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**Huang shares expertise with tomorrow's meteorologists**

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Name: Dr. Huo-Jin "Alex" Huang  
 Age: 51

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Position: Chair and professor of the department of atmospheric sciences, UNC Asheville.

Job responsibilities: Educating future meteorologists in a public liberal arts university and conducting administrative tasks.

Number of employees at your business: I don't have any employees, only colleagues. I have three wonderful colleagues in the department and many others at UNCA.

Lives in: East Asheville.

Originally from: Taiwan, Republic of China.

How you ended up in WNC?: I was offered an assistant professor position at UNCA to teach meteorology in 1984.

Family (or pets) with you here in Asheville: Lily (manager of Panda Express at Asheville Mall), wife of 26 years; two sons, Kevin and Jason; and a dog named Fudge.

Memorable first job: I worked for the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the Republic of China as a weather observer at the Taipei Sungshun Airport. By watching airplanes taking off and landing at night, I was inspired to go abroad to continue my graduate education.

Professional tips: Listen before you say, say what you think, do what you say. Everybody has to make a living, so treat everybody fairly and honestly. Live a simple, healthy and happy life.

Key education/training: Doctorate in meteorology from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Role models: My parents, who worked hard every day and always believed in the value of my education despite any challenges. Anybody who knows what he or she is doing and takes pride in what he or she does.

Currently reading: "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen.

Business news sources you regularly use: Asheville Citizen-Times, Internet News.

Bookmarked Web site(s) include: [www.atms.unca.edu](http://www.atms.unca.edu), [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov), [www.ncdc.noaa.gov](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov), [google.com](http://google.com) and many others.

Favorite place to do lunch: My office at UNCA.

Currently in your CD player: Josh Groban, Yanni and Bee Gees. I also listen to WWNC-AM 570 whenever I can.

On your plate in 2006: To lead the department of atmospheric sciences to the next level.

Volunteer/civic interests: Member of board of directors of Asheville City School Foundation. Helping Caring for Children solve computer problems.

What you do to unwind and destress: Fixing computers, surfing the Internet, reading, listening to music, or doing nothing.

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"By watching airplanes taking off and landing at night, I was inspired to go abroad to continue my graduate education," says Alex Huang, chair and professor of the Atmospheric Sciences Department at UNC Asheville.

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