Message from the Chair

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

Please visit the ARD website- www.umes.edu/ard
or contact us using cbbrooks@umes.edu
**ARD UPDATES**

**Reminders: RFAs are out for the following:**

**FY 2015 Food Safety**

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.


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**

- **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.