from Texas A & M University where he spent 4 years teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level and developing his research program. His research is focused on improving social equity in sport to improve community health and how management practices and policies play a role.

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Colby Elected as UNC Staff Assembly Chair

In October 2013 Susan Colby, PGM Student Services Coordinator and PRTM alumna (1985, 2013) became Chair of the UNC Staff Assembly representing over 27,000 UNC System staff members to UNC System President, Tom Ross. She just completed a year as Chair of the NC State Staff Senate in which she served as the voice of staff to Chancellor Randy Woodson and members of the NC State administration and Board of Trustees.

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Students Initiate Seminar Series

PRTM undergraduate students Trey Jones, Marcus Spruill, Micayla Mitchell and Morgan Cheek were interested in the diversity within their chosen profession. In order to learn more about the careers in recreation and sport, they decided to implement a seminar series with speakers from a variety of backgrounds. For more information go to: http://cnr.ncsu.edu/prtm/news/prtseminars.php

Upcoming Events

December 18, 2013 - Fall Commencement

April 25, 2014 - Alumni & Friends Banquet & Golf Tournament

See More Events and Important Dates on the PRTM Event Calendar
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