



Message from the Chair



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Dear Colleagues:

On your behalf I sincerely congratulate the 1890 University graduates of the 2013 Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI). FSLI offers leadership development to upper-level leaders in higher education, government, and industry to prepare them to meet the leadership challenges and opportunities of the future. The 2013 graduates are Barry Bequette of Alcorn State University, Albert Essel of Delaware State University, Moses Kairo from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Maifan Silitonga of Kentucky State University, and Martha Vergheese of Alabama A&M University. FSLI and LEAD21, the two primary Land-grant Systems' leadership programs have been extremely beneficial to the 1890s for leadership development. All of the campuses who invest in their current and future leaders by having them attend one of these programs should be greatly commended.

Congratulations are also in order to members of our 1890 community for being members of the research team that received the 2013 Experiment Station Section Award for Excellence in Multistate Research. The participating 1890 institutions for this project, entitled "Sweetpotato Collaborators Conference" included Alcorn State University, Tuskegee University, and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Thank you all for making us proud.

As the end of 2013 draws nigh, I wish you all the merriest of holiday seasons. Though it is quite cold outside, may the warmth of Christmas grant you and yours joy, love and thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Shirley Hyman-Parker



Deputy Secretary Harden Visits UMES



USDA Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden came to the UMES campus to announce a \$13 million in Community Facilities loans to promote the advancement of education. "When people think about USDA, they think about a Department that helps protect our food supply and the farmers that grow it," Harden said. "What many do not know is that USDA is much more than that. USDA Rural Development takes pride in addressing needs that are specific to local communities. Since 2009, USDA has invested in thousands of essential community projects that have benefitted millions of rural residents." The funds to UMES will be used to purchase 38 acres of land located about 2 miles from the campus, and to construct 144 units of temporary housing. Currently, there is no existing transitional graduate housing for UMES students, even though enrollment in the graduate programs is increasing each year (~700 graduate students). President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments are strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

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Theme: Women and Youth:
“Changing the Landscape of Agriculture”



December 8—10, 2013 www.pawc.info

AFRI Fellowships Grant Initiative: This Program provides Fellowships for pre- and postdoctoral students. Use the following link for the connection to the application:

<http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html>

Solicitation Date (Opening) October 29, 2013
Letter of Intent Due Date December 12, 2013
Due Date (Closing) February 20, 2014
Estimated Total Program Funding \$6,000,000.00
For More Information Contact Ray A. Ali, Ed.D.
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Under Secretary/Chief Scientist Catherine Woteki Holds Listening Session on the USDA REE Revised Action Plan in Washington, DC Nov. 21-22 for Leaders in the Land Grant Community



According to Dr. Woteki, “Looking forward, yet facing the realities of today’s economic climate, we must now simultaneously streamline and enhance our research, education, and extension capabilities while using our resources intelligently and efficiently. This will mean integrating our diverse capabilities into a collaborative and cohesive operational unit that will multiply our research yields, focus our vision, unify our voice, and enhance our chances of success. It also means laying the foundation for a strong economic future by attracting the next generation of students into the field of agricultural sciences and research—including a spectrum of biological, biochemical, biophysical, economic, food science, climatological, environmental, and soil sciences—to build a pipeline of talent that keeps America leading the world’s agricultural innovation. “

1890s Recognized at APLU Annual Meeting

APLU named 15 recipients of the inaugural 1890 Land-grant Universities’ Teaching, Research and Innovation Awards. Sponsored by the Kresge Foundation, the awards recognize advances in teaching, research and innovation and encourages advancement and development in areas of national importance. The following were the awardees:

The Retention Award—Lincoln University of Missouri
The Degree Completion Award—Fort Valley State University
Agriculture Degree Completion Award—Alcorn State University
Education Degree Completion Award—University of Maryland Eastern Shore
STEM Completion Award—Fort Valley State University
Intellectual Property Award—Kentucky State University
Innovation Award—Florida A&M University
Research Award—Delaware State University
International Research Award—University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Experiential Student Learning Award—Kentucky State University
International Students Award—North Carolina A&T State University
International Student Development Award—University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Alumni Engagement Award—West Virginia State University
Exemplary Alumni Award—Florida A&M University and North Carolina A&T State University

