By Ron Rosati, NCTA Dean

New students to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis may register for their Fall classes on June 8 or July 13. Incoming students have a chance to put together their Fall course schedule and other enrollment duties on these special dates from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with their academic advisor, register for classes, purchase books and learn more about financial aid, residence life and the NCTA campus community. I look forward to meeting more of our new Aggie students this summer. Fall classes begin Aug. 24.

It is not too late to apply for college. Whether students are seeking a full-time status, enrolling in a class or two, or studying dual credit classes (high school and college credits), they are encouraged to consider NCTA. See our web site at ncta.edu.unl/apply for an on-line application.

Summer session courses begin June 15 with the majority of our campus residents in one of the veterinary technology systems options. The campus is a bit quieter now than during the Fall or Spring semesters, but it is still a bustling place with industry meetings and special conferences in Curtis.

Speaking of special events, we have a unique opportunity for students, neighboring communities, businesses and rural partners to come together, when for the first time, NCTA is a site for a Nebraska Rural Futures Conference.

The conference theme, ‘Hope Inspires Vision,’ encourages all of us to envision vibrant rural futures. The 2015 RFC is coordinated by the Rural Futures Institute at the University of Nebraska.

It will be offered simultaneously in two locations: the University of Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln and NCTA. We are now in the planning stages for the featured activities on Oct. 21-22.

Our objective: to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship for rural places.

Keynote speakers include Howard W. Buffett, Clifton Taulbert and Shane Lopez. This is an excellent slate of keynote speakers, and individuals who I will share more about in future reports.

For now, please mark your calendar for Oct. 21-22 to join us in Curtis. Registration will begin July 1, when the full schedule will be announced. This is a popular conference for networking and for sharing ideas on economic and community development in rural Nebraska.

For details on the October event, see http://rfc.nebraska.edu/ or for information about NCTA’s programs see ncta.unl.edu or call us at 1-800-3-CURTIS.
**NCTA Mission:**

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is devoted to a statewide mission of preparing students for successful careers in agriculture, veterinary technology, food and related industries. The college provides open access to innovative technical education resulting in associate degrees, certificates, diplomas and other credentials.

**NCTA events:**

June 8: New Student Registration, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ed Center
June 15: Summer Session begins
June 17: West Central NE Development District tour and meeting, Ed Center
June 23: 2015 Nebraska Water Tour, 9:30-10:00 a.m., Ed Center
June 24: 4-H Horticulture Camp, 9 a.m. – 12 noon, Greenhouse
June 27: UNSTA-NCTA Alumni Association annual conference, York

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