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TREASURER COWELL ENCOURAGES FUTURE LEADERS AT NCSU

RALEIGH – State Treasurer Janet Cowell encouraged North Carolina State University students not to think of leadership as “other people” but to find an issue they are passionate about and a community of people with whom they can work with to solve it. Cowell focused on leadership and public service as the guest speaker at the inaugural session of NC State’s “Conversations with State Leaders” series.

Cowell discussed her personal background and choices that led to her becoming North Carolina’s first female State Treasurer, a role in which she has diligently worked to increase transparency and oversee ethics reform contributing to successful leadership of the North Carolina Retirement Systems.

In a speech influenced by the thoughts of past political leaders and her own experience, Cowell described leadership as consisting of qualities such as courage, independent thinking, and conscience based decisions.

“The foundation of leadership is creating ways for people to contribute to make something extraordinary happen,” stated Cowell.

In her short tenure in office, Cowell has led several key initiatives including ethics and transparency policies, increased oversight of Department processes, financial literacy programs, and has actively reached out to North Carolina local governments and citizens.

The series, hosted by NC State’s School of Public and International Affairs, will consist of quarterly appearances by public and private sector speakers. The event is free and open to the public. For more information about the series and upcoming speakers contact Dr. Andrew Taylor, professor and department chair of political science at 919-515-8618 or andrew_taylor@ncsu.edu.

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