

Message from the Chair



ARD UPDATES

Dear Colleagues:

I offer my sincerest thanks to each of you for the 100% participation we received to submit to Cornerstone the information requested to demonstrate to Congress and our State elected officials what a tremendously negative impact we would endure if, as Republicans are threatening, there is a roll back of federal funding to 2008 levels. A rollback to FY 2008 would reduce the NIFA budget by \$163 million and the 1890s would stand to lose ~\$31,638,996 in NIFA support, of which ~\$14,276,000 would be lost from research and extension formula funds. Great cooperation was shown between ARD and AEA to get this information provided in an extremely short time span. The information on the forms also required us to give examples of what programs on our campuses would be negatively impacted. That too was extremely important information to use when we are trying to make our case, because the 1890 universities are engaged in high priority initiatives for both your states and our nation.

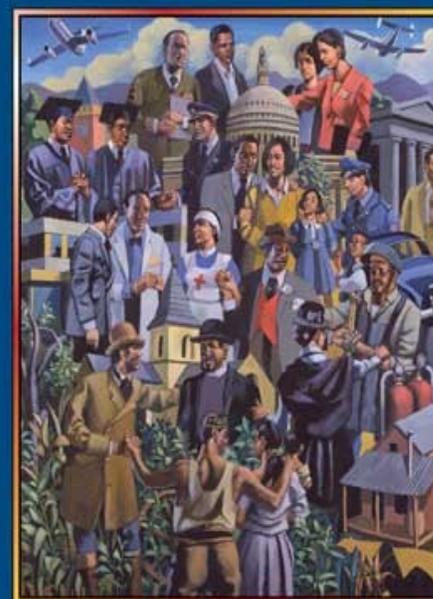
You will notice on page two of this month's newsletter a new feature—"Great Things Are Happening on Our Campuses." This month features a program at North Carolina A&T State University. Please submit similar articles about things going on at your campuses to our Executive Director, Carolyn Brooks as often as you can. We want to make sure each 1890 campus is featured at least once within the next seventeen months.

Finally, just to let you know, the symposium planning is moving along smoothly under the expert guidance of the steering committee, chaired by the ARD immediate past chair, Dr. Orlando McMeans. Bad weather has impeded the committee from having full attendance at its meetings, but I have no doubt we will be back on our desired planning schedule soon. The website will be updated again by mid February:

<http://www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium>

Sincerely,

Dyremple Marsh, Chair



BLACK HISTORY MONTH
The History of Black Economic Empowerment
FEBRUARY

Capacity Building Grant Reminders

The deadline for proposals for the Capacity Building Grants is March 15, 2011. However ***it is strongly recommended that you submit much sooner than the deadline*** so that submission errors can be caught and you can be contacted in time to make the corrections.

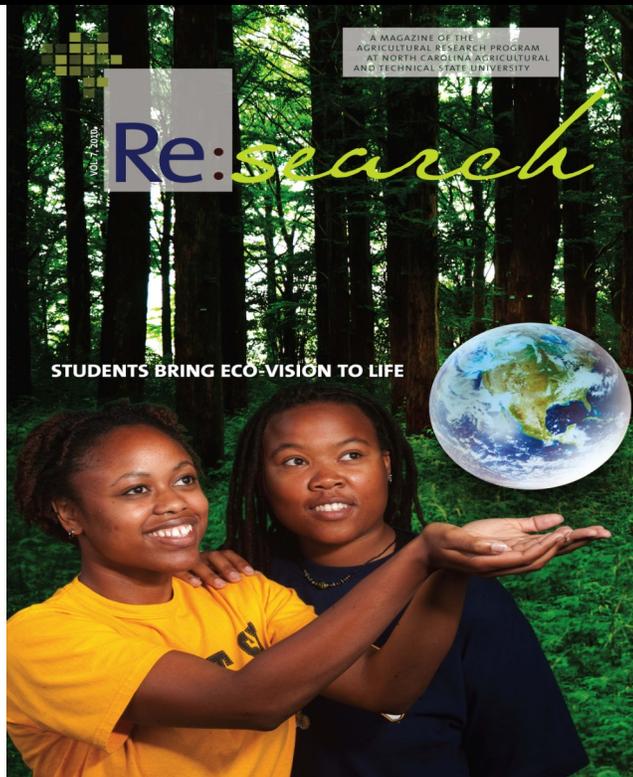
Only twelve proposals per campus will be accepted. The RFA has some important changes because of input that the 1890 stakeholders provided. ***Please be certain to follow the instructions of the 2011 RFA.***

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Great Things Are Happening on Our Campuses—

North Carolina A&T State University



At North Carolina A&T State University, a student-driven research and outreach project is the cover story on their current issue of *Re:search*. The project, which is aimed at balancing people, planet and prosperity, has galvanized university and community support and garnered national awards. Biological engineering and natural resources students in The School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences won two Environmental Protection Agency grants for their idea for the “Greening of Sockwell Hall” and are using the funds to document how to reduce the carbon footprint of an older building on campus and transform the landscape into a water-wise, people-friendly habitat that conserves natural resources and saves money. Now they are expanding the project into the community and beyond, helping a Greensboro elementary school and a Durham Middle School develop sustainability projects on their campuses. A faculty member, Dr. Manuel Reyes, leveraged the project to win a Capacity Building Grant to establish a permaculture laboratory at N.C. A&T and support 12 permaculture research scholars. The students have developed a research methodology and are gathering data on soil and water quality improvements, biodiversity, perception of the project by the university community, money saved and other variables. As a result of many combined efforts, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Design at A&T is now serving as

a community resource, using the building for workshops and to demonstrate how to reduce the carbon footprint of older buildings, improve water quality, save money, support biodiversity, and contribute to a greener world.

To the Entire 1890 Family: *Symposium 2011 Updates!!!!*

Student oral presentations will begin on Sunday, April 10th at 8:30 AM. The judges will begin to meet the students giving poster presentations beginning on Sunday at 3 pm. **Therefore students should arrive in Atlanta on Saturday, April 9th.** It is expected that students will listen to their peers’ oral presentations, visit the posters and exhibits, attend both the opening session on Monday, prior to the student awards luncheon, and attend the plenary session on Tuesday. USDA and EPA representatives and university recruiters will hold meetings with students and provide workshops on resume writing, and other topics on Tuesday afternoon. Some of the agencies will interview students seeking regular employment or summer hiring. Non-student participants will have a number of concurrent workshops to attend in addition to hearing the faculty presentations. The schedule of events will be posted on the symposium website soon and instructions and updates will be sent by frequent emails as well. Please be watching for them.

Please register at the hotel before the March 18th deadline using the website link. Click the Marriott logo at <http://www.umes.edu/ard/1890Symposium>

Regular Registration ends 2/25/2011 (\$500); Late Registration begins 2/26/2011 (\$550)

Exhibit Registration deadline is 2/18/2011. The first 1890 exhibit is free. Second is \$1800 which includes registration for one. **You must register your exhibit, including the free one.**