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Whether you come back to campus or support the Pack wherever you are, we’ve got a list of ways to keep your connection to NC State.
EVERYBODY’S HEARD OF THE BUCKET LIST. Maybe you’ve got one. (Skydiving, anyone?) We’ve compiled a special list just for NC State alumni. See how many you can check off—you may find yourself revisiting old haunts or learning something new about your alma mater. Send us pictures (email to ncstate_editor@ncsu.edu) and we’ll post some of our favorites on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. If you send us photos in the next four weeks, you’ll be eligible for giveaways.

We’ve made it easy to find the websites that will help you go down your checklist. Go to alumni.ncsu.edu/bucketlist to find the link. The website will also give details about giveaways in our Bucket List contest.
Visit a hallowed place. Last year, the university bestowed “hallowed places” honors on campus spots that have special meaning. You can read the story behind some of them on historical plaques. While you’re here, look for your own hallowed places that bring back special memories.

Hallowed places plaques can be found at:
- Reynolds Coliseum
- Mary Yarbrough Courtyard
- Holladay Hall
- Free Expression Tunnel
- The Brickyard
- The Bell Tower
- The Court of North Carolina

Take a trip down memory lane without leaving your desk. NCSU Libraries has archived copies of the Technician and the Agromeck online. Or be an amateur historian. Browse through the D.H. Hill Library’s Special Collections online and you’ll find a treasure trove of historical photos and videos—an aerial view of campus from the 1930s, an early photo of Holladay Hall, and 1960s-era videos on subjects like North Carolina ham and sewing tips for homemakers.

Go to an away game and cheer on the Pack. Now that the ACC is represented from Syracuse to Pittsburgh to Miami, there’s more chance than ever that the Wolfpack will be showing up at a stadium near you. (Hear that, Louisville?)

Football and basketball shouldn’t get all the glory. Support nonrevenue sports by coming out to a swim or gymnastics meet.
JC Raulston Arboretum’s 10 acres are a living laboratory for students and a showcase for gardeners, with blooms on a rooftop, a Japanese garden and conifer collections. The arboretum is on Beryl Road near the Fairgrounds.

Learn the words to the alma mater. “Where the winds of Dixie softly blow / O’er the fields of Caroline / There stands ever cherished, NC State, / As thy honored shrine / So lift your voices! Loudly sing, / From hill to ocean side! / Our hearts ever hold you, NC State, / In the folds of our love and pride.”

Check out the newly renovated Talley Student Union, part of which is still under construction. It features glass walls and a 114-foot-tall tower overlooking a grassy lawn. If you’re hungry, there are lots of options—including a Tuffle (a chocolate chip waffle shaped like our mascot) at Tuffy’s Diner.

Get involved with one of our alumni networks. We’re in 40 cities across the country. Activities include game watches, bowling and Wolfpack Service Day, when you can join fellow Wolfpackers to help your community.

The new Hunt Library on Centennial Campus has been listed as among “the most spectacular libraries in the world.” Watch the automated bookBot through a glass window as it retrieves volumes from stacked metal bins. Join a tour (no reservations needed) on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Fridays at 3:30 p.m. or the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

If you’re going to visit campus on a weekday, park in one of the pay lots on campus (two on main campus and two on Centennial Campus).
Go inside the Bell Tower. Tom Stafford ’66 MS, former vice chancellor for student affairs, leads a colorful 1 1/2 hour tour that includes the history of Holladay Hall and a visit inside the tower, where you’ll learn the story of the name that was changed on the memorial plaque honoring those who died in World War I. You’ll need a group of at least 6–8 people. Contact Stafford at thstaffo@ncsu.edu.

If you have a class ring and graduated before 2006, you missed out on NC State’s newest tradition: the ring ceremony, when class rings spend a night in the Bell Tower. The ceremony is held twice a year, and alumni can participate—you’ll get to see the inside of the Bell Tower, too. The next one is in April.

What if you didn’t get a class ring?
You still can. Although your new ring might not be the same design as the one issued when you graduated, it will have your class year.
Play a round of golf at the Lonnie Poole Golf Course on Centennial Campus. If you don’t play, grab a bite at the new Carol Johnson Poole Clubhouse, where you can sit on the patio and see Raleigh’s skyline.

Take a stroll down Hillsborough Street. Depending on when you graduated, you may not recognize much. Brothers’ Pizza and Sadlack’s are gone, but Mitch’s Tavern and the Players’ Retreat are still serving up cold ones. (The PR menu also features a mile-high stack of beef called the Vandenberger to honor Jordan Vandenber ’14, a center for recent Wolfpack basketball teams.)

Go green. Raleigh’s greenway system now runs through campus along Rocky Branch—once a polluted eyesore that is now a thriving stream. The trail stretches along Sullivan Drive and then follows the stream to Pullen Park, which has also had a recent facelift. Or try the new greenway on Centennial Campus that connects to the N.C. Farmer’s Market.

Men’s basketball moved off campus years ago. But you can still watch great hoops at Reynolds by going to one of the women’s games played on the Kay Yow Court. After the women’s season ends in March, Reynolds will get its first major renovation, including air conditioning and space for the NC State Walk of Fame and Sports History—where you’ll be able to relive the runs of Ted Brown ’79, the leaps of David Thompson ’75 and passes by Roman Gabriel ’63.

Paint something on the Free Expression Tunnel. Maybe your class year? It’s OK if you paint over someone else’s art—that’s the point.

See a play, hear a concert or watch a dance performance at Stewart Theatre (soon to reopen in the new Talley) or Thompson Theatre.

Read what today’s freshmen are reading. The university’s common reading program is designed to create a universal educational experience for incoming undergrads. Here are the common reading books for the past five years: Tomorrow’s Table by Pamela C. Ronald and R. W. Adamchak, Alchemy of Air by Thomas Hager, It Happened on the Way to War by Rye Barcott, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot, Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. Alumni can nominate a book to be on an upcoming reading list.
Visit the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center, built in 2007. Our walls are lined with art from the Gregg Museum of Art & Design, and you can take a selfie with one of our wolves. Make a note to come in December and see us in our holiday finery. You can put your name (or that of a loved one) on one of the engraved bricks and pavers that line the walkway outside our entrance.

Use the Wolfwalk app on your smartphone for a guided tour of campus, complete with historical facts and photographs. There’s also a walking tour that will give you highlights of important moments in African-American history on campus.

Can’t make it to campus? Take a virtual tour. Click your way through campus buildings on the university’s website.

Know a promising college-bound high school student? Talk us up! Suggest a visit to NC State. Even better, sign up to be a Pack Partner and help represent NC State at a college fair near you. Say congratulations to the next generation at one of our Wolfpack Freshman Welcome events, where we bring together alumni and high school seniors who will be entering NC State.

Have an international student over for dinner. If you live in the Raleigh area, check out the Breaking Bread program offered by the Office of International Services. It’s a one-time commitment and meals are hosted throughout the year, so you can apply any time.

Ever wanted to create your own Wolfpack den? Get inspiration from the folks we featured in the magazine last year.

The Krispy Kreme Challenge has only been around for 10 years, but it gathers thousands of runners who vow to run from the Bell Tower to Krispy Kreme in downtown Raleigh, scarf down two dozen doughnuts and then run back. You can run or just come out to watch the fun, and all the money raised goes to the N.C. Children’s Hospital.

Tune in to what the students are listening to. WKNC-FM 88.1, NC State’s student radio station, has an indie rock format during the week, but specialty shows on the weekend appeal to niche audiences. So if “Chainsaw Rock” isn’t your thing, maybe “All Things A Cappella” is. You can also stream live from the station’s website.

It’s more than a wolf statue—it’s a monument. The six wolves in front of the Murphy Center, home to Wolfpack football, are each two times life size and rise out of a 21-foot stone mountain. Each wolf on the sculpture has a name that represents a characteristic of a wolf and of a Wolfpack football player: Confidence, Passion, Spirit, Courage, Pride and Strength. Inside the Murphy Center, you’ll find a mini-museum dedicated to Pack gridiron greats.
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Say good-bye to Harrelson. The first round building on a college campus in the United States is slated for demolition in 2016, so this is your last chance to experience the sloping, curving hallways.

Spoon up some Howling Cow ice cream. You don’t have to wait for the State Fair. You can purchase Howling Cow by the scoop (banana cream pie is a popular flavor) at either D.H. Hill Library (a walk-up window faces Hillsborough Street), the Hunt Library or the Talley Student Union.

Save the date for your 50th class reunion. For those of you who just graduated, that will be in . . . let’s see . . . 2064. For the Class of 1965, it’s on April 24–25. Or if your 50th is too far in the future, host your own reunion. Find your classmates through our online alumni directory.

Fiber art, pottery, woodworking, jewelry-making. Those are just a few things you can learn at NC State’s Crafts Center in the basement of Thompson Hall. As an alum, you’ll get a special affiliate price when you register.

Make plans to come to Homecoming next fall. There will be a parade on Friday, and on game day the Alumni Association hosts a killer tailgate with barbecue and all the fixin’s. Look for details in August.

If you’re not a member of the Alumni Association, join us. We support student programs, the Caldwell Fellows and faculty excellence while keeping you connected. You can also give membership as a gift. Visit alumni.ncsu.edu

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