2018 Susie Deazley Walston and Mac Walston Fellowship
Award Amount: $2,000

Susie Deazley Walston is a 1973 NC State graduate in Recreation and Park Administration. Early in her career, she saw the need for an advanced degree and earned a Master’s degree in Public Administration at George Washington University. Susie retired in 2011 with 38 years of public service at the municipal level in such capacities as Parks and Recreation Director, Organizational Development Director, and Deputy City Manager for Virginia Beach, VA. Although less involved with parks and recreation in the latter stages of her career, Mrs. Walston remained active in the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society and continues to support NC State’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management (PRTM).

Mac Walston started college at East Carolina University but left to join the U. S. Marine Corps. He received a Presidential Unit Citation (Vietnam), Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and the Purple Heart for his service. He founded and was Head Coach of the Tidewater Aquatic Club (US Swimming Association). His 25-year parks and recreation career was spent in Newport News, VA where he served as the Golf Course Manager, the Marina, Beaches & Pools Manager, and the Recreation District Supervisor. Susie and Mac met while working in Newport News and have been married for 37 years. They believe parks and recreation is vital to a community's quality of life and wish to support an NC State PRTM Master’s student who shares this perspective.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have current or prior professional work experience in the field of public parks and recreation.
- Must have earned an undergraduate degree in a curriculum other than parks and recreation or earned an undergraduate degree in parks and recreation but not from NC State.
- Satisfactory academic progress (current 3.0 GPA or higher).
- Continuing student in the PRTM Master’s program (MS, MNR, or MPRTSM).

The fellowship is renewable based on continued eligibility.

Application Materials

- 1-page cover letter (single space, 10 – 12 point font size)
- Current resume

Application Process

Use “Walston Fellowship Application” in the subject line and submit materials as one pdf document by e-mail to:

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Application Deadline: February 16, 2018, 5pm.