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Message from the Chair

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Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a joyous and relaxing holiday. January, more than any other time of the year, provides me a period of reflection, anticipation, and thankfulness. As I reflect on ARD's 2016 accomplishments and points of pride and anticipate moving closer

to our mission of establishing a broad-based, relevant research agenda, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as ARD Chair.

We are blessed to serve all people, but in particular, those who are socio-economically deprived, and to work with great co-workers who are like family. As we continue to strive for excellence, please know of my gratitude for the vital role each of you plays in ARD's performance and productivity. I know that 2017 will be a breakthrough year for ARD as we continue to develop and sustain the Centers of Excellence, be aggressive in the reauthorization of the 2018 Farm Bill, be persistent in seeking funding increases for our capacity, capacity-building and facilities programs, support our faculty as they compete for funding in other programs, and expand our integrated activities that maximize on our tripartite mission.

As you know, we have a lot of work to do, including working with the symposium steering committee in planning and implementing a successful 2017 Biennial Research Symposium. See you in Atlanta as we continue to have these important discussions.

BAA Proposes Single Ask Budget Request

The Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) Budget and Advocacy Committee's (BAC) is proposing a new approach for advocating for NIFA's 2018 budget. Specifically, the new approach will be a single amount (Single Ask) requested for the 2018 budget increase and it will be distributed proportionally among the six budget priority lines. The amount of the budget request could be \$100 million or \$200 million. According to the proposal, the funding increase will be split evenly across the six priority lines according to each line's percentage share of the total in FY 2016 dollar values. All accounts would receive the same percent increase. (See table).

Instead of advocating for the six individual funding levels that correspond to the six priority lines, the BAC is proposing that we consider advocating for a single funding level for NIFA that would include increases that the 1890 system request for the priority lines. The 1890 administrators, research directors, and deans are vetting this new approach and support the proposed "Single Ask" 2018 budget request and the \$200 million request.

However, there are some concerns about the proportional funding distribution because the 1890 base is so low and this distribution will never provide an opportunity for 1890 Research and Extension to reach their authorized levels of 30 percent of Hatch and 20 percent of Smith-Lever, respectively.

The ARD Executive Committee is seeking feedback and/or recommendations on this issue, or specifically, on how the \$200 million funding increase should be distributed among the six priority areas. Please submit your recommendations to Alton Thomson (athompson1@ncat.edu) or L. Washington Lyons (lwlyons@ncat.edu) as soon as possible. A decision is slated to be made on Thursday, Feb. 16.

	FY 2016 Enacted		100M increase		200M increase		300M increase	
		% of total	New value	% change	New value	% change	New value	% change
McIntire-Stennis	33.961	3.31%	37.266	10%	40.572	19%	43.877	29%
1890 Institutions Extension	45.620	4.44%	50.060	10%	54.500	19%	58.940	29%
Evans-Allen (1890s Research)	54.185	5.27%	59.459	10%	64.732	19%	70.006	29%
Hatch Act	243.701	23.72%	267.420	10%	291.138	19%	314.857	29%
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	300.000	29.20%	329.198	10%	358.396	19%	387.594	29%
AFRI	350.000	34.06%	384.064	10%	418.129	19%	452.193	29%
Total APLU Priorities	1,027.467		1,127.467	10%	1,227.467	19%	1,327.467	29%



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2017 ARD SYMPOSIUM

April 1-4, 2017 Hyatt Regency, Atlanta

“1890 Research: Meeting 21st Century Challenges Through Innovation”



REGISTRATION

Regular Registration—\$525, ends Feb. 24, 2017

Late Registration—\$575, Feb. 25 – March 24, 2017

On-site Registration—\$600

Registration can be paid by purchase order or check. **No refunds.**

To register: <https://www.umes.edu/ARD/1890symposium/RegistrationForm.pdf>

For hotel information and registration: <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14466006/owner/323/home>

EXHIBITORS

Each 1890 campus is invited to display one university exhibit for FREE. Additional exhibits and non-1890 exhibitors must pay the fee of \$2,000 by Feb. 17, 2017. All exhibitors, including the 1890s, must submit the Exhibit Registration Form by the deadline.

To become an Exhibitor: <https://www.umes.edu/ARD/1890symposium/Exhibitor.aspx>.

To become a Sponsor: <https://www.umes.edu/ARD/1890symposium/SponsorshipsARDSymposium2017web.pdf>

The application deadline for the **Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award** and the **B.D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award** is Jan. 20, 2017. To submit a nominee, click here <https://www.umes.edu/ARD/1890symposium/AwardNominations.aspx>

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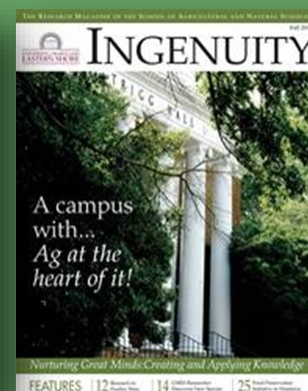
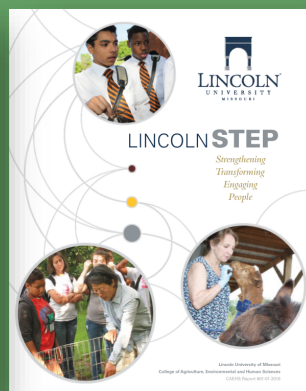
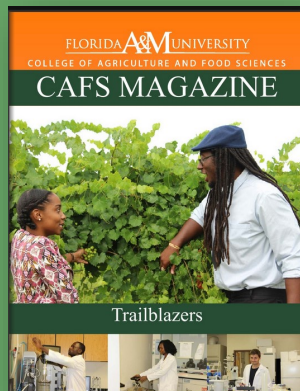
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ARD MEMBER UPDATES/OPPORTUNITIES

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Dean and Director of Land-Grant Programs - Prairie View A&M University

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APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Keith McGee, Interim Dean – School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, and Director of Land-Grant Programs, Alcorn State University

Dr. Robert Durborow, Interim Assistant Research Director, College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems, Kentucky State University



2017 JOINT CARET/AHS MEETING—35TH ANNIVERSARY

March 4-8, 2017

The Westin Alexandria Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA

Theme: "Connecting the Dots by helping others tell our Food and Ag Story"

The meeting will prepare the delegates to the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET) and the Administrative Heads Section (AHS) to take to Capitol Hill the Fiscal Year 2018 budget recommendations of the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA).