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Changing Lives Through Education in 2020

UNCP faculty experienced landmark achievements in their fields. A leading expert on neurodegenerative diseases, Dr. Ben Bahr, was awarded a milestone patent, the university's first-ever, for a method to treat Alzheimer's and traumatic brain injuries. Physics professor, Dr. Steven Singletary, leveraged his love of skydiving to help design parachutes used by the World Food Program for food drops in South Sudan earning the organization a Nobel Peace Prize.

[Read more about Dr. Bahr's patent](#)

[Read more about Dr. Steven Singletary's food drops](#)



Ben Bahr, Ph.D.



Steven Singletary, Ph.D.

Congratulations – Devang Upadhyay



Dr. Michael Taveirne, Assistant Teaching Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at NCSU and as an Executive Board member of the North Carolina Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (NC ASM) confirms that Devang Upadhyay will serve as the President of the NC ASM from October 2020 to October 2021.

Devang served as President-Elect of NC ASM in 2019-2020, where he organized and hosted the 2020 Branch meeting at UNC Pembroke. The annual branch meeting is a major event that NC ASM holds each year, highlighting the research of microbiologists around North Carolina. This year's meeting hosted by Devang and UNCP was outstanding. His work on the NC ASM Executive Board has been critical and we look forward to his continued leadership.

Thanks, Devang, for this great work.

Paul A. Flowers, Ph.D.



The Department of Chemistry and Physics “thank you” Dr. Flowers, Professor of Chemistry, for the submission of the ACS Periodic Report due December 2020. We appreciate his valuable time requiring lots of efforts and time for submission.



Robeson County Farm Bureau Board Member Dies



Lycurous Lowry died Sunday, January 24, 2021. He is remembered by many as a longtime commissioner of the Robeson County Drainage District, Robeson County Farm Bureau board member, and as a farmer.

Lowry was presented commissioner emeritus status in November 2020 by Robeson County Board of Commissioners for his more than 50 years of service in the Back Swamp district. He also served as president of Robeson County Farm Bureau for about 41 years, before retiring in 2018.

Mr. Lowry showed great support to our department and students. He supported the Biotechnology Research and Training Center with yearly donations.

New Arrival



Noah Lane Houser
January 24, 2021 at 3:35 pm
7 lbs. and 15 oz.
20 inches long

Parents: Monty and Tiffany Houser
Grandparents: Eugene and Felicia Scott

Congratulations to the proud parents,
grandparents, and cousin Malachi.