



Message from the Chair



Association of
1890 RESEARCH DIRECTORS

Dear Colleagues:

We will use this issue to share some scenes from several of our campuses on 1890 Day. Please go to the campus websites to see more. We will update our www.1890universities.org website with 1890 Day events soon.

Sincerely,

James A. Garner, ARD Chair

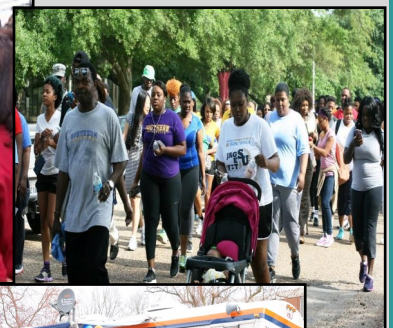


Alabama A&M

Tuskegee University

Southern University Walkers

APLU walkers in D.C. supporting the 1890s



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University of Maryland Eastern



VA State Univ.
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Lincoln University Wellness Walk



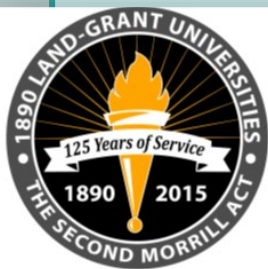
DE Governor Markell Signs Proclamation at Delaware State University

NC A&T Wellness Walk



Central State University

West Virginia State University



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Reminders: RFAs are out for the following:

FY 2015 Food Safety

APPLICATION DEADLINE for “Enhancing Food Safety through Improved Processing Technologies” (A4131): May 18, 2015. APPLICATION DEADLINE for “Effective Mitigation Strategies for Antimicrobial Resistance” (A4171): May 13, 2015. http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/FY15%20Food%20Safety%20RFA%20final_to%20post.pdf

NIFA’s COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM:

In FY 2015, applications are sought in the following US agriculture priority areas: 1. Plant health and production and plant products; 2. Animal health and production and animal products; 3. Food safety, nutrition, and health; 4. Renewable energy, natural resources, and environment; 5. Agriculture systems and technology; and 6. Agriculture economics and rural communities. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2015 is approximately \$116 million. For RFA visit: http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/rfa/FY2015%20AFRI%20Foundational%20RFA_revised_post_4.pdf **Closing Date:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015; Letter of Intent: Accepted anytime between March 1, 2015 and August, 31 2015.

Application Deadline: Full proposal submission is dependent on acceptance of the Letter of Intent. Upon receiving an invitation to submit a full proposal, applicants must submit the proposal within 60 days, with September 30, 2015 being the final deadline for proposal submission. **Funding Opportunity Number:** USDA-NIFA-AFRI-004915

Updates on July Events In Washington, DC to Commemorate the 125th Anniversary

(The activities with an * on the 14th are tentative until the Council has approved them)

July 13th–Travel Day, however the USDA/1890 Task Force Meeting will begin at 1PM. (Invited participation)

July 14th– Separate morning meetings of the Council of Presidents*, the ARD and the AEA

Luncheon for the Council*, the ARD, AEA and guests from corporations and foundations

Following the luncheon there will be an afternoon session in which corporate officials will make presentations and engage in subsequent dialog on ideas to strengthen partnerships with the 1890s collectively

At a time determined by the Library of Congress (LOC), campus representatives can set up their exhibits at the Madison Building of the LOC

A reception for alumni is being considered for that evening*

July 15th– University CEOs and their associates will travel to the Hill to meet with Senate and House members from their districts and remind them to visit the “1890s on the Hill” Exhibition and Reception (visits from 9 – 10:30AM)

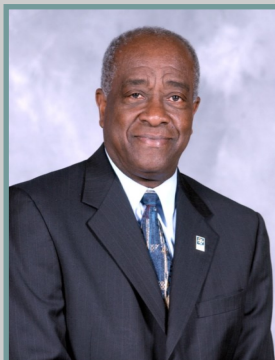
Testimony (ies) before the House Agriculture Committee is still TBD

From 11 AM—2 PM, the exhibition and reception will take place; remarks by selected individuals at noon

From 6 PM—9 PM there will be a celebratory dinner and awards ceremony at the Hyatt Regency

July 16th– Times are tentative, however the Convocation will take place at the Coolidge Auditorium of the Jefferson Building from 10 AM—1 PM. **Registration is required for the dinner and convocation**

Retirement Announced for 1890 System Stalwart



Dr. Leodrey Williams, Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center recently announced his retirement after serving for the past 50 years working with both Southern University and LSU in Baton Rouge, as well as Washington DC at the national level, in the Cooperative Extension Service. Over the past 14 years, he has served as the first and only chancellor of the Center. His retirement from the university will be effective June 30th 2015.

Williams was hired as an agriculture specialist 50 years ago. Five years later, he went to LSU and served as associate state agent, director of Equal Employment Opportunity and associate professor in the Department of Extension and International Education, positions he held for four years. In 1980, he became extension director at Southern University. Soon after, Williams served as the national director of the Cooperative Extension Service in Washington, DC. Williams returned to Southern University and resumed his previous role as Extension Director in 1995. Then, in 2001 Williams was asked to head the newly-formed Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. Best Wishes are abound for Dr. Williams.