distinguished alumni >> who went on to MAKE A DIFFERENCE



JAMES GOODNIGHT APPLIED MATHEMATICS, 1965

Goodnight is the CEO of the SAS Institute, one of the largest privately held software firms in the world. He produced the original software with colleagues at NC State to analyze agricultural research data. Goodnight was awarded the Watauga Medal in 2002 by the Board of Trustees.



DAWN BARRETT MASTER, PRODUCT DESIGN, 1990

Barrett is the president of Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Before being selected for that position she served as Dean of Architecture and Design Division at Rhode Island School of Design.



CULLEN JONES ENGLISH, 2006

In 2006, he won the NCAA title in the 50-yard freestyle. After graduation, Cullen won a gold medial at the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China. Cullen would later add to his medal count by winning one gold, and two silver medals at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.



GFN. HUGH SHELTON **TEXTILE ENGINEERING, 1963**

During his career in the military, Shelton served in the Vietnam War and was appointed to the National Security Council. Shelton retired in 2001 as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The Shelton Leadership Center at NC State was founded in 2002.