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Eight UNC Campuses Earn National Recognition for Community Engagement

CHAPEL HILL -- The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching today announced that eight University of North Carolina campuses are among the 119 higher education institutions selected for 2008 Community Engagement elective classification. The designation recognizes institutions that have internalized and sustained their commitment to collaborate with communities through teaching, research, and outreach. UNC campuses tapped for recognition today include Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina Central University, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, UNC Wilmington, UNC Pembroke, and Western Carolina University.

Two other UNC campuses—North Carolina State University and UNC-Chapel Hill—were awarded the designation in 2006. With today's announcement, the proportion of North Carolina's public universities deemed by the Carnegie Foundation to be "community engaged" far exceeds that of peer state systems across the country, including California, Texas, and Wisconsin.

This national recognition is a natural outgrowth of the University's UNC Tomorrow initiative, through which all UNC campuses are seeking to increase their outreach and responsiveness to their surrounding communities and the state as a whole.

"In order for UNC to be the most engaged University in America, our campuses must continue to be responsive and valuable partners in solving real problems," said Leslie Boney, UNC Associate Vice President for Economic Development Research, Policy, and Planning. "The fact that over half of North Carolina's public universities have been nationally recognized for their commitment to working with communities sends a strong message for the future of our state."

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NOTE TO EDITORS: More information about the Carnegie Community Engagement elective classification can be found at:
<http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/classifications/index.asp?key=1213>.