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Let's do Lunch!

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Join us behind Kee Hall
on
Tuesday, June 5th
from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.
for delicious burgers,
dogs, and all the fixins...

All cooked, for you, by
Yours Truly!

Last year, all who came
had a great time and we
hope you'll join us again
this year...

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Luncheon Recap

On April 25th, several members of the community attended the second Achieving the Dream at NC State Community Advisory Board luncheon. While it was raining outside, luckily our guests were able to dodge the raindrops inside, and stay dry in Kee Hall!

The agenda for the day included special presentations by Tom Prendergast regarding Gatekeeper Courses; Richard Birk and Joyce Karbula, respectively on the subject of the Writing and Math portions of the PLATO software; PLATO students Rebecca VanBuren (WRT116) and Dean Schaad (MTH102) about their experience (and success!) in PLATO-based classes; and Betty Wells led discussion during lunch regarding the value of education, how to better market our prospective students, and the impact NC State has in local communities.

Area agencies and businesses represented included: Richland County Jobs & Family Services, One Stop; CACY; Mt. Sinani Baptist Church; Parent Aid Program; CHAPS; Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department; and Cornell-Abraxas.



Our Impact!!

While we often times don't think about the impact we have when we are doing our everyday, run of the mill, jobs – the bottom line is... **we do!**

NC State has an impact in stimulating the local economy, increasing our students' earning potentials, and generates a return on investment!

The NC State service area economy receives roughly \$12.5 million in regional income annually due to NC State operations and capital spending! Our activities encourage new business, assist existing businesses, and create long-term economic growth.

Students enjoy an attractive 18% annual rate of return on their college education investment, and recover all costs (including wages foregone while attending) in 8 years.

In the 2005-2006 academic year, a totally of 5,879 credit and non-credit students attended the school, and as many as 75% of these students continued to stay and contribute to this region and our local economy, even after leaving our school!

The average earnings of a student with an Associates Degree are #33,900 or 110% more than someone without a high school diploma and 38% more than a student with a high school diploma.

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