

**Board on Agriculture Assembly**  
**1890 Universities Report to Policy Board of Directors**

**PBD Member: Shirley Hymon-Parker Reporting Period *April, 2015 – July 15, 2015***

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(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

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This report is due during the 1890's Anniversary Celebration activities in Washington, DC. Thus the majority of the non-anniversary related activities reporting will be for the next submission since the majority of 1890 activities during this reporting cycle have been related to the "1890s on the Hill" events for July 13-16, 2015.		X	X	X	X
<b>Budget and Advocacy</b> AEA and ARD continue to work with the BAC. We worry that if there is no increase to the capacity lines, the inclusion of Central State University in the funding will cause a decrease in funding to the other 18 1890 institutions. Unfortunately Louisiana has also done as Ohio had done for Central State and declared Grambling University as a land-grant university even though Southern University and A&M College and LSU are in that state and are the designated land-grant institutions. This is of concern to the 1890s and should be of concern to 1862s as this could have a snowball effect across the country.		X	X	X	X
The newly established 1890 Universities' website, <a href="http://www.1890universities.org">www.1890universities.org</a> allows donors to make contributions to the 1890's Justin Morrill Scholarship Fund (scholarships for 1890 university students majoring in the food and agricultural sciences.)		X	X		
On April 23, 2015 the 1890s held '1890 Day' as did other groups, including for example APLU and National 4-H. This special day was highlighted with a wellness walk that was 1.890 miles and was used to emphasize health and wellness and to raise funds for scholarships – at least \$18.90 was the cost of participation. The day was very festive throughout the campuses and thousands joined in the walks and associated events and raised thousands of dollars for the Justin Morrill Scholarship funds, both through the 1890 system website and individually on campuses. This event also generated extensive local and national media exposure.....print, social media and on television and radio stations.  A 125 <sup>th</sup> Celebration ad was developed and published in the special USDA insert in <i>USA Today</i> in late March.		X	X		X

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<p><b>The ARD continues in the financial support of consortia and seed grants.</b> The Food Safety consortium, funded by the ARD, was awarded a Capacity Building Grant from NIFA in the area of food safety for \$600,000. This new food safety team hosted a mini symposium at ARS in Beltsville, MD on April 1 – 3, 2015 and concluded with a meeting of the ARD as they discuss the procedure to be used to fund the next ARD consortium and how to facilitate the sustainability of the Food Safety consortium.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		
<p><b>1890 Excellence in Extension Award Program</b> The applications for the 2015 1890 Excellence in Extension Award have been received. The award is designed to recognize those Extension professionals who have developed innovative programs that have had significant impact on the clients and the communities being served. The regional winner was to submit his/her application for consideration for the National Excellence in Extension Award in June.</p> <p>The ESS Excellence in Leadership Award nomination and determination process have been completed and the award winners, including ARD’s awardee, will be announced at the ESS/SAES/ARD meeting in Charlotte, NC in September and the recipients will be given the awards at the Annual APLU meeting in November, 2015.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>			<p align="center">X</p>
<p><b>The New eXtension</b> Most of the 1890 land-grant universities have become members of the new eXtension. Some chose to become premium members while others chose the basic membership. Vernon Jones, Associate Dean, Langton University, was elected to serve on the eXtension Board of Directors.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>			<p align="center">X</p>
<p><b>Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) - Board on Human Sciences (BoHS) Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Initiative</b> Celvia E. Stovall, Associate Director, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama A&amp;M University, is one of the steering committee members representing ECOP and Shirley Hymon-Parker, Associate Dean for Research at NC A&amp;T University is an ESCOP representative.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>
<p>The 1890s continue to support leadership programs and are increasing the numbers continuously of those participating in LEAD21 and FSLI.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Second Morrill Act**

The signature events are soon to take place in the Library of Congress buildings in Washington, DC. On the morning of July 14<sup>th</sup> the House Committee on Agriculture will host a roundtable discussion in for 1890 university presidents/chancellors and has invited many members of Congress to attend. It is a closed session but members of the press have been invited. At 10 am on that same day six of the CEOs have been invited to testify before the House Agriculture Committee in the Longworth House Office Buildings and all CEOs who will be present (in addition to the other six) are aware that the committee may ask questions of them. This, according to the invitation from Chairman Conaway is in Honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Signing of the Second Morrill Act. At the conclusion of the hearing, Members and the CEOs will join hundreds of others at the “1890s on the Hill” Exhibition and Reception in the Montpelier Room of the Madison Building of the Library of Congress. This event is co-hosted by the 1890s and Senators Pat Roberts, Jerry Moran, Debbie Stabenow, and Jeff Merkley and Congressmen Mike Conaway, Robert Aderholt, Collin Peterson, Sam Farr, David Scott and Sanford Bishop. The exhibits are from all 19 institutions and from six 1890 partners displaying partnership initiatives. More than 500 have registered to attend.

That evening (July 14<sup>th</sup>) in the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill there will be a celebratory dinner to honor Champions – the Honorable Congressman David Scott and the Honorable Sanford Bishop as well as the twelve sponsors of the 125<sup>th</sup> who are always loyal supporters of the 1890s.

On Wednesday morning from 10 am – 1 pm there will be a convocation held in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Jefferson Building of the Library of Congress. Honored speakers are the Honorable Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, The Honorable Congresswoman Alma Adams, Ms Audrey Rowe – Administration of the Food and Nutrition Service of USDA, Mr. Steve Mizell, VP of HR at Monsanto, Dr. Peter McPherson, President of APLU, Dr. James Billington, Librarian of the LOC, The UMES concert choir will perform and there will be a student commentary as well as a color guard.

Dignitaries will be recognized and will asked to give remarks at some of the events.

Prior to the events on July 14-15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a luncheon and subsequent panel presentations relating to strengthening partnerships between the 1890s and private sectors to include Monsanto, National Crop Insurance Services, Tyson Foods, Walmart, John Deere, and Dupont Crop Protection.

Finally, because of efforts of the House Committee on Agriculture the following was offered:

‘House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Robert Aderholt offered an amendment to add a provision that directs the USDA to develop a plan to work with the states to cooperatively meet the matching grant requirements for research and extension activities for 1890 land-grant institutions. In the amendment, the Chairman celebrates the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the second Morrill Act of 1890, and mentions that the committee is concerned with the states’ lack of matching funds. The amendment, included among several other provisions, was adopted by a voice vote prior to the final committee vote approving the FY 2016 Agriculture spending bill.’

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