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Message from the Chair

In less than three weeks, I will see you in Jacksonville, FL for the 19th Biennial Research Symposium. The theme of this year's meeting is "The 1890 Research Agenda: Making Critical Contributions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture," and I could not be more excited about this symposium. Coupled with this

grand event will be our celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Association of 1890 Research Directors, Inc., (ARD). Discussions during plenary sessions, workshops and paper and poster presentations will focus on contributions that 1890 scientists and students are making to help solve pressing challenges in food and agriculture in the 1890 regions and beyond.

At this meeting, we will roll out the new ARD strategic agenda, "Bold Transformations 2025: Strategic Agenda for 1890 Research and Innovation in the Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences." Bold Transformations 2025 builds on significant accomplishments by 1890 research scientists and recognizes the hard work and dedication of the incredibly talented people who positioned the 1890 institutions for the next giant leap. This strategic research agenda is a living framework that is intended to ignite a "call to action." Bold Transformations 2025 articulates ARD's vision, mission, passion, core values and seven research priorities for ARD's administrators and research scientists to follow in achieving those ends. ARD's overall funding strategy is to support a broad-spectrum of stakeholder-based and investigator-initiated research in fundamental and applied science in the food and agricul-

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Averting a shutdown, budget passes – includes NIFA increases; 1890 program priorities

The House and Senate conferees completed an omnibus spending package recently, including funding for FY 2019 Agriculture, that passed both the House and the Senate, averting another government shutdown.

This bill, signed into law by President Trump, provides a \$63.544 million increase for NIFA with a \$54.153 million increase for APLU's six core priorities (provided below). The bill increases funding to \$927.649 million to support NIFA research and education activities, \$505.692 million for Extension activities and \$38 million for integrated activities.

The bill also includes provisions providing \$5 million for grants to 1890 Institutions for Centers of Excellence; \$10 million for scholarships for students at 1890 Institutions; \$19.336 million for 1890 capacity building grants, and \$19.730 million for facility improvements at 1890 institutions.

The conference report also addresses the proposed relocation of NIFA and the Economic Research Service (ERS). The committee directs the USDA to include all cost estimates associated with the proposed moves to be included in the FY 2020 budget request. In addition, USDA is encouraged to indefinitely delay the move of ERS to the Office of the Chief Economist.

The table below outlines APLU's six core priority lines:

Program	FY 2019		FY 2019	
	House	Senate	Six-Bill Spending Package	APLU Request
McIntire-Stennis	\$ 36.000 M	\$ 36.000M	\$ 36.000M	\$ 40.572M
1890 Institutions Extension	45.620M	48.620M	48.620M	54.500M
Evans-Allen (1890s Research)	55.000 M	57.185 M	58.000M	64.732M
Hatch Act	259.000 M	243.701 M	259.000M	291.138M
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	315.000 M	300.000 M	315.000M	358.396M
AFRI	\$415.000 M	405.000 M	415.000	418.129M



FSLI accepting application packets for Cohort 15

FSLI is accepting applications for cohort No.15 for the fall of 2019 and will continue to collect applications until cohort 15 is full. After a nomination and/or email, stating the intent to submit an application is received, a place will be held

until all application materials are on file. At that time, the full application packet will be reviewed and acceptance will be determined.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out as each application procedure concludes. The fee for the two-year program is \$20,000. An invoice will be sent out before the first fall residential session.

Application Instructions

In order to open up an application file, a member of your organization's senior leadership must endorse your application to participate by completing the [Nomination and Commitment to Support Form](#).

1. Once we receive your endorsement, a link to the FSLI Application Form will be sent to you via email. This form must be completed and submitted along with a two-page CV and a list of three of your colleagues to submit an evaluation for you.
2. The three colleagues you have listed on your application will be notified by email to complete and submit an FSLI Evaluation Form for you.

All these completed forms will be submitted online. The system will send you monthly status reports until your appli-

cation is complete. After all your forms are submitted, you will receive an email notice. We will review your application at this time to determine acceptance. You will receive an email of your acceptance after we have reviewed your application.

RECOMMENDATION

If you know of someone you would recommend to the FSLI program, there is an FSLI [Recommendation Form](#) that can be filled out and sent via email to [Carol Reilly](#), program specialist. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact: [Carol Reilly](#), program specialist, 919-515-4197.

ESCOPE seeks award nominations

ESCOPE is seeking nominations for the National Experiment Station Section Diversity and Inclusion Award. The award recognizes experiment station research initiatives that support the creation of diverse and inclusive efforts and is dedicated to individuals, teams or organizations that go beyond meeting EEO/AA program requirements. [CLICK HERE](#) to view/download nomination detail. The award comes with paid travel to the Annual ESS/SAES/ARD meeting, recognition with a commemorative plaque and a \$1,000 cash award. Questions about the nomination should be forwarded to [Rick Rhodes](#), executive vice chair, ESCOP Diversity Catalyst Committee, 401-874-2468. Rhodes is accepting nominations until 8 p.m. EDT on March 29, at the email address provided.

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tural sector. ARD's planned investment in these seven priority areas is an affirmation of the power of research in the food, agricultural and environmental sciences to help overcome crucial food and nutrition challenges.

As we celebrate ARD's 40th Anniversary during this symposium, we will also inaugurate the Evans-Allen Memorial Lecture. Briefly, the First Morrill Act (1862) established a land-grant university in every state and the Second Morrill Act (1890) extended land-grant status to historically black public universities in southern and Border States where, due to segregation, African-American students were barred from attending the 1862 land-grant universities. The Evans-Allen Act of 1977 (Public Law 95-113) provided capacity funds for food and agricultural research at the 1890 land-grant institutions and Tuskegee University in a manner similar to that provided to the 1862 universities un-

der the Hatch Act of 1887. Representative Frank Evans of Colorado and Senator James Allen of Alabama originally sponsored the legislation (Evans-Allen) to provide funds for food and agricultural research programs at the 1890s.

Congresswoman Alma S. Adams will give the inaugural Evans-Allen Memorial Lecture. Dr. Adams was elected to her third term representing the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina. In the 116th Congress, Dr. Adams has been appointed to the following committee positions: Committee on Financial Services; Committee on Education and Labor and the Committee on Agriculture. She will serve in several leadership roles as chairwoman of the Committee on Education and Labor's Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and vice chairwoman to the Committee on Agriculture. Throughout her career, Adams has promoted quality education for all students, spearheading

legislation to boost funds for historically black colleges and universities, providing nutritious breakfasts in schools and supporting increased pay for teachers.

A special thanks go to the Symposium Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Dyremple Marsh, Delaware State University, and Dr. Orlando McMeans, West Virginia State University, for their consummate leadership in planning and making this symposium a reality and to the tremendous support provided by our Executive Director, Dr. Alton Thompson.

I look forward to thought-provoking discussions that will create a platform for continued innovative research resulting in solutions to the new and grand challenges in the food and agricultural system. I also look forward to the collegial interaction and a renewing of old acquaintances.

2019 ARD Research Symposium

The 1890 Research Agenda: Making Critical Contributions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture

March 30 – April 3, 2019 | Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL

The goal of the ARD Research Symposium is to provide a forum for interactions, sharing knowledge, expanding partnerships through networking, and showcasing the talents and achievements of the 1890 community. **Below is information that will help students to plan.** [See all Program Events](#), including the area hotels to accommodate the overflow because of record attendance.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019		
Event	Time	Room Location
1890 Librarians Meeting	8 a.m.- 5 p.m.	River Terrace 3
Registration	1-6 p.m.	Registration Office
Technology Office (uploads only, if necessary)	1-6 p.m.	Boardroom 4
Judges and Moderators' Meeting	6-8 p.m.	River Terrace 2
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019		
Event	Time	Room Location
Continental Breakfast	7-8 a.m.	City Terrace Foyer
Registration	8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	Registration Office
Poster set up for students only	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Exhibitor Set Up	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Student Competitive Paper Sessions (Oral)	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	City Terrace 4-12 & River Terrace 2, 3
Morning Break	10-10:30 a.m.	City Terrace Foyer
Lunch on your own		
Afternoon Break	2:30-3 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Student Competitive Poster Judging (location is closed to all at this time – only student presenters & judges)	2:45-6 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	6:45-7 p.m.	River Terrace Deck 2 – lower deck
Welcome Reception	7-9 p.m.	River Terrace Deck 2 – lower deck
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019		
Event	Time	Room Location
Continental Breakfast	7-8:15 a.m.	Grand Ballroom 4-8
Registration	7 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Registration Office
Opening Session	8:30-10 a.m.	Grand Ballroom 4-8
Morning Break	10-10:30 a.m.	Grand Foyer
Visits with Exhibitors	10:15-11:45 a.m.	Grand Foyer
Posters with Authors	10:15-11:45 a.m.	Grand Foyer
Student Awards Luncheon	Noon – 1:45 p.m.	Grand Ballroom 4-8
Student Photo Session	1:45-2 p.m.	River Terrace Deck 2 – lower deck
Student Posters Removed / Faculty Posters Set Up	2-5 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Visits with Exhibitors	2-5 p.m.	Grand Foyer

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Faculty Oral Presentations / Faculty Poster Presentations	2-6 p.m.	City Terrace 4-12, River Terrace 2, 3 & Grand Foyer
Afternoon Break	3-3:30 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Graduate School: The Next Level (Student Session)	3:30-5:30 p.m.	Conference Center B
Dinner on your Own		
Committee/Group Meetings (Scheduled Only)	2-6 p.m.	TBD
Student Social - (All Welcome)	9 p.m.-Midnight	Grand Ballroom 2 – 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019

Event	Time	Room Location
Continental Breakfast	7-8:15 a.m.	Grand Ballroom 4 – 8
Registration	7-11 a.m.	Registration Office
Plenary Session	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Grand Ballroom 4 – 8
Morning Break	10:30-11 a.m.	Grand Foyer
Visit with Exhibitors	10:30 a.m.- Noon	Grand Foyer
Posters with Authors	10:30 a.m.- Noon	Grand Foyer
Student Professional Development Workshop (Student ONLY Working Lunch)	11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Conference Center B
Lunch on your Own		
Exhibit and Poster Teardown	Noon-3 p.m.	Grand Foyer
Special Session 1— NIFA Navigating the New Landscape of Funding Opportunities	1:30-3 p.m.	River Terrace 2
Special Session 2— Design Thinking: A Solution-Based Approach to Problem Solving	1:30-3 p.m.	City Terrace 10
Special Session 3—Furthering Water Quality & Water Quantity Research, Education and Extension Programs at 1890 Universities	1:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 4
Special Session 4—Sustainable Genetic Improvement via Simplified Artificial Insemination for Goat Producers	1:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 6
Special Session 5— Food Safety and Associated Water Quality: Collaborative Research Efforts Among 1890 Land-Grant Universities’ Food, Agriculture, and Biological Sciences on National Priority Issues of Food Safety and Associated Water Quality	1:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 7
Special Session 6—Soil Health Events Status at 1890 & 1994 Land-Grant Universities: Research, Curriculum Reconstruction, and Student-Faculty – Farmer Training	1:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 8
Special Session 7—Forum on Implementation of IPM in Specialty Crops, Postharvest, and Communities: Contributions of 1890 Institutions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture	1:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 9
Special Session 8—Training Program for the 1890 land-grant universities’ Extension educators who will assist growers to be compliant with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR)	1:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 11
Special Session 9—NIFA Grantsmanship: General Grant Writing tips for Success	3:30-5 p.m.	River Terrace 2
Special Session 10—Playing a Role in U.S. Global Agriculture, Funding & Career Opportunities at USDA-FAS	3:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 5

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ANGLE'S ANGLE: Updates planned for new International Profile



J. Scott Angle, NIFA Director

The new Plan of Work, known as the International Profile, was released in the fall of 2018, delivering on the first phase of the 2015 Plan of Work Panel of Experts recommendations to consolidate POW into the REEport system. We sincerely appreciate the System's input and support in addressing these recommendations.

I want to update you on a few things regarding this new system. First, **NIFA is extending the 2020 Plan of Work (POW) reporting deadline from April 1, 2019 to June 1, 2019.**

This new deadline is necessary to allow for some needed system updates that will provide more comprehensive functionality. This new deadline will also allow users adequate time to successfully complete the report. NIFA is planning a system update that

will enable the land-grant university user community to manage their roles in the new Institutional Profile. Another new feature will enable the alignment between NIFA's Science Emphasis Areas with state-defined critical issues that are required in the 2020 POW report. These enhancements are essential to support the 2020 POW reporting process beginning this year.

As we move forward with the new Plan of Work system, the development, enhancement and implementation of several reports and key features will result in the integration of POW with the REEport information collection. The goal of this integration work is to better help "tell the story" of how the LGU partners and NIFA are working together to advance agricultural research and extension across the nation. By continuing to work with our LGU partners, NIFA is striving to achieve innovative solutions for meeting the legislative requirements of Agricultural Research, Education, and Extension Reform Act (AREERA), improve data quality, and lessen reporting burden.

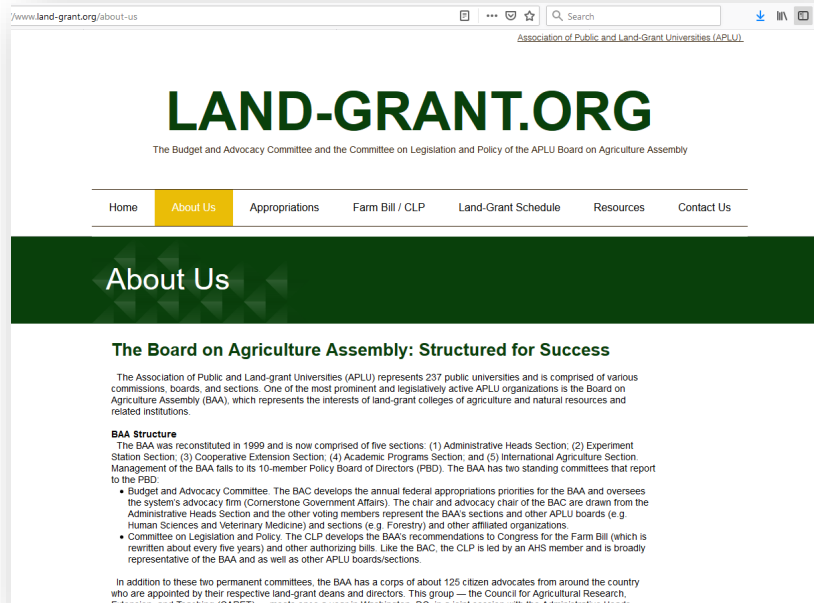
www.land-grant.org—keep this website bookmarked

For food, agriculture and natural resources administrators in the land-grant system, [this website](http://www.land-grant.org) should be bookmarked for future use. Cornerstone Government Affairs and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) created this website to represent the interests of the land-grant colleges of agriculture and natural resources, as guided by the Board of Agriculture Assembly (BAA). The BAA, reconstituted in 1999, is now comprised of five sections:

- Administrative Heads Section
- Experiment Station Section
- Cooperative Extension Section
- Academic Programs Section
- International Agriculture Section.

Management of the BAA falls to its 10-member Policy Board Directors (PBD), chaired by Dr. Orlando F. McMeans, West Virginia State University. The BAA has two standing committees that report to the BAA: Budget and Advocacy Committee and the Committee on Legislative and Policy.

This very helpful website also provides information



on appropriations, the farm bill, the land-grant schedule of meetings and other resources. [Bookmark this website now.](http://www.land-grant.org)

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Special Session 11—Hands-on Sensory Evaluation, Judging and Appreciation of Cheeses	3:30-5 p.m.	City Terrace 10
Special Session 12—Building Tech Talent and Connecting Student Pipelines to Entrepreneurial Ecosystems at HBCUs	3:30 -5 p.m.	City Terrace 12
Morrison-Evans & B.D. Mayberry Awards Banquet	7-10 p.m.	Grand Ballroom 4-8

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019
Travel Day

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1890 Land Grant Universities

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[Florida A&M University](#)
[Fort Valley State University](#)
[Kentucky State University](#)
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ARD CALENDAR

2019 SOUTHERN REGION MINI-LANDGRANT MEETING

"Working Together for Impact," March 18-21, Coral Springs, FL, Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel

The U.S. Southern Region has abundant opportunity and some enduring challenges in ensuring a safe and profitable food system, community and individual economic vitality and a healthy citizenry. The 2019 Southern Region Mini Land-



Grant Meeting brings together leaders from seven groups from both 1862 and 1890 land-grant universities to explore avenues for improving the roles of each group and land-grant functions as a whole. These seven groups, including university administrators and their stakeholder representatives, are:

- Administrative Heads Section - Southern Region (S-AHS)
- Academic Programs Section – Southern Region (S-APS)
- Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors (SAAESD)
- Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD)
- Association of Southern Region Extension Directors (ASRED)
- 1890 Association of Extension Administrators (AEA)
- Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching – Southern Region (S-CARET)

The primary purpose for this meeting is to foster interactive discussions, planning and actions across all participating administrative units to enhance effectiveness of land-grant agricultural colleges' programs, processes and impacts through greater integration and collaboration throughout the Southern U.S. This will be an opportunity to jointly examine common issues, explore best practices and initiate new partnerships with colleagues and key stakeholders, both within your state and across the region. There will also be time for each organization to meet separately or jointly with another one, to conduct business and discuss issues specific to your group and time for informal social interaction between all participants. [Register here.](#)

NERAOC 2019—National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference

Theme: "Elevating Our Communities"

April 14-17, 2019, Grand Hyatt Denver, 1750 Welton St, Denver, CO, 80202

The annual National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference (NERAOC) provides a venue for professional development, information sharing and networking to state Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Experiment Station and USDA NIFA staff. This includes the opportunity to share and exchange current and relevant best practices, discuss policy, obtain definitive interpretation of regulations and discuss future issues pertinent to operating the land-grant university system and other cooperating institutions. The NERAOC serves individuals at land-grant institutions in all regions as defined by the APLU BAA, ESCOP and ECOP. [Click for information on conference and hotel registrations:](#)



JOINT COPS MEETING

July 19-24, 2019, Park City, UT, Westgate Park City Resort and Spa, 3000 Canyons Resorts Dr., Park City, UT

Saturday, July 20 – ARD Meeting; Sunday, July 21 - ARD Meeting
Monday, July 22 – ECOP, ESCOP (1-5 pm MT), and BOHS Meetings

SAVE THE DATE

JOINT ESS/CES/NEDA MEETING – Sept. 23-26, 2019 - Nashville, TN, Marriott at Vanderbilt
APLU ANNUAL MEETING – Nov. 10-12, 2019 – San Diego, CA, Hilton San Diego Bayfront