words of advice >>

DEAN MARY WATZINCOLLEGE OF **NATURAL RESOURCES**

"Your college years are a privilege that many around the world can only dream about. What you do with this privilege will affect the rest of your life. Take charge of your time here – explore new ideas, try something you never thought you might, find your passion and work hard to build the skills you need to follow it. And above all, involve yourself fully with the amazing community of people we call NC State."

DEAN JEFFERY P. BRADEN COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

"The friends you meet at NC State will last a lifetime - so be sure to choose wisely. Some of the friends you should make include Plato, Betty Friedan, Henry David Thoreau, \Margaret Mead, Confucius and Maya Angelou; our faculty are eager to introduce you (and help you make other friends, too)!"



DEAN LOUIS MARTIN-VEGA COLLEGE OF **ENGINEERING**

"During your first year, I would recommend that you visit www.engineeringchallenges.org and become familiar with the National Academy of Engineering's Grand Challenges for the 21st Century. These challenges -



making solar energy economical, securing cyberspace and preventing nuclear terror, among others - will shape the rest of your lives, and the work you do in engineering will help solve them. I also encourage you to forge new friendships, enjoy the athletic events on campus and spend some time exploring the arts, student clubs, community service projects and other activities. Life at NC State is engaging, challenging and fun. Enjoy it."

DEAN MARVIN J. MALECHA COLLEGE OF **DESIGN**

"You have before you the opportunity to ask deep questions, to explore as you never have and to redesign who you are on the basis of what you believe. Be open to all that is available to you; participate broadly in the life of the University community. Be wary of the trivial and the superficial. Seek to find the joy in your life."

DEAN A. BLANTON GODFREY COLLEGE OF **TEXTILES**

"These can be the most exciting four years of your life. Explore, sample, participate, learn, argue. There is so much happening at NC State, so many opportunities, so much new being created every day. Become part of the excitement. Throw yourself into your studies, but don't forget to broaden your life in many different ways. You will make friends you will have for life."

