Top 100 Rankings
For the first time in school history, NC State’s College of Education ranked in the top 100 in the World University Rankings. The 2019 THE World University Rankings for the education subject area is based on 13 performance indicators related to five areas: teaching, research, citations, international outlook and industry income. The 428 universities included are categorized as, “the leading institutions across education, teacher training and academic studies in education subjects.” The Economist ranked NC State’s Jenkins full-time MBA Program on its top 100 global MBA programs. The program ranked 97 overall, placing it among the top 50 MBA programs in the United States and among the top 25 U.S.-based public institutions.

Student Success
A team composed of Jenkins MBA students won a competition at the 2018 Data Challenge, a global event hosted by Teradata University Network. Their project was designed for the Bike MS Program, a non-profit charitable organization that is part of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The team was initially selected as one of 15 finalists from a pool of more than 60 submissions from around the globe. The Jenkins MBA students won the “Best Value for Bike MS” award, beating out four highly competitive teams from Canada and Europe in the final. This project began as part of their coursework for the Jenkins MBA Decision Analytics Practicum course last spring. This showcases the ability of our students to make a difference through their educational experiences and the caliber of our faculty who teach and guide them along the way.

Research Initiatives
Three NC State researchers have been awarded a $2 million grant by the National Science Foundation. The research studies gene expression regulation and could potentially benefit human, animal, and environmental health. Caroline Laplante, an assistant professor with the College of Veterinary Medicine, is a co-investigator on the project. Primary investigator Albert Keung and co-investigator Balaji Rao are both in NC State’s Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

Professor’s Fulbright Research Shapes Education
NC State College of Education Associate Professor Margareta Thomson was named a U.S. Core Fulbright Scholar recipient for the 2018-2019 academic year. As part of her work in this role, she recently began her outreach and research engagements with education faculty, K-12 teachers and educators in Romania. In addition to presenting her Fulbright research project “Fostering Academic Motivation and a STEM Growth Mindset in High-Poverty Schools through Authentic Research Experiences,” Thomson served as a keynote speaker at the 4th International Nonformal Education Conference and is collaborating with the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu to organize the 19th Biennial Conference of International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching. Professor Thomson’s work is making a significant impact on educational practices around the world.
Community Impact
Brandy Osborne, a student in NC State’s online Leadership in the Public Sector Program, served as an emergency communications director for Carteret County during Hurricane Florence. Osborne operated out of the Morehead City Police Department, which also houses the county’s Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Communications Center. For more than a week, she and her colleagues worked around the clock to answer 911 calls, direct emergency response and aid in initial recovery efforts.

Alexandru Pop was pursuing an externship at an animal hospital near the North Carolina coast when Hurricane Florence struck. Instead of postponing his externship, Pop helped turn his mentor’s home into a supply distribution center for a two-week relief mission for animals affected by the storm. Alongside his mentor, Dr. Christine Long, Pop worked around the clock for weeks helping to rescue stranded animals. Many of these animals suffered from serious health ailments such as dehydration and pneumonia, and required intensive treatment and supervision. In one instance, Pop’s team of veterinarians teamed up with Turtle Mountain Animal Rescue and traveled 15 miles by boat up the Cape Fear River to reach a group of stranded horses and alpacas that had been pulled into flood waters near Rocky Point, N.C. The group’s efforts saved the lives of hundreds of animals and truly made an impact for hurricane relief efforts.

Improving the Triangle
The Triangle Smart Cities Summit was held at the Raleigh Convention Center on October 31. Co-hosted by NC State and the City of Raleigh, the event brought together area city, industry and academic leaders to share ideas aimed at making the region one of the smartest and most connected communities in the U.S. In 2016, the City of Raleigh and NC State formalized a commitment to work together to explore opportunities related to smart cities initiatives. Collaborative research projects are currently being explored, and the City of Raleigh and NC State are working on joint grant opportunities.

Athletics
The 12th-ranked NC State women’s cross country team edged out No.18 Notre Dame by one point to claim the program’s third-straight and 24th overall ACC Championship title. The NC State men’s team finished in third place, meaning that they have finished in the top three at the ACC Championships for 28 of the last 30 conference meets. Additionally, NC State saw seven student-athletes collect All-ACC honors between its men’s and women’s cross country teams. All of the Wolfpack’s All-ACC performers on the men’s side were first-time honorees. For the women, Henes (who finished 2nd) took home All-ACC honors for the third time in her career, and Clairmonte (who finished 8th) repeated as an All-ACC honoree for the second season in a row.