

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

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

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It has been a goal of the ARD for 2014 to document its impact statements in much higher numbers on both the ARD website and the national database. At least sixty impact statements are now posted on the ARD website, and a second batch will be posted by the end of the year.		X	X		
AEA and ARD continue to work with the BAC and, realizing we are currently operating under a Continuing Resolution, are hoping that once the budget is approved, the 1890s will not fall below federal appropriations for 2014.		X	X	X	
The 1890 Universities have now established a new website – www.1890universities.org . It is continuously being updated and strengthened and while it is primarily related to the 125 th Anniversary of the 1890s, it will remain as more than an archival site after 2015. It will serve as a collaborative website that markets and brands the 1890s. The ARD continues to communicate with the 1890 universities through its website and its monthly newsletter, the <i>ARD Updates</i> . Also on the website is the database that can be used to locate scientific strengths and scientists working in distinct disciplines at the campuses. The website is primarily a functional site and can be immediately updated through the ARD Executive Director. .		X	X	X	
The ARD continues in the financial support of consortia and seed grants. By funding consortia it was the intent that the scientists organize themselves and write proposals for external funding. They have done so and were awarded a Capacity Building Grant from NIFA in the area of food safety for \$600,000. The group has representation from ~ half of the 1890 campuses, and can boast of a group of scientists who work well together and have produced impactful research, some of which has now been published.		X	X		

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<p>1890/USDA Task Force The USDA/1890 Task Force Meeting has as a current priority the partnering of USDA agencies with the 1890s on four concept papers. The four areas of partnership potential include: “Virtual Center to Motivate and Educate for Achievement –1890 MEA Center,” “1890 Center for Eliminating Disparities and Access to Healthy Foods,” “Center of Excellence and Innovation for International Engagement and Development,” and “Innovation Center for Sustainable Small Farms, Ranches and Forest Landowners.”</p>		X	X	X	
<p>Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) - Board on Human Sciences (BoHS) Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Initiative At the July 2014 Joint COPs Meeting in San Diego, CA, the BAA Policy Board of Directors, working with the BoHS, established an integrated Healthy Food Systems, Healthy People Steering Committee. This was a result of the initial work of the ECOP Task Force on Health and the integrated work session at the Joint COPs meeting. Dr. Celvia E. Stovall, Associate Director, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama A&M University, is one of the steering committee members representing ECOP and Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker, Associate Dean for Research at NC A&T University is an ESCOP representative. It is the intent for this initiative to become a budget priority in FY 2017.</p>		X	X		X
<p>1890 Excellence in Extension Award Program The 2014 recipients of the 1890 Excellence in Extension awards are Dr. Henry English, Director, Small Farm Program, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Mrs. Kimberly Burgess-Neloms, Extension Youth Volunteer Development Specialist, Alabama A&M University; and Mr. Lloyd J. Hebert, Community and Economic Development Agent, Prairie View A&M University. Dr. Henry English will receive the ECOP 1890 Excellence in Extension Region Award at the BAA Award Program at the 2014 APLU Meeting in Orlando, FL.</p>		X	X		
<p>Agricultural companies and government agencies have shown interest in partnering with the 1890s to enhance diversity of the US scientific workforce. In October, 2014 representatives from the 1890s were invited to observe the Monsanto Program - “1890 University Student Leadership Event” for 2014 in St. Louis, MO.</p>		X	X		
<p>The 1890s continue to support leadership programs and are increasing the numbers continuously of those participating in LEAD21 and FSLI.</p>		X	X		X

BAA Section Planned New Activities				
<p>125th Anniversary of the Second Morrill Act The signature events will be held in Library of Congress buildings in Washington, DC in 2015. There will be exhibits on the Hill, a hearing and the signing of a proclamation by the House Agriculture Committee, and a convocation. These events have been scheduled for July 15-16, 2015 while Congress is in session. We will also have an “1890 Day” on all 1890 campuses and in Washington, DC on April 23, 2015 and many other events throughout the year. A calendar of events will be placed on the 1890 website. The official kick-off of the celebration will take place at the 2014 APLU Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. Dr. Carolyn Brooks, Executive Director, ARD and Dr. L. Washington Lyons, Executive Administrator, AEA, continue to meet with USDA officials, congressional staff, and selected agribusinesses to brief them regarding the anniversary and to solicit their participation. The land-grant family, the 1890 partners and sections of APLU have offered to participate with us and support us and thus we look forward to a celebratory year inclusive of the entire land-grant family.</p>	X	X		
<p>The 1890 Extension Administrators will hold their winter meeting in Washington, DC on January 26-29, 2015. The meeting is held in Washington, DC every third year and it focuses on engaging representatives from USDA/NIFA, other federal agencies, and national organizations.</p>	X	X		X