NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL  
AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

## • OFFICE OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT •

AGGIE PARENT & FAMILY  
NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Greetings,

Welcome back to Aggieland, Aggie Parents! We are so excited about another semester at North Carolina A&T State University, where students will continue to engage in their studies, and build upon their successes. This is also a time to set new goals, create more memories, and continue to inspire change within themselves and their peers.

To our new Aggie families: We are thrilled that your student has chosen our university to pursue their academic goals. This is an opportunity for them to make lifelong friends, engage in our spring activities, and experience Aggie Pride! The Division of Student Affairs is excited about the opportunities that we host in the spring semester, and our goal is to provide a variety of programs designed to support the students as they pursue their degree. We will continue to offer a series of leadership and professional development activities this semester, along with other opportunities for students to grow and learn outside of the classroom.

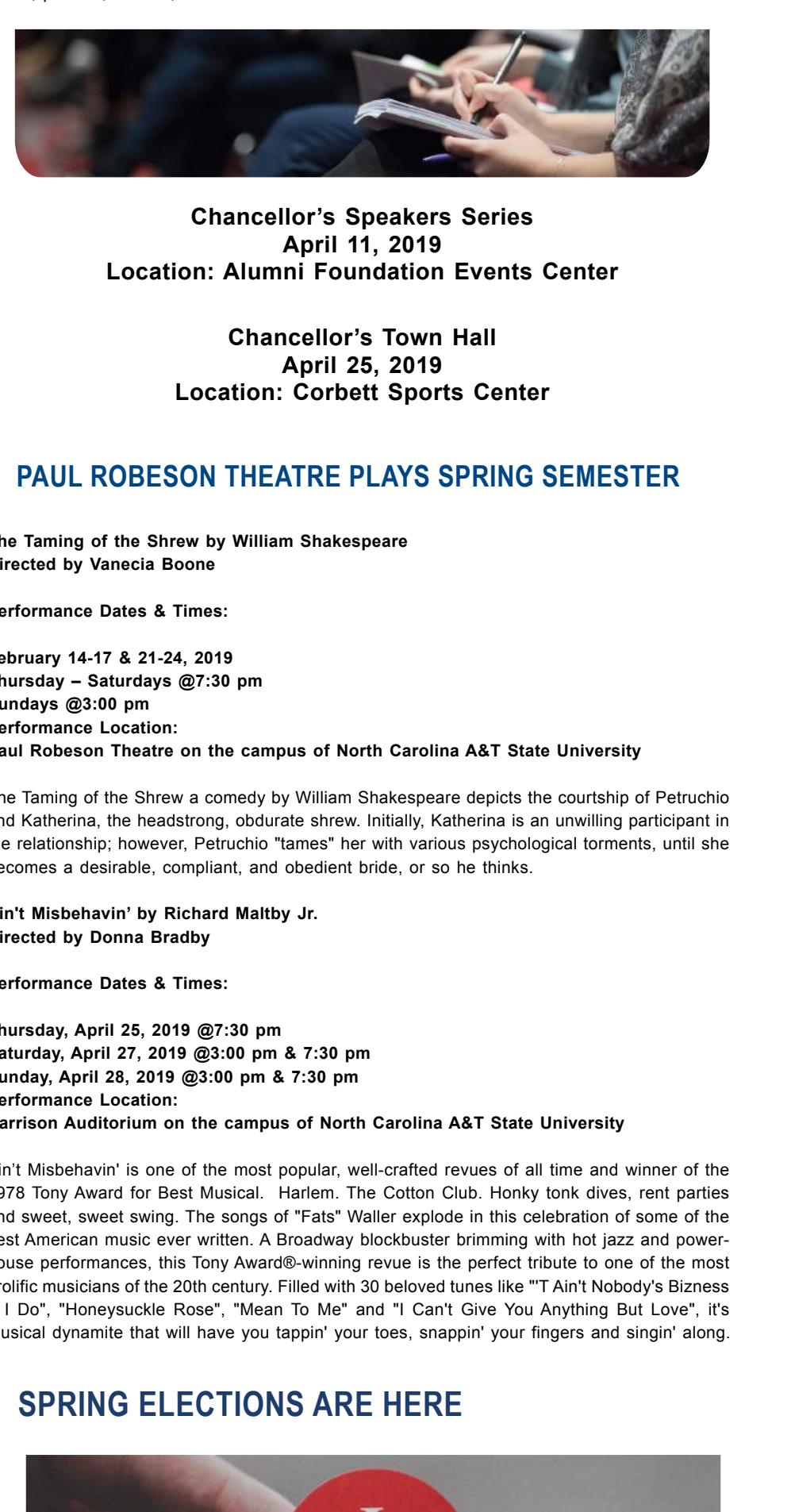
We encourage you to stay connected to the Division, staying abreast of what is happening in Aggieland through the family portal, <https://www.ncat.edu/student-affairs/student-portal>. Get ready to embark on the best semester ever at A&T; we will be here to guide you – because that's what Aggies Do!

Sincerely,

Melody C. Pierce, Ph.D.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

## ► BLACK HISTORY MONTH



North Carolina A&T will showcase a variety of programs and events in celebration of Black History Month. Black history was largely ignored until the 20th century. Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every United States president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

Here are some of the events this month:

**"Black Darwin"** hosted by Dr. Graves  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 6-8pm  
Location: Barnes 108  
To commemorate Black History Month, we will have Dr. Joseph Graves for JSNN give his talk titled **Black Darwin**.

**BLK History Month Poetry Showcase**  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 6-8pm  
Location: ACB101  
Student musical artists, poets and speakers will be allowed to showcase their talents with a local poetry group.

**Mind, Body, and Soul Program**  
Monday, February 11, 2019, 6-8pm  
Location: SC-BR 205 NORTH-B

**Black History Month program discussing mental health in the black community.**

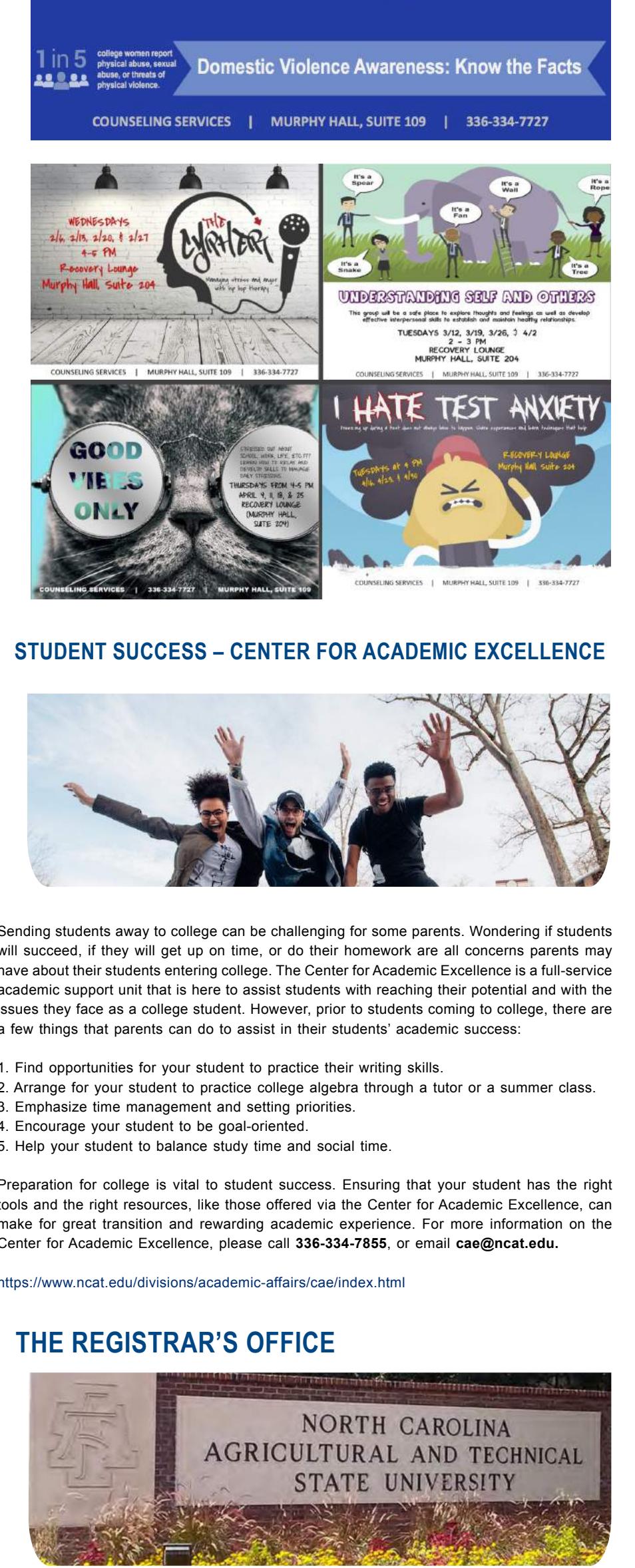
**Black Table Talk**  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 5-7pm  
Location: PROCT 160  
Black Table Talk will be a program focusing on stigmas and controversies within the black community. As millennials approaching the "real world" it is important to have this discussion about how we either fuel these stigmas or can help fight them.

**Black History Month Open Mic**  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 6-8:30pm  
Location: GCB 218  
Open Mic for English 208.

**Black History Month Team Quiz Bowl Competition**  
Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 6-8pm  
Location: Harrison Auditorium

The Multicultural Student Center will host a Black History Month Team Quiz Bowl Competition. The 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place teams will be recognized during the Annual Spring GALA Awards.

## ► FEBRUARY ONE



This is the time of the year when civil rights legends often recall with reverence the history-making Greensboro moment that birthed a sit-in movement.

It was 59 years ago this February 1, 2019 when N.C. A&T freshmen Ezell Blair Jr. (now known as liberal Khazan), Joseph McNeil, and the late David Richmond and Franklin McCain ignited a movement at the segregated downtown F.W. Woolworth department store. Their lunch counter sit-in would sweep the nation and help end the South of Jim Crow laws.

Stools and a piece of the lunch counter where the young men sat are on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

The story that's often told is that the four planned to sit at the lunch counter until they were served. For the Greensboro 4, theirs was an iconic moment in the nation's history that came during a full in the civil rights movement.

Back then, they were just four freshmen who had gravitated to each other at the start of school. So in a room in A&T's Scott Hall the night before the sit-in, the four students knew all sorts of things could happen. They had seen on TV the dogs and police with billy clubs.

The next afternoon, at the front of the store, the four students bought items.

Holding onto their receipts, they sat down at the lunch counter. At least one of them asked for a piece of pie. But the four sat down, even when a black waitress told them it was people like them who made the race look bad, McCain said. The students could hear racial slurs over their shoulders. Back in the 1960s, the sit-ins lasted for months. Woolworth agreed to open the lunch counter under its own terms July 25, allowing its black employees the first time to eat at the lunch counter. Their simple act of defiance touched off a sit-in movement nationwide and established a prominent place for them in U.S. civil rights history.

## ► AGGIE SOURCE – ON-CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY



The first-ever campus pantry for food and personal care items is officially opening to students on February 5, 2019! The Aggie Source Food Pantry is located at 205 Nebo Street, Suite 115, in the old Sebastian Building. The food pantry will be run primarily by student volunteers, with the goal of serving our students to help fight a social issue that plagues our communities: hunger and food insecurity.

In collaboration with the College of Agricultural and Environmental Science and Student Affairs, this facility is the first of its kind at North Carolina A&T, and will provide temporary relief through critical food services to current students.

The Aggie Source will be open to students from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The mission of the Aggie Source is to support individuals by alleviating temporary stress associated with short-term food insecurity and other financial constraints, through the collection of non-perishable and shelf-stable food items. The on-campus food pantry will be available to all currently enrolled students. We hope to serve as a model for how communities can develop their own healthy food environments and enterprises by engaging, educating, and empowering them.

Additionally, the initiative will provide our students, faculty, and staff with the opportunity to volunteer and give back to our campus community by furthering our mission of service and engagement.

We look forward to the success of the Aggie Source Food Pantry and future initiatives that will support our students in meeting their fundamental needs - because that's what Aggies Do!

For more information about the Aggie Source Food Pantry, including how to support through monetary and food donations, please call 336.285.4453. If you would like to volunteer, please email [volunteer@ncat.edu](mailto:volunteer@ncat.edu).

## ► CHANCELLOR'S STUDENT FORUMS

## THE HAROLD L. MARTIN SR.

## Chancellor's Town Hall

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