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DR. VERNON JONES

Message from the Chair

Dr. Vernon Jones

'Tis the season to wish each of you joy, peace and happiness. Here's to a year and beyond of blessings and good health. One of the best presents that I can hope to receive this year is the continued unwavering support from the ARD membership going into 2020. In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to

thank the ARD members, researchers, supporters, friends, the 1890 Universities Foundation and our executive director who have worked tirelessly to advance the ARD vision, mission, goals, values and value proposition.

At the APLU 2019 annual meeting last month in San Diego, ARD, AEA and the Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture had a joint meeting with the Council of 1890 Presidents and Chancellors. Paul Brathwaite, Federal Street Strategies, gave the 1890 leadership an update on the legislative actions affecting the 1890 community, including, but not limited to, the Future Act, pending decisions about the 1890/USDA Task Force, 1890 Scholarship Program, 1890 Centers of Excellence, Carryover Disparity for 1890 Extension and leveraging visits by Secretary Perdue and other high-ranking officials of the Trump Administration. Brathwaite also encouraged the 1890 leaders to be more engaged with their state and federal elected officials.

A second purpose of the joint meeting was to vet the RFA for the 1890 Centers of Excellence that was released four days prior to the meeting. The RFA was straightforward; however, the time to prepare and submit the Letter of Intent (Dec.) and the full proposal was short. The convening event held in Atlanta in Octo-

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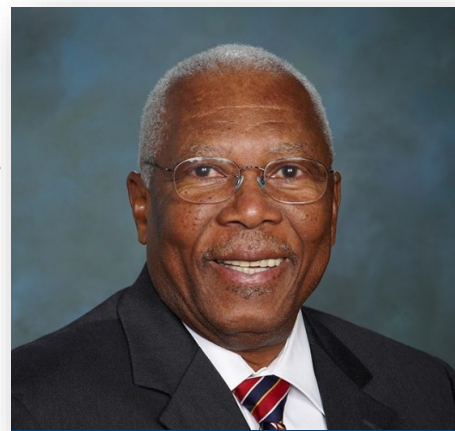
Neufville wins ESS Leadership Award

Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville received the ESS National Excellence in Leadership Award from the ARD region at the 2019 APLU Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Neufville currently serves as the president and CEO of The 1890 Universities Foundation, a 501 c (3) dedicated to facilitate partnerships, foster collaborations with USDA agencies and implement centers of excellence across the community of 1890 Universities.

Neufville is a collaborative leader with a demonstrated record of creating and implementing mission-aligned academic, research and Cooperative Extension programs. Neufville thoroughly understands and appreciates the land-grant system as manifested most succinctly by his visionary and contemporary leadership over the past 40 years in several administrative roles in higher education and international development. Neufville has worked with intensity, passion and deliberate thought to create a strong food and agricultural system that motivates administrators, faculty and students.

Neufville has served in a number of critical leadership positions including president of Coppin State University, interim president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, executive vice president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and vice president for academic affairs and dean and research director of the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. In addition, Neufville has served as the associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and Cooperative Extension and Research at Lincoln University, chair of the Association of Research Directors (ARD), chair of the Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture and chair of the Board of the International Adult and Continuing Education.

In addition, Neufville currently serves as a consultant for ACDI/VOCA, as a member of the Maryland Governor's Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture and is a commissioner of the Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI).



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Nominations open for ESCOP/ESS awards

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

This award recognizes those who have served the Regional Associations, ESCOP—ESS and/or the national land-grant system with exemplary distinction.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals eligible for this award are former or current State Agricultural Experiment/Research Station (SAES or ARD) leaders who have provided service as assistant director, associate director, director, administrator or as chief operating officers with equivalent, but variant titles (e.g. vice chancellor, associate vice chancellor, associate vice president, dean for research) and/or as a regional executive director.

This award is distinctive in its expectations and not necessarily coincident with retirement, election to a specific office or any other specific professional benchmark.

SUBMISSION AND REVIEW

Nominations for the recognition in the 1890 region should be submitted to Dr. Alton Thompson by Feb. 1, 2020. The ARD Executive Committee will review the nominations and email to the ARD members in good standing to select the winner. The nominee with the most votes will be submitted to the ESS chair and the executive vice-chair and the executive vice-chair of the Science the Technology Committee. [Click here to view the call for nominations.](#)

EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH

The purpose of this award program is to annually recognize those station scientists who are conducting exem-

plary multistate activities and enhance the visibility of the multistate program. A recipient multistate project will be selected from the pool of nominees submitted by the five regional research associations and judged by the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee to exhibit sustained, meritorious and exceptional multistate research activities. The ESCOP Executive Committee will provide final approval.



ELIGIBILITY

Any current multistate project (research, ERA, CC) listed in NIMSS (www.nimss.org) is eligible for consideration. The nomination is predominantly based upon the five-year project period.

The multistate research authority allows other non-SAES partners to join in these project-based collaborations. Thus, many multistate projects include Extension specialists and ARS or Forest Service research scientists. Many projects have private sector and non-land-grant participants and a majority of multistate projects have participants from more than a single region.

BASIS FOR NOMINATION

Each of the five regions may nominate one multistate project. An individual project should document collaborative activities. Nominations shall be made to the chair of the respective regional Multistate Research Committee (MRC) or Multistate Activities Committee (MAC) via the regional executive director's office. Nominations are due in the Office in the Executive Directors on or before Feb. 28, 2020. [Click here to view the call for nominations.](#)

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Neufville has received a number of awards and honors—APLU 1890 Universities Leadership Award; Caribbean American Heritage Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award; 52nd Annual Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, Claude C. Marion Memorial Lecture Award; Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Florida and was inducted into the IACE Hall of Fame.

Neufville earned a bachelor's of science degree in animal science from Tuskegee University and the master's in science and doctorate in animal science from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

We congratulate our colleague and friend on receiving this award and his leadership role on The 1890 Universities Foundation.

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ber to begin organizing consortia of 1890 universities to identify interests in hosting one of the three centers, identify collaborating investigators and to formulate specific goals, objectives and project ideas was very timely. That engagement in discussion and strategic planning will allow the submission of quality applications that ensure fair and inclusive participation of all interested 1890 universities.

As the 1890 leaders across the three mission areas continue to work collaboratively to better serve the people, families and communities in the 1890 region, AEA and ARD will again host a joint meeting with the Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture on Jan. 21-24, 2020 at the Westin Georgetown in Washington, DC. If you have not already registered and booked your hotel room, please do so as soon as possible.

Finally, I wish each of you a joyous holiday surrounded by family, and many blessings for the coming year. Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. May joy, peace, love and prosperity follow you always.



FY20 Program Now Open!

USDA Agricultural Research Service sent this bulletin at 11/21/2019 11:17 AM EST

[View as a webpage](#)



1890 Faculty Research Sabbatical Program

Now accepting FY 2020 proposals!
Program closes January 31, 2020.



The [1890 Faculty Research Sabbatical Program](#) is an opportunity for 1890 land-grant university faculty to participate in a residency at an Agricultural Research Service (ARS) laboratory to conduct cooperative research of mutual interest with ARS.

[Apply Now](#)

**1890
Partnerships
Hub**

Are you an 1890 land-grant university faculty member seeking an ARS research partner? Visit our [1890 Partnerships Hub](#) to view a list of ARS scientists actively seeking 1890 research partners.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF, [Aquaculture and Fisheries Department, Extension Aquaculture Specialist I](#). Application packages may be sent by e-mail to: uapbjobs@uapb.edu. Closing Date: Dec. 31, or until a suitable applicant is found.

- [Research Associate](#) – Fisheries Management & Ecology, Aquaculture/Fisheries Center, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, AR., Questions about the position, contact Dr. [Mike Eggleton](#) at (870) 575-8100. Closing Date: Jan. 17, 2020 or until filled.

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY, College of Agriculture/Virginia Cooperative Extension. [Associate Administrator](#), to view the full job posting.

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY, [Assistant Professor, Animal Science \(tenure-track\)](#), Department of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, College of Agriculture, Science and Technology, Apply online at www.desu.edu. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send the application materials in one electronic PDF package to [Ms. Karren Holland](#). Inquiries can be addressed to: [Dr. Richard Barczewski](#).

ARD CALENDAR

2020 JOINT AEA/ARD WINTER MEETING

Jan. 21-24, 2020, Westin Georgetown Hotel 2350 M. St., NW, Washington, D.C.

Reservation Process: A block of rooms has been reserved under the name of "AEA/ARD Joint Winter Meeting 2020." To make reservations, call 1888-627-8406 or online at:

[Book your group rate for AEA/ARD JOINT WINTER MEETING JAN 2020.](#)

The rate is \$184 per night plus a 14.95% tax per night. This rate will not be available after this date. The rate includes complimentary in-room internet access. For those persons who need to arrive early, there are some rooms available on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020. If you plan attend the meeting [register here](#).

2020 AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK FORUM

Feb. 20-12, 2020,
Crystal Gateway

Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA

Registration is now open for the 96th annual Agricultural Outlook Forum (AOF), the largest annual meeting and premiere event of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The 2020 Forum, themed "The Innovation Imperative: Shaping the Future of Agriculture," will feature more than 30 sessions covering topics such as innovations in agriculture, global trade trends, food loss and waste, frontiers in conservation and the science of food safety. In addition, USDA chief economist will unveil the department's outlook for U.S. commodity markets and trade in 2020 and discuss U.S. farm income situation.

An exhibit hall will showcase resources from USDA agencies and private organizations.

Click on [this link](#) to register, reserve discounted room rates, join the pre-forum field trip, or apply for the USDA Future Leaders in Agriculture Program.

2020 AEA SYSTEMWIDE CONFERENCE

June 21-25, 2020, Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld, Orlando, FL

The conference's goal is to provide a forum for Extension educators, specialists, administrators, research professionals, public and private partners to learn, share innovative ideas, best practices and explore collaboration opportunities for advancing impact-driven extension programs in the 1890 Extension System. Professional development workshops, exhibits and presentations on innovations and best practices will dominate the three-day conference.

2ND NAPA BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 2020

May 22-24, 2020 (Memorial Weekend), Crown Plaza Atlanta Airport

[Call for abstracts \(professionals and students\)](#)

[Call for Essays – Student writing contest](#)

You may [click for details about the NAPA conference](#).

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2020 JOINT COPS MEETING – July 20 – 23 in Kansas City

