



# Message from the Chair



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## ARD UPDATES

### *Dear Colleagues:*

This month the ARD Region is the hosting group for the annual ESS/SAES/ARD Meeting. I look forward to your participation and send sincerest appreciation to North Carolina A&T State University for being the hosting campus and to Tuskegee staff for leadership in the logistics of registration. If you still have not registered or reserved your room please do so at <http://www.ag.ncat.edu/aplu2015/index.html>. By now you have received the draft agenda and materials needed for the discussions.

As we continue to address outcomes from the “1890s on the Hill” events in Washington, D.C., the start-up of Centers of Excellence has taken root. NRCS, USFS, RD, and FSA have initiated agreements to fund the **Center for Innovative and Sustainable Small Farms, Ranches and Forest Lands (CISFRL)** initiative and APHIS and FAS are willing to fund workforce development initiatives for the **Center of Excellence for International Engagement and Development and the Virtual Center to Motivate and Educate for Achievement –1890 MEA Center**. We will keep you informed and as engaged as is possible since so much is time sensitive right now, but it is still our hope that the Centers will grow in scope and be as broadly inclusive as possible. As Secretary Tom Vilsack indicated in his convocation address, the monies for these centers are basically start up funds and for the FAS funding, at least in-kind matches are required.

I look forward to seeing you all in North Carolina in a few weeks.

Sincerely,

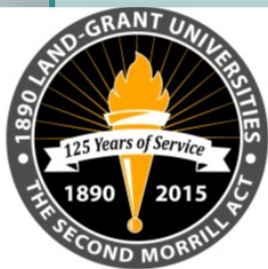
Govind Kannan, ARD Chair



### *Opportunity for Students: Summer Internship at Dow AgroSciences*

The Dow AgroSciences Summer Intern Opportunities have been announced and students from 1890 institutions are invited to apply. R&D internships are available in ag. sciences, chemistry, biology and computer science and other related disciplines. The laboratory-based Research and Development internships are located at the global headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is a paid internship. Salaries are adjusted according to the student's year in college. Subsidized housing is available for qualified students. Students pursuing a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctorate degree from a U.S. based college or university with proper U.S. work authorization or the ability to obtain work authorization through their university are eligible. The students would work with senior scientists in order to improve technical skills while being given a developmental opportunity in an industrial setting. Laboratory and computer experience as well as the ability to generate and manipulate data are required.

Interested students should apply at <http://www.dowagro.com/careers/internships/lab.htm>. **Applications will be accepted between August 1 and November 1, 2015 for the 2016 program.**



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## *New CEO Appointed at Fort Valley State University*



Dr. Jessica Bailey is the newly appointed Interim President of Fort Valley State University. She had been serving as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Fort Valley State prior to this appointment. Her previous administrative positions include dean for the School of Business and Economics at Winston-Salem State University and dean of business at Virginia Union University. Dr. Bailey earned two master's degrees, a MEd in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Coppin State University, and a MBA from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She later earned a doctorate in marketing also from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

## *Dr. Ray Belton Named Southern University System President and Chancellor*



The Southern University System Board of Supervisors named Ray L. Belton President and Chancellor of the SU System. The SUS Board voted 13-1 to select the Shreveport native to lead the SU System and Baton Rouge campus. The new president and chancellor assumed the position July 1, 2015. He had served as chancellor of Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA) since 2000. He was an undergraduate at Southern University at Shreveport, continued his studies at Southern University A&M College, earned a master of arts in counseling from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

## *Congratulations are in Order!*

**Dr. Albert Essel** has been appointed the new dean of the College of Agriculture, Environmental and Human Sciences at Lincoln University. In addition to being the dean he is also the Research Director and the Extension Administrator. Dr. Essel's previous experience as an administrator is known to us all as he served most recently in administrative capacities at Virginia State University and Delaware State University.

**Dr. Kirk Pomper** is now serving as the interim dean and heads up the land-grant programs at Kentucky State University. He is certainly well known to us all because he had previously been serving as Associate Research Director at KSU.

### **The 125th Anniversary Center for Innovative and Sustainable Small Farms, Ranches and Forest Lands (CISFRL)**

In an attempt to jump-start the establishment of CISFRL, several agencies will provide start-up funding for the 2016 fiscal year. These agencies include the U.S. Forest Service, NRCS, Rural Development and FSA. The agreements being developed would provide up to about \$1.4 million (+/-). Campuses will be invited to participate once the agreements are finalized, but the distinct deliverables/scope relate to the expected outputs and outcomes outlined by the agencies themselves. It is the hope of the 1890 University leadership that by having these initiatives begun, much more expansive opportunities will follow. Through the CISFRL partnership the agencies expect to have more customers for its programs, enhanced mechanisms for farm, ranch and forest profitability, and enhanced opportunities for educational outreach to the communities the 1890s serve.

### **The 125th Anniversary Center of Excellence for International Engagement and Development (CEIED)**

APHIS and FAS have identified \$350,000 to be used for the development of an 1890 Foreign Service Training Development Program with a variety of courses/experiences/programs contributed according to 1890 university expertise/strength. The expectation is that training and teaching methodologies with a focus on international business and trade within the political and cultural context in which policies are put in place, will be developed to afford students the opportunity to be competitive in the global environment for entry level positions in the Foreign Service. Similar to the process for an agreement to be completed between the 1890s and APHIS/FAS, once approved and signed, the campuses wishing to participate in this workforce development initiative will have the opportunity to do so.