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NC State Students to Showcase Pumpkin-Carving, Costume-Design Skills

Some of the Triangle's most creative young designers will get into the Halloween spirit this weekend, unleashing their artistic talents by carving jack-o'-lanterns and showcasing imaginative costumes at the College of Design's annual pumpkin-carving contest and Halloween Bash.

Media coverage of both events is welcomed.

The pumpkin-carving contest is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. and will take place at Kamphoefner Courtyard on the NC State campus. The courtyard is located behind Brooks Hall off Pullen Road. The contest is open to College of Design students – and any brave media representatives – on a first-come, first-carved basis. Contestants will have up to 40 minutes to complete their jack-o'-lanterns, which will be judged by Marvin Malecha, dean of the College of Design, and faculty members Vince Foote and Brian Lafitte. The top three designs will receive prizes.



Creatively carved pumpkins highlight the Halloween spirit shown by NC State College of Design students.

The finished jack-o'-lanterns will be lit and displayed at the college's annual Halloween Bash on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. The bash is a celebration of the students' creative and sometimes outrageously designed costumes, which will be judged beginning at 11 p.m. The theme of this year's bash is "Pandemonium at the Grocery Store."

The finished jack-o'-lanterns and costumes are always creative and often are elaborate, providing great photo and feature story opportunities for Halloween coverage. Students may also be willing to provide some last-minute pumpkin-carving and costume tips.

Both the pumpkin-carving contest and the Halloween Bash are sponsored by the student-run NC State University Design Council.

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