Coronavirus Response
NC State continues to work with county and state health officials, the University of North Carolina System Office, and government leaders to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and its impact. A number of measures have been enacted by NC State to ensure the safety of our campus community while maintaining academic and business continuity. Classes resumed using distance delivery methods on Monday, March 23, 2020 after an extended spring break. The number of students, faculty and staff on campus has been significantly reduced so that we can maintain daily operations but practice social distancing. Spring Commencement has been postponed after guidance from the University of North Carolina System. The most recent updates can be found on our Coronavirus Response website at www.ncsu.edu/coronavirus/.

PFAS Research Grant
A team of researchers received a five-year, $7.4 million grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Superfund Research Program. The grant will establish a Center for Environmental and Human Health Effects of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) led by Carolyn Mattingly, professor and head of the Department of Biological Sciences. There are approximately 5,000 known PFAS, a class of chemicals used to make consumer and industrial products more water, stain, and grease resistant. The project will bring together researchers from NC State and East Carolina University to study PFAS toxicity, bioaccumulation, mechanism of action, and remediation as well as develop new analytical methods for detecting the compounds and train the next generation of environmental health researchers.

FAIA Fellows
Three alumni and two professors of practice from the College of Design were inducted as Fellows for the American Institute of Architects. Our alumni inductees for the 2020 cohort are: Randy Deutsch, Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Jason Forney, Principal at Bruner/Cotts Architects; and Steve White, Principal and Director of Washington, D.C.| Fentress Architects. Our professors of practice fellows are Don Kranbuehl, Principal at ClarkNexsen, and Erin Sterling Lewis, Architect and Firm Principal at in situ studio. AIA Fellows are recognized for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society. Only 3 percent of AIA members earn this distinction.
IBM Q Hub at NC State Announces First University Partner
The IBM Q Hub announced the University of New Mexico as its first university partner. Membership will provide the University of New Mexico with new opportunities in research and education that harness the cutting-edge technology at the heart of the National Quantum Initiative, a federal program that seeks to accelerate the development of quantum applications.

Knight-Hennessy Scholar
Gracie Hornsby, a senior from Franklinton, North Carolina, was recently admitted into the 2020 cohort of Knight-Hennessy Scholars. The Knight-Hennessy program is an international, graduate-level scholarship program at Stanford. Scholars receive full funding to pursue any graduate degree at Stanford with additional opportunities for leadership training, mentoring and experiential learning across disciplines. Gracie is currently a civil engineering major with a minor in environmental science. She plans to study environmental engineering at Stanford and ultimately improve global access to clean water.

National Academy of Engineering Regional Meeting
The College of Engineering hosted a regional meeting for the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in early March on Centennial Campus. The meeting was focused on Engineering Therapies for the Future and featured lectures from a number of leading minds in academia, research, and industry on the future of medicine. The NAE hosts multiple regional meetings across the country each year as part of the organization’s mission to advance the well-being of the nation by promoting a vibrant engineering profession and by marshalling the expertise and insights of eminent engineers to provide independent advice to the federal government on matters involving engineering and technology.

Counselor of the Year
Yuka Kato, a licensed psychologist with the NC State Counseling Center, was named the Counselor of the Year at the American College Counseling Association’s (ACCA) annual conference. The ACCA is a branch of the American Counseling Association that ACCA strives to support and enhance the practice of college counseling, promote ethical and responsible professional practice, promote communication and exchange among college counselors across service areas and institutional settings, encourage cooperation with other organizations related to higher education and college student development, and provide leadership and advocacy for the profession of counseling in higher education. The Counselor of the Year award recognizes a college counselor who has made a significant impact at the national, state or local level through their work. Kato works with students on issues related to depression, anxiety and trauma.