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**Extension Interns Gain Real-World Experience and Serve Local Communities**

Raleigh, N.C. – NC State Extension announced that Tanner Forbes is completing an Extension internship this summer with the Chatham County Center.

An Extension summer intern works with Extension personnel to deliver hands-on, educational programs. Job shadowing and mentoring help interns learn about the mission and work of North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

“Extension makes a positive difference in the community every day. We provide educational programs that connect communities with research-based information. Our internship program is another way we help prepare students for challenging and rewarding careers in food, agriculture, natural resources, and family and consumer sciences” said Dr. Richard Bonanno, Associate Dean of the NC State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Director of NC State Extension. “We are thrilled to bring Tanner’s expertise and prior experiences in the fields of forestry, natural resources, and 4-H youth programming to Chatham County this summer; he will be an invaluable addition to our county office,” said Ginger Cunningham, County Extension Director of NC Cooperative Extension – Chatham County Center.

Forbes is a graduate student from NC State University in the Master of Public Administration program, received his BS in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia, and is a native of Lilburn, Georgia.

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