Greetings from the Program Committee of the inaugural **N.C. A&T Aggie Alumni National Convention** hosted by the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association, Inc.

Our inaugural biennial convention will be held June 6-10, 2018, in Atlanta, Georgia at The Westin Buckhead Atlanta. We are working on an exciting slate of programming that will embody the convention theme of **Connect, Inform, and Engage**. This first convention will be full of workshops filled with information of interest to North Carolina A&T alumni and their families on a range of issues. Currently, we are accepting proposals through September 15, 2017. We have several tracks from which to select when deciding on a workshop idea that you would like to present. The tracks for workshop proposals include:

- Financial Management
- Entrepreneurship
- Political Engagement
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Crossing the Digital Divide – Working Globally
- Social Innovations
- Social Justice
- Health and Wellness
- College Readiness

In addition to workshop sessions, there will be engaging plenary sessions, awards and honors banquet, interactive community service projects and a scholarship gala. At the end of the convention, attendees should leave feeling informed, empowered, and engaged. Most importantly, everyone should be inspired to give back of their time, talent and treasure to North Carolina A&T State University!

Of course as fellow Aggies, we will certainly entertain workshop proposals that provide an emphasis on all things Aggie relating to the tracks above, however; in order to have an engaging convention, we will not limit ourselves to Aggie only information. We are seeking to provide a rich diversity of information to Aggie convention goers and are therefore requesting that potential workshop presenters take a broad stroke in developing workshop proposals. We welcome any and all presenters who would like to present at the N.C. A&T Aggie Alumni National Convention.

Using the workshop proposal form, please submit your proposal for review. Proposals which are approved for the convention will be notified no later than October 8, 2017. At that time, presenters will need to complete part two of the workshop proposal form (which requires more detailed information). Should you have questions, please email: [ajmatherson@gmail.com](mailto:ajmatherson@gmail.com). We look forward to reviewing your proposal!

In Aggie Pride,

**Akua J. Matherson, Program Committee Chair**

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