

President's Welcome

Greetings and welcome the home of the Durham Alumni Chapter of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. My name is Ricky Leathers and I am a 2003 graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and it is an honor to serve the chapter in the Office of the President. For fiscal year 2008-2009, we will focus on the following directives: implement organizational structure, increase chapter exposure, manage membership recruitment, produce financial vitality, and improve chapter communications. If we, as a chapter, commit ourselves to the implementation of these five directives, we will become a noticeable and influential force in the City of Durham and set the chapter in the appropriate direction for the future. We will continue to hold events in the Durham area and we look forward to expansion of membership and areas for events. Also, we are going to set forth a plan for the next five years and set goals for the chapter's future. This will result in the creation of the Chapter Long-Range Plan, which will be updated every year and the vision will be modified every five years. Members of the chapter will be the ones whom create this document and plan the chapter's future. With dedicated members and supporters, the chapter will continue to change the community and strengthen the University. This chapter is committed to being one of the most active chapters in the area. We accomplished so much with the few members that we have, and as the membership grows, we will only do more each year. So, the chapter is fulfilling the mission of the Alumni Association – to encourage and promote involvement of the University alumni and other supporters by meeting the needs of alumni and other supporters for alumni services; creating opportunities for participation of alumni and other supporters in the life of the University; and developing and disseminating information that communicates to alumni, other supporters, and the general public, the academic excellence of the University. Once again, we are looking forward to a phenomenal year where we reach new heights and accomplish goals. As Always, Aggie Pride!

Ricky Leathers,

Class of 2003