

THE NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS IS SUBMITTED HEREWITH.

PLEASE NOTE: **NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL (PREFERRED), FAX, OR US MAIL. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Any member of the North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University Alumni Association, Inc. may nominate a deserving Aggie for this award. For nomination purposes, a member is defined as a person who has made an individual financial contribution of at least \$50.00 to the Annual Fund Campaign during the last or current fiscal year.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Completed nomination forms accompanied by a photo must be signed and submitted by the President of the Chapter most closely affiliated with the Nominee and, must be received by the North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University Alumni Association, Inc. *on or before April 3, 2009.*

Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.

Submit forms to the awards committee:

Email to:

awards@ncatalumni.org

Mail to:

Alumni Awards Committee
N.C. A&T State University Alumni Association, Inc.
Alumni Foundation Event Center
200 North Benbow Road
Greensboro, NC 27411

Fax to:

Fax (336) 334-7165

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NOMINATION FORM



“No Steps Backward”

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NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
GREENSBORO, NC

**VELMA R. SPEIGHT
YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD**



BIOGRAPHY

A native of Greene County, N.C., Dr. Velma R. Speight-Buford has been a professional educator for more than 45 years. She started her career as a high school teacher and through promotions and appointments expanded it to high-level positions including specialist in civil rights, state supervisor of guidance and Assistant State Superintendent for the Maryland State Department of Education.

A 1953 A&T graduate, Speight-Buford earned masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Maryland at College Park. She served at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Md., as the chair of the Department of Education and coordinated the graduate program in guidance and counseling and won the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Teacher of the Year Award. Speight-Buford has also taught at Johns Hopkins University, Loyola College and the University of Maryland College Park. She was on the faculty of East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., where she served as chair of the Department of Counseling and Adult Education. She earned a Fulbright Scholarship in 1991 to study in Ghana and Senegal, West Africa. In 1993, Speight-Buford returned to North Carolina A&T State University as Director of Alumni Affairs and served until her retirement in 1997.

During her retirement, Speight-Buford continues to serve the University and its alumni. She is chair of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Board of Trustees and she served as chair of the N.C. A&T Chancellor Search Committee in 2006. The University continues to honor her as she received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree at the 2006 Annual Fall Commencement where she also served as keynote speaker. The NC A&T University Foundation, Inc. recently named the main lobby of the new Alumni-Foundation Event Center in her honor.

During her career, Speight-Buford has been active in many professional and civic organizations. She is now a full time volunteer and a dedicated community worker. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a leader in providing community service. She directs "Call for Action" at WFMY-TV in Greensboro, a national consumer advocate group, and is vice president of the National Call for Action Board of Directors. She serves on several

boards in the greater Greensboro area, including the Shepherd Center, the Adult Enrichment Center, the Oak Ridge Academy, Friends Home and the Children's Academy. She has chaired the Enrichment Fund for the Guilford County, N.C. Schools and Leadership Greensboro Senior. Speight-Buford won the Carolina Peacemaker Award establishing her as one of the 100 movers and shakers in Greensboro. She is a recognized consultant and speaker in her field.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

In keeping with the professional accomplishments and outstanding service exemplified by Dr. Velma R. Speight-Buford, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Must have rendered outstanding service to the Alumni Association or have outstanding achievement in his/her profession, community or public service;
- Must be thirty-five (35) years of age or less;
- Made an individual contribution to the Annual Fund Campaign at least two (2) consecutive years prior to nomination;
- Be respected and held in high esteem by fellow Alumni; and,
- Must exemplify high moral character, high ideals, and integrity.

North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association, Inc.
Awards Nomination Form

VELMA R. SPEIGHT
YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

Nominee's Name: _____

Home Address: _____ DOB: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Area Code/Number Area Code/Number

Name of Alumni Chapter of which the Nominee is a member of or, may be affiliated with: _____

Insert Photo Here



Reason(s) for Nomination:

(Please include a narrative of the nominee's service to the University, the Alumni Association, professional achievement, and/or community/public service.)

[Empty box for nomination narrative]

Alumni Association Membership and Offices Held

Chapter Level, if applicable

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Regional Level, if applicable

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National Level, if applicable

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Honors and Awards

<u>Title or Description</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>

Education

(Include all Colleges/Universities attended, in any. Begin with the most recent.)

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree(s) Attained</u>

Other Membership(s)

(Include professional, civic, social and political organizations in the past five years)

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Office(s)</u>	<u>Dates</u>

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____

Nominator's Email Address: _____

Signature of Nominator _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Chapter President _____ **Date** _____