

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Students Receive Degrees at NC State's Fall Commencement

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North Carolina State University Chancellor James L. Oblinger conferred 3,029 degrees on graduating students when the university held 2005 Fall Commencement on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the RBC Center in Raleigh.

William R. (Bill) McNeal, superintendent of the Wake County Public School System and winner of the 2004 National Superintendent of the Year award from the American Association of School Administrators, delivered the commencement address. Candidates for degrees were from 92 North Carolina counties, 34 other states or U.S. territories and 42 foreign countries. NC State holds graduation ceremonies each year in the spring and fall.

Oblinger also conferred four honorary degrees on behalf of NC State. The degree recipients were McNeal; Dean Kamen, president and founder of DEKA Research and Development Corp.; W. Duke Kimbrell, chairman of the board for Parkdale Mills; and Hugh Morton, a North Carolina conservationist, naturalist and photographer.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** The names of NC State's December 2005 degree candidates are not attached to this release. You can obtain them on the Web at the following address: [www.ncsu.edu/registrar/publications/graduation/index.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/registrar/publications/graduation/index.html). If you do not have access to the Web, call NC State News Services at 919/515-3470 and we will fax you the list of graduates for your area.

To access the names of local students from the Web site, log onto the address listed above and click on the counties within your coverage area. This will take to you an alphabetical listing of all graduates. You can copy and paste this information directly into your word processing program.

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The names of students with privacy blocks on their personal information are not included in the Web list. Graduates' fields of study are indicated by two- or three-letter codes. Students with more than one code earned degrees in more than one field. You can find a list of the codes, and the fields of study they designate, on the Web at [www.ncsu.edu/news/fgrad/curr.htm](http://www.ncsu.edu/news/fgrad/curr.htm).

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