



Message from the Chair



Dear Colleagues:

In my very first message to you, I want to acknowledge the great appreciation we all feel for the outstanding leadership provided for us by our immediate past chair, Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker. Her dedication, competence and enthusiastic service to ARD was exceptional and we all benefitted and knew that whenever she represented the ARD, our interests, stance and needs would be extremely well taken care of. As each chair before her has done, she chose an ARD ‘project’ and hers was to bring more visibility to the great work done on our campuses by having our impact statements posted on websites and sent to decision-makers and potential funders directly or through our partnership with NIFA. Because of Dr. Hymon-Parker we can now show concrete examples of the invaluable work the 1890s provide for our stakeholders as audiences go to our website where more than fifty new impact submissions reside. More will be posted by the end of the year. She of course will continue to be our most visible representative as she serves on the Policy Board of Directors and as ESCOP /ESS Chair-Elect. So again I say for all of us, thank you Shirley for being our stalwart! I look forward to the wisdom and guidance you will provide me as I go forward to serve as chair of this beloved ARD Family.

Sincerely,

James O. Garner,
ARD Chair

Dr. James Garner
awarding the
plaque of appreciation
to Dr. Shirley
Hymon-Parker



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PILD Will Celebrate the 125th

The Joint Council of Extension Professionals (JCEP) will focus on the 125th anniversary of the passage of the 2nd Morrill Act creating 1890 Land-grant Institutions at the April 12-15, 2015 conference in Crystal City, VA. The 2015 Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference theme is “Imagining Extension – Eyes to the Future.” ECOP Chair for 2015, Delbert Foster (SCSU), is among the invited keynote speakers. Registration opens 1/12/2015 at www.jcep.org

Dr. Pamela Hammond Named as VSU Interim President



Virginia State University (VSU) has named Dr. Pamela Valleria Wilson Hammond as the University’s Interim President, effective Jan. 1, 2015. Dr. Hammond is the first woman in VSU’s nearly 133-year history to serve as President. She succeeds Dr. Keith Miller, who recently announced he is stepping down on Dec. 31, 2014. Since 2009, Dr. Hammond has served as Provost at Hampton University. A nurse by training and education, Dr. Hammond has served numerous nursing-related appointments and assignments. Before becoming Provost at Hampton, she served as Dean and Professor of Nursing at that university. Dr. Hammond has implemented actions related to educational policies, research development and academic appointees. She was responsible for Hampton’s aggressive research strategic plan and coordinated other long-range planning activities.

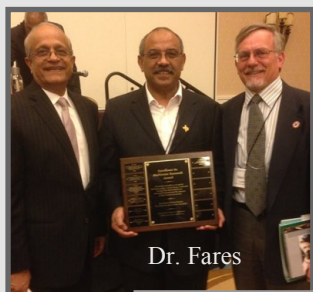
Dr. Hammond earned her B.S. degree in nursing from Tuskegee University; an M.S. in maternal-child nursing from the University of Maryland-Baltimore; and a doctorate in urban services, from Old Dominion University.

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Dr. Fares

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Award
Recipients



Dr. Brooks

1890 Award Recipients at APLU Annual Meeting

Dr. Ali Fares of PVAM received the 2014 Excellence in Multistate Regional Award as one of the team members on the W-2128 project - "Microirrigation for Sustainable Water Use." Dr. Carolyn Brooks, Exec. Director of ARD received the 2014 Experiment Station Section Regional Excellence in Leadership Award. One Leadership Award was awarded to each region. Other awards and recognitions were given to members of the 1890 community including the 1890 Region Award for Excellence in Extension to Dr. Henry W. English of UAPB and the FSLI graduates from the 1890 institutions.



APLU Announces Winners of the 1890 University Teaching, Research and Innovation Awards (2012-2014)

The Retention Award: Lincoln University for the largest improvement in retention rates

The Degree Completion Award: Kentucky State University for the greatest increase in bachelor's degrees

Agriculture Degree Completion Award: Lincoln University for the greatest increase in agriculture bachelor's degrees

Education Degree Completion Award: Fort Valley State University because for the greatest increase in teacher education bachelor's degrees

STEM Degree Completion Award: Alcorn State University for the greatest increase in science, technology, engineering and mathematics bachelor's degrees.

Intellectual Property Award: Fort Valley State University for the largest increase in an intellectual property portfolio (patents, industrial design rights, etc.)

Innovation Award: North Carolina and A&T State University and the **University of Arkansas Pine Bluff** for the largest increases in successfully transferring intellectual property into new products, processes, applications, materials or services that have been successfully taken to market

Research Award: Kentucky State University for the largest increase in federal funding

International Research Award: Southern University for the largest increase in international research awards

Experiential Student Learning Award: Kentucky State University for the largest increase in undergraduate students participating in research and internships that has been proven to increase student persistence to graduation

International Students Award: Delaware State University for the largest increase in undergraduate international students

International Student Development Award: University of Maryland Eastern Shore for the largest increase in undergraduate students participating in study abroad programs

Alumni Engagement Award (Number): University of Arkansas Pine Bluff for the largest increase in donations to the university by alumni

Alumni Engagement Award (Amount): West Virginia State University for the largest increase in alumni donations

Exemplary Alumni Award: West Virginia State University for the single largest donation (monetary or in-kind) to the university from an alumnus during the 2013-2014 academic year.

1890 University of the Year Award: North Carolina A&T State University and the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** for the best overall performance in each category from 2012-2014. NCA&T and UMES were among the top three in 6 out of 14 categories.