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PROJECT BIO NEWSLETTER  
"TOMORROW'S BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR SOUTHEAST NORTH CAROLINA"

### WOMEN IN BIOSCIENCES SERIES UPDATE

On March 29, 2007 The Regional Center co-sponsored another Women in Bioscience event. Partners for this event were the Robeson Regional Biotech Education Consortium (RRBEC), The UNC Pembroke Chemistry & Physics Department and the UNC Pembroke Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development. —Sharon Billings is a research scientist with Syngenta Biotechnology Inc. Billings received her BS (Biology) from the University of New Mexico; her MS (Horticulture/Plant Science) from Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey and her teaching certification from the State of New Jersey. Billings is a published research scientist with a research focus in the area of plant and insect resistance; drought tolerance. —Billings presented to students in the afternoon; the title for the student seminar was "Agriculture Biotechnology Research Opportunities for Women" and in the evening Billings took part in a professional discussion during a banquet in her honor. The title for the banquet was "Role of Industry and Academia in Increasing Public Awareness on Agriculture Biotechnology Science"

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### UP-COMING EVENTS

Algal Culturing Seminars  
May 30, 2007

Cleaning Validation Choices  
& 483's  
May 22, 2007 8:00-12:00

Filter & Polymer Extractables  
Workshop May 22, 2007  
1:00-5:00

### BUILDING BRIDGES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY NC TABS



Kim McDaniel  
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The primary goal of the North Carolina Transfer Assistance in the Biomedical Sciences program is to increase the number of underrepresented minority community college students entering biomedical research. Colleges and Universities that are involved with the NC TABS program are Halifax Community College, Mitchell Community College, Piedmont Community College, Pitt Community college, Wayne Community College, Durham Technical Community College, Guilford Community College and Fayetteville Technical Community College. North Carolina universities are The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, North Carolina A & T University, North Carolina Central University, and Fayetteville State University. The instructor for workshop on February 23-24, 2007 was Kim McDaniel, who is also the NC TABS Fayetteville Tech. coordinator. McDaniel's workshops required students to interact via the university blackboard system in preparation for the on-site portion of the Principles in Biotechnology workshop.



To read more on NC TABS <http://nctabs.northcarolina.edu>

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