



Message from the Chair



ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

This is the last *ARD Updates* issue that I will be sending as Chair. I retire on June 30, 2015 and doing so is bitter sweet. My wife and I are really looking forward to my retirement and that is the sweet part. The bitter part is because I will miss all of you. The ARD family is unique, special. We do not see each other but a few times a year and yet it seems we are always together—virtually. We share the same love of our institutions collectively and commitment to enhance them. We serve them with passion because we want to contribute to their enhancement. As colleagues we have either the same or similar woes and the same or similar rewards. We work hard to climb mountains for our institutions but get to the top only to see there is yet another one to climb. But we do it all knowing there is an understanding brotherhood and sisterhood there with us and we celebrate each other's successes and commiserate with each other over set backs.

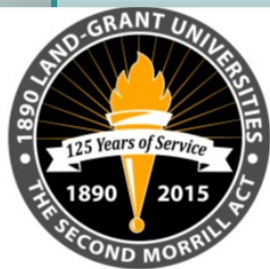
To end my message on a happy note, I ask each of you to stay in touch. Maybe I'll get into social media and chat with you on Facebook. Maybe we can plan some personal trips together since we all enjoy each other's company so much. But whatever, please know I am honored that you trusted me to serve as your ARD chair and I will always consider you as family. I will look forward to hearing about your successes and wish you all the very best personally and professionally.

Sincerely,



125th Anniversary Updates:

- ◆ Rooms are going fast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Please use the overflow hotel, the Liaison Capitol Hill, across the street, if the block has closed at the Hyatt.
- ◆ Please make certain Members of Congress from your district have been invited to the "1890s On The Hill" exhibition and reception.
- ◆ Registration will soon be online on our website. Only those who have registered may attend the reception, dinner and/or convocation. We suggest that there is open communication on your campus to make sure all campus segments have the registration information to use. Each person must be registered individually.
- ◆ If your campus will have special guests deserving of reserved seating, please make that known.
- ◆ Send in results of wellness walk—number of participants and amount raised for scholarships.
- ◆ Inform us of those coming who can assist with registration, the exhibition, dinner, and convocation.
- ◆ Stay alert to details about the exhibition and respond accordingly.
- ◆ Requests will be made for information about your campuses for the convocation program. Please make deadlines for this requested information or the program will exclude your campus in these areas.



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Announcements:

- NIFA announced on May 12 the launch of the new “Data Gateway,” a web-based tool designed to strengthen transparency and promote an open government by providing easy access to data and metrics on how the agency distributes funding. Users can view funding by recent awards, Congressional district, knowledge area, subject of investigation, science field, and award trends. Currently the Data Gateway provides the ability to filter and export data. There will soon be upgrades to the system to more easily share data, among other refinements. To view the Data Gateway visit NIFA website at <http://nifa.usda.gov/data>.

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Schedule of Events for the 125th Anniversary Celebration Events in Washington, D.C. July 13-16, 2015

Monday, July 13, 2015

Travel Day for some Members of the Council of 1890 Universities (University CEOs), the Association of 1890 Research Directors, the Association of Extension Administrators and Deans

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Meeting of the USDA/1890 Task Force (*By Invitation Only*)
Jaime L. Whitten Building

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Hyatt Regency Hotel

Travel Day for those attending the July 15th Events

8:00 a.m. - noon Separate summer meetings of the Council of Presidents, the ARD and the AEA

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Luncheon to include the Council, the AEA, the ARD, Deans and VIPs
(*By Invitation only*)

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Session on Enhancing Partnerships for luncheon attendees
(*By Invitation Only*)

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Early set-up of university exhibits in the Montpelier Room of the Madison Building

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **1890 University Alumni Reception (Registration is required)**

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

(Testimonies before the House Ag Committee by 1890 CEOs are tentatively scheduled for either July 15th or July 16th)

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. 1890 University Groups visiting Senators and Representatives from their Districts
(By appointments if time permits)

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **“1890s On The Hill” – university exhibitions and reception for Congressional Members and their staff and open to the public. Remarks given at 11:15 a.m.**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **125th Anniversary Dinner and Sponsors/Champions Recognition Program (Registered Guests)**
Hyatt Regency Hotel

Thursday, July 16, 2015

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Convocation (Registered Guests)**
The Coolidge Auditorium of the Jefferson Building, Library of Congress