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February 25-28, 2024 | Omni Shoreham Hotel | Washington, DC



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

PRE-MEETING SCHEDULE		LOCATION
7:00 AM	Check-in Opens	Blue Prefunction
8:00-11:30 AM	CARET Executive Committee (Breakfast)	Capitol Room
10:00-11:45 AM	AHS Executive Committee	Calvert Room
12:00-1:00 PM	<i>CARET & AHS Executive Committee Joint Lunch</i>	Hampton Ballroom
CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		
1:00 PM-1:45 PM	Regional Breakouts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern, Chair: Larry Holmes Western, Chair: Mike Miller Northeast, Chair: Jim Shirk North Central, Chair: Ben Steffen 	Embassy Room Capitol Room Calvert Room Governor's Boardroom
1:45 PM-2:00 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>	Blue Prefunction
2:00-3:30 PM	Joint CARET/AHS Business Meeting Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scott Angle, Provost, University of Florida and AHS Chair Connie Kays, CARET National Chair and Kansas State University Delegate CARET/AHS Strategic Plan Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connie Kays, CARET National Chair and Kansas State University Delegate Christopher Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean, University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources National Coalition for Agriculture Research, Education, and Cooperative Extension Team Development and Strategy Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ernie Minton, Chair, BAA Policy Board of Directors and Dean, College of Agriculture, Kansas State University Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Miller, CARET Liaison to the BAC and Washington State University Delegate Linda C. Martin, Vice President, Academic Affairs & Student Success, University of Tennessee Moses Kairo, Dean, School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences Research Director, 1890 Land Grant Programs Administrator, University of Maryland Eastern Shore Scott Angle, Chairman of the Administrative Heads Section Bob Frazee, CARET National Past Chair, University of Maryland Delegate 	Blue Room
3:30-3:45 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>	Enjoy the break and refresh.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 (continued)

CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		LOCATION
3:45–5:00 PM	Joint CARET/AHS Business Meeting BAA Visioning Effort <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Boehm, Chair, BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee CARET Award Presentation and Video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime Service to CARET Award Winner: Bob Kidd (Posthumous), Wyoming • Meritorious Service to CARET Award Winner: Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville, Maryland 	Blue Room
5:30–7:00 PM	CARET/BAA Washington Conference Opening Tailgate Reception <i>Make sure to wear your university colors!</i>	Blue Prefunction

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		LOCATION
6:30 AM	Check-in Opens	Blue Prefunction
6:30–7:30 AM	<i>Breakfast Buffet</i>	Blue Prefunction & Blue Room
7:30–7:45 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Angle, AHS Chair • Connie Kays, CARET Chair • Ernie Minton, PBD Chair 	Blue Room
7:45–8:00 AM	United States National Anthem and 4-H Pledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Singer 	Blue Room
8:00–9:00 AM	People Perspective: Expertise, Farmers, and Consumers Stories Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Steele, Vice President, Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (FANR), APLU Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Manjit Misra, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture • Jennifer Alexander, Director of Communications and Marketing, Oregon State University Extension and Engagement • Brian Hardin, CARET National Secretary, Auburn University Delegate 	Blue Room
9:00–9:45 AM	Congressional Staff Outlook Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Frazee, CARET National Past Chair, University of Maryland Delegate Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Honeycutt, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry • Jeremy Witte, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, & Forestry • Ricki Schroeder, Legislative Assistant, House Agriculture Committee • Emily Pliscott, Economist/Senior Policy Analyst, House Agriculture Committee 	Blue Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (continued)

CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		LOCATIONS
9:45-10:30 AM	State of Play: Lewis-Burke Associates/ FANR Advocacy Team Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Boehm, Vice Chancellor Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Chair, BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridget Krieger, Principal, Lewis-Burke Associates • Bruno Freitas, Principal, Lewis-Burke Associates • Caron Gala, Director, Agriculture & International Development, Governmental Affairs, APLU 	Blue Room
10:30-11:00 AM	<i>Networking Break</i>	Blue Prefunction
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Partnerships: Decentralized System Relies on the Power of Local Partners Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CARET National Chair and Kansas State University Delegate Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted McKinney, CEO, National State Departments of Agriculture • Gregg Doud, President & CEO, National Milk Producer Federation 	Blue Room
12:00-12:15 PM	<i>Quick Break</i>	
12:15-1:30 PM	<i>Luncheon</i>	Blue Room
	Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jake Tibbitts, CARET National Vice Chair, CARET/BAA Washington Conference Planning Committee Chair, University of Nevada Delegate Featured Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and USDA's Chief Scientist 	
1:30-2:00 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>	Blue Prefunction
2:00-3:00 PM	Leadership Capacity in Agricultural Pipelines: From Innovation to Implementation Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jorge Atilas, Dean, West Virginia University Extension & Engagement Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley McFarland, Vice President, American Malt Barley Association • Casey Reynolds, Executive Director, Turfgrass Producers International • Kemba Marshall, Veterinarian and Founder, Marshall Recruiting Consortium • Barrett Vaughan, Professor and Interim Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Success, Tuskegee University 	Blue Room
3:00-3:30 PM	<i>Networking Break</i>	Blue Prefunction

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 (continued)

CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		LOCATIONS
3:30-5:00 PM	Advocacy Team Training <i>* This is for All Meeting Participants</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridget Krieger, Principal, Lewis-Burke Associates • Caron Gala, Director, Agriculture & International Development, Governmental Affairs, APLU • Jennifer Yezak, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Federal Relations, Texas A&M 	Blue Room
5:00 PM	<i>Dinner with state delegation/on your own</i>	Off-site

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		LOCATIONS
6:30-8:30 AM	<i>Breakfast buffet</i>	Blue Prefunction
All day as needed	Hill Visits	Capitol Hill
5:00-7:00 PM	Stakeholder Reception on Capitol Hill for Advocates of U.S. Public Investment in Agriculture Research, Education, and the Cooperative Extension System	TBD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

CARET-BAA PROGRAM SCHEDULE		LOCATIONS
6:30-9:00 AM	<i>Breakfast Buffet</i>	Blue Prefunction
All day as needed	Hill Visits	Capitol Hill





Jennifer Alexander, Director of Communications and Marketing, Oregon State University Extension and Engagement

Jennifer Alexander leads the integrated communication and marketing team that serves OSU's Division of Extension and Engagement, including the statewide OSU Extension Service. She is a past president of the Association for Communication Excellence and currently serves as the Western Region communication representative to the APLU BAA Communication and Marketing Committee. Jennifer has served as a land-grant university communication professional since 2007..



Scott Angle, BAA Administrative Heads Section (AHS) Chair and Provost at the University of Florida

Dr. J. Scott Angle, AHS Chair and Provost at the University of Florida, is a national leader in developing the science that supports food production and management of natural resources. As chief executive of the agriculture and environmental sciences arm of a leading land-grant university, he championed public science as a path to improve lives. His accomplished career in government, non-profit international development, and academia informs an approach to leadership based on service, partnership, and drive for impact. He formally served as the Director of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).



Jorge Atiles, Dean, West Virginia University Extension & Engagement

Dr. Jorge Atiles is dean of WVU Extension and Engagement and director of WVU Extension, where he is responsible for WVU Extension across West Virginia's 55 counties. At the national and regional level, Dean Atiles has a long history of active involvement in various councils and commissions within the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU). Most recently, he co-led a WVU team to achieve the 2023 Innovation and Economic Prosperity Designation, as well as the successful selection as an Exemplary Project for the 2022 W. K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Award. As a former executive member of the APLU Board on Human Sciences, Dean Atiles served as a representative on the Extension Committee on Organization Policy (ECOP) for nearly 10 years.



Mike Boehm, Vice Chancellor Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Chair, BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee

Michael (Mike) Boehm leads efforts across the University of Nebraska system for all agricultural, natural resources, rural economic prosperity and related affairs. He holds the dual role of Harlan Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and vice president for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska. As vice chancellor, he oversees the deans of UNL's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, its Agricultural Research Division, Nebraska Extension, and the IANR research and extension components of UNL's College of Education and Human Sciences.



Rich Bonanno, Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement, NC State University, and Chair, BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy

Rich Bonanno serves as Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement at NC State and associate dean and director of NC State Extension in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and as a professor of horticulture in the Department of Horticultural Science. Prior to joining the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 2016, Rich was an extension educator and adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts. He is owner of Pleasant Valley Gardens, a family farm started in 1910. He currently serves as chair of the Committee on Legislation and Policy.



Christopher Daubert, Vice Chancellor & Dean College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, University of Missouri, and Co-Chair of the CARET Strategic Plan Implementation Committee

Christopher R. Daubert, Ph.D., serves as the Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri (Mizzou). He is also a Professor in the Division of Food, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences. Daubert joined Mizzou from North Carolina State University, where he served as a professor and head of the Department of Food, Bioprocessing and Nutrition Sciences; director of the Food Rheology Laboratory; and system co-chair of Food, Biochemical and Engineered Systems. Daubert received his Ph.D. in agricultural engineering and food science at Michigan State University, and has been recognized with distinguished alumnus awards from Pennsylvania State University and Michigan State University.



Gregg Doud, President & CEO, National Milk Producer Federation

Gregg Doud is the National Milk Producer Federation's President and CEO. Before arriving at NMPF he served as the Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative from 2018 until 2021; before that, he served as the president of the Commodity Markets Council, representing commodities exchanges before Congress and federal agencies. He also has served as a staff member for the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, where he helped draft the 2012 Farm Bill, and as chief economist for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Most recently, he worked at Aimpoint Research as its Vice President of Global Situational Awareness and Chief Economist.



Bob Frazee, CARET National Past Chair, University of Maryland Delegate

Robert Frazee has represented the University of Maryland, College Park since 2005. He is the national Past-Chair. He's the President and CEO of JR Frazee Strategic Consulting, where he serves clients with his specialized chief executive experience in strategy, enterprise risk management, talent management, and succession planning. Bob has broad based experience in banking, finance, and agriculture in the eastern United States and the Caribbean. He is on the Board of Sustainable Chesapeake and is a founding member of the Steering Committee for the Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative.

SPEAKERS



Bruno Freitas, Principal, Lewis-Burke Associates

Bruno Freitas is a passionate and respected former federal government professional with over a quarter century of combined experience working in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. He has cultivated long standing relationships with Members of Congress, congressional staff, and federal agency leadership. Bruno leverages his experience to provide clients with detailed policy advice and tailored comprehensive advocacy strategies to achieve desired results. Prior to joining Lewis-Burke, Bruno worked on Capitol Hill for 28 years, most recently serving as Deputy Chief of Staff for Senator Elizabeth Warren.



Caron Gala, Director, Agriculture & International Development, Governmental Affairs, APLU

Caron Gala is the APLU Director of Government Affairs on Agriculture and International Development. Prior to coming to APLU, Caron accumulated over a decade of experience in directing government relations for agricultural economics, agronomy, crop, and soil science societies. Along with members of these science societies, Caron developed strategic initiatives in big data, climate change, ecosystems services, and rural energy issues. Her advocacy provided funding and programmatic assistance for basic and applied food and agricultural research, related education, training, and the Cooperative Extension System. At APLU, in her role supporting the Board on Agriculture Assembly, Caron also serves as Executive Director of the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET).



Brian Hardin, CARET National Secretary, Auburn University

Brian Hardin is the CARET National Secretary and the Director of External Affairs for the Alabama Farmers Federation. He is a native of Moulton, Alabama, in Lawrence County, where he grew up on a beef cattle farm. He graduated from Auburn University with a B.S. in Animal Science and a Master of Science in Horticulture. In 2000, Brian began work with Alabama Farmers Federation as Director of the Greenhouse, Nursery & Sod, Horticulture, and Pork Divisions and was promoted to Director of Governmental & Agricultural Programs. In his current role, Brian leads Alfa's department responsible for overseeing the state legislative affairs.



Brandon Honeycutt, Senior Professional Staff - U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Brandon joined the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry in 2022, having previously served in the office of Senator Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.). He worked for over four years in the House with Congressman Jimmy Panetta and the House Committee on Agriculture. Honeycutt is a graduate of North Carolina State University. Honeycutt works on research, specialty crops, organics, food safety, hemp, and local foods.



Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics and USDA's Chief Scientist

Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young serves as the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE), and as USDA's Chief Scientist. As Chief Scientist, Dr. Jacobs-Young advises the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials on scientific matters and chairs the USDA Science Council, which convenes all parts of USDA's scientific enterprise. Prior to being appointed by President Biden to serve as the REE Under Secretary, Dr. Jacobs-Young was the Administrator for ARS from 2014 to 2022. She was

ARS Associate Administrator for National Programs, leading the research objectives of the entire Agency. She also led the Office of International Research Programs, which is responsible for ARS' liaison with its international partners. She has also served as the Acting Director for NIFA and as a senior policy analyst for agriculture in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.



**Moses Kairo, Dean, School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences
Research Director, 1890 Land Grant Programs Administrator**

Moses Kairo was appointed professor and dean of the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) in August 2012. As dean he is responsible for administering academic programs as well as the research and extension programs in the school. Prior to joining UMES, Moses spent nearly seven years at Florida A&M University as a professor of entomology, and director of the Center for Excellence in Biological Control, a cooperative initiative between FAMU, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, and USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Between 2008 and 2012, Moses also served as the associate research director for their 1890 programs. Moses started his career as an entomologist in 1985 with the Kenya Agricultural Research Institute.



Connie Kays, CARET National Chair, Kansas State University

Connie Kays currently serves as the National Chair of CARET. She is a graduate of Kansas State University and has represented KSU as a CARET delegate since 2005. Connie is a Co-Owner of Joe Smith Company, a wholesale provider for convenience stores, and operates a registered Angus cattle operation. Connie has served as a Kansas 4-H Foundation Trustee and Corporate Secretary, and a board member of the Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas, and the Kansas State University Alumni Association.



Bridget Krieger, Principal, Lewis-Burke Associates

Bridget Krieger is a trusted advocate on Capitol Hill and a champion for federal research agencies, most notably at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). With 15 years of research and higher education lobbying and consulting experience, Bridget works with clients to understand their federal objectives and then designs and implements federal and congressional strategies that attain short-term wins while solidifying the foundation for long-term federal success.



Kemba Marshall, Veterinarian and Founder, Marshall Recruiting Consortium

Dr. Kemba Marshall is the founder of Marshall Recruiting Consortium. Dr. Marshall received her B.S. in biology from Howard University and her D.V.M. from the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine. After completing her veterinary degree, Dr. Marshall went on to complete an avian/exotic animal residency at the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (Avian). Dr. Marshall has worked in private veterinary practice, university laboratory animal practice and corporate retail veterinary practice. Dr. Marshall has been a guest editor and first author for publications in the *Veterinary Clinics of North America: Exotic*

SPEAKERS

Animal Practice and is also published in Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult, the American Journal of Veterinary Research and the Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery.



Linda C. Martin, Vice President, Academic Affairs & Student Success at University of Tennessee

Linda C. Martin was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success for the University of Tennessee System in 2017. Before joining the University, Martin served as the Director of the second-year transformational experience program at The Ohio State University. Martin's 10-year career at Ohio State also includes serving as the Sanford G. Price and Isabelle P. Barbee Endowed Chair for Teaching, Advising and Learning since 2010 and as associate dean and director for academic programs for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences since 2007. Previously, she was assistant dean for academic programs for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University.



Ashley McFarland, Vice President, American Malt Barley Association

Ashley McFarland serves as the Vice President-Technical Director of the American Malting Barley Association. She was the Director of the Michigan State University Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center (UPREC) where she managed a diverse research portfolio across multiple agricultural sectors. While at that post, she developed a research program around small grains primarily focused on serving the burgeoning craft beverage industry in the state. That work led to a statewide applied research program and diverse outreach and education efforts targeting farmers, grain processors, and end users.



Ted McKinney, CEO, National State Departments of Agriculture

Ted McKinney is the Chief Executive Officer of NASDA, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. Prior to NASDA, he was also the first USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs from 2017-2021. In that role, Under Secretary McKinney led the development and implementation of the Department's trade policy, oversaw and facilitated foreign market access, and promoted opportunities for U.S. agriculture through various trade programs and high-level government negotiations. In 2014, McKinney was appointed by then-Governor Mike Pence to serve as Director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, a position he held until joining USDA in 2017.



Mike Miller, CARET Liaison to the BAC and Washington State University Delegate

Mike grew up in Eastern Washington and is a fourth-generation dryland and irrigated farmer. He and his wife, Marci, own and manage a small marketing firm, Washington Genetics, which supports growers and the agribusiness industry of the Pacific Northwest. Mike serves many different state, national, and international committees, and advisory boards. Mike has been a Washington Grain commissioner since 2011 and served as WGC chairman from 2016-17. He previously served on the National Wheat Improvement Committee and served on the board of directors for U.S. Wheat Associates, serving as its chairman from 2017-18.

SPEAKERS



J. Ernest (Ernie) Minton, Chair, BAA Policy Board of Directors and Dean, Kansas State University

Dr. Ernie Minton serves as Dean of Kansas State University's College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension. In this role, he is focused on advancing the college's agriculture legacy and K-State's Research and Extension's mission through research, outreach, engagement and economic development. Prior to being named dean in 2019, Minton spent 25 years as a faculty member at K-State. Dr. Minton is actively involved in APLU, which reflects his deep personal belief in the mission of the land-grant university system and the opportunity it offers for advancing the public good. He currently chairs the Board on Agricultural Assembly's Policy Board of Directors.



Dr. Manjit Misra, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Dr. Manjit Misra is the director of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, USDA's extramural funding agency in the Research, Education and Economics Mission Area. Dr. Misra is a world-renowned scientist who has had a transformational impact on food security through the application of engineering principles to seeds, the most vital and fundamental element of food security. Before joining NIFA, he was the director and Endowed Chair of Seed Science, Technology and Systems of the Seed Science Center at Iowa State University.



Emily Pliscott, Economist/Senior Policy Analyst, House Agriculture Committee

Emily serves as an Economist for the House Agriculture Committee. She previously served as a Policy Analyst for the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture and the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. In her role, she continues her policy work with both subcommittees. Emily is originally from Kenyon, MN, and earned her M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri.



Casey Reynolds, Executive Director, Turfgrass Producers International

Dr. Casey Reynolds has been the Executive Director of TPI since May 2017. Prior to that he was an assistant professor at Texas A&M University and a research specialist at NC State University. He has a PhD in Crop Science from North Carolina State University in 2013. He also worked for NC State University as a turfgrass research associate from 2003 to 2013 where his duties included applied turfgrass research and extension for the NC turfgrass industry. He also has a background in athletic field construction and lawn care, where he operated his own small business from 2003 to 2007. He is a passionate advocate for natural grass and has authored over 300 written publications and been an invited speaker at over 75 events in 5 countries.



Ricki Schroeder, Legislative Assistant, House Agriculture Committee

Ricki joined the House Agriculture Committee in 2017 after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He serves the committee as a Legislative Assistant and Coalitions Coordinator.

SPEAKERS



Doug Steele, Vice President, Food, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (FANR)

Doug Steele is the Vice President of the Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Office at APLU. Dr. Steele has served as Chair of the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), the ECOP Budget and Legislative Committee, and the national BAA Policy Board of Directors. He has previously served as Chair of the National 4-H Congress Board of Directors, Trustee for the National 4-H Council, and an officer of the eXtension Foundation Executive Committee. He has presented at many national and regional conferences, on such topics as leadership, innovation, and the role of a 21st-century land-grant university.



Jake Tibbitts, CARET National Vice Chair, CARET/BAA Washington Conference Planning Committee Chair, University of Nevada Delegate

Jake Tibbitts serves as a Natural Resources Manager for Eureka County, Nevada. He has been a CARET delegate since 2016. Jake serves as the National Vice Chair and Chair of the CARET/BAA Washington Conference Planning Committee. Jake has broad experience and expertise in natural resources and project management. This includes budgeting, funding, design, development, implementation, and monitoring. Further, Jake has experience in public policy and planning. He has successfully developed and implemented policy and planning at the local, regional, and state level. He has also drafted proposed state legislation and has been successful in advocating for and getting legislation passed.



Jeremy Witte, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Jeremy joined the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry in 2021 and manages a portfolio that includes research, trade, specialty crops, organics, agriculture security, biotechnology and foreign ownership. Prior to joining the Committee, Witte worked for the House agriculture committee and Cornerstone Government Affairs. He holds a master's degree in economics from George Mason University and bachelor's degree in agriculture economics and agriculture business from New Mexico State University. Witte grew up in New Mexico where he showed livestock and participated in farm management judging as a member of 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA).



Barrett Vaughan, Professor and Interim Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Success, Tuskegee University

Dr. Vaughan is a professor in the Tuskegee University College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences. In this position, he conducts research, teaches Food Science, and engages in outreach to farmers and rural businesses. Dr. Vaughn's work at Tuskegee has afforded the opportunity to engage in applied research in food safety, small farm sustainability, food properties, biofuels, energy in aquaculture, and wetlands. He has been with Tuskegee since graduating with a doctoral degree from Penn State, where he researched sedimentation basin hydrology.

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LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO CARET AWARD 2024



Robert (Bob) Kidd, University of Wyoming

Bob joined CARET in 1988 and served until his death on June 14, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bob was a Casper, Wyoming native, businessman, rancher, and a downhill ski racer. As a graduate of the University of Wyoming (B.S. Agriculture Economics, 1972), he was named “Outstanding Alum” in 1994.

He was the first president of Leadership, Education and Development (L.E.A.D) Class One in Wyoming and was also a Fellow in the Atlantic-Pacific Businessman’s Exchange, International Business. This gave him the opportunity to travel abroad and participate in agriculture in many different countries.

In 1985, Bob became involved with the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture Dean’s Advisory Board and since 1988 was a delegate to the Council of Agriculture Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) for 34 years. During this time Bob was Chair of Western Region CARET and national CARET Chair in 1993 and 1994. His CARET involvement allowed him to take many trips to Washington D.C. and other states learning and supporting agriculture. He was a delegate and board member from Wyoming to the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Bob received numerous awards throughout his years of service. In 2011 he received the prestigious Friend of Extension Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi, the only recipient in the nation. This national award recognized his contributions to the land-grant Extension Service and the University of Wyoming.



MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO CARET AWARD 2024



Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville, Maryland

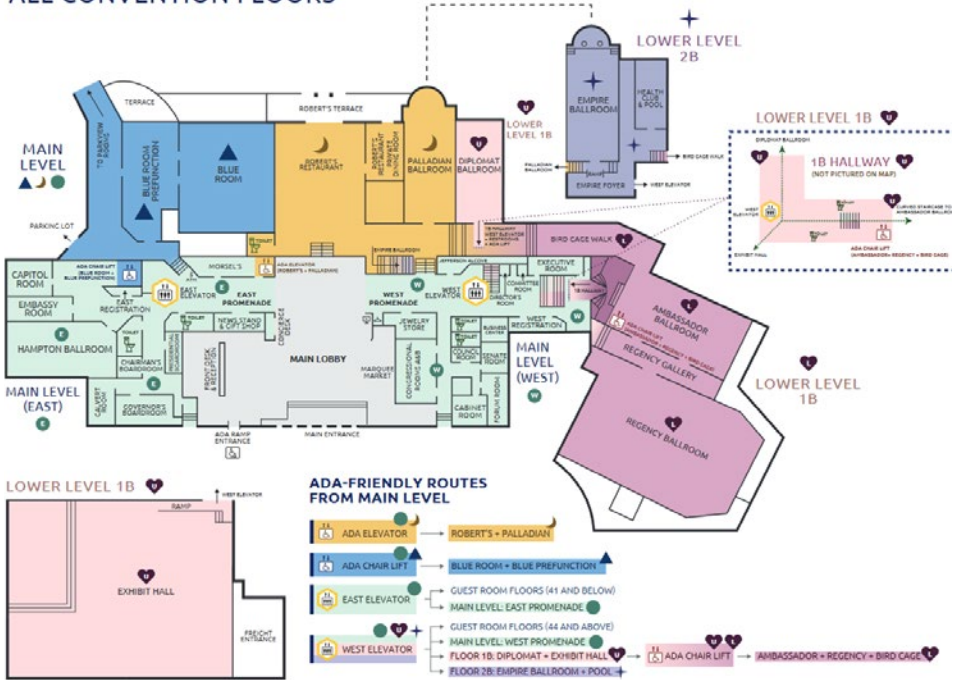
Dr. Neufville is President & CEO Emeritus of the 1890 Universities Foundation, which represents the 19 Historically Black Land Grant Universities. Dr. Neufville has served in numerous positions in higher education for 53 years. Dr. Neufville was the first Executive Vice President and Director of Federal Relations for the National Association of State Universities of Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC—now the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities- APLU); and Dean and Research Director of the School Agricultural and Natural Sciences; Vice President for Academic Affairs and President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. As an educator and administrator in the 1890 land grant system, and as the Executive Vice President of APLU, Dr. Neufville has made extraordinary impact on food systems for over 50 years. His remarkable career has been marked by innovation, engagement and service. While at APLU, and more recently at the 1890 Universities Foundation as the founding President & CEO, Dr. Neufville was an effective spokesperson and advocate ensuring that the U.S. Congress and the Administration were aware of and provided commensurate resources to the land-grant system whose research, education outputs and outcomes were critical to American agricultural productivity and competitiveness.

During his tenure at APLU, Dr. Neufville was actively engaged in the reorganization of APLU to create Councils and Commissions and guided the creation of the Commission on Food Environment and Renewable Resources and the Board of Agriculture Assembly (BAA). In his role as Executive Vice President, he provided leadership for the activities of the Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources and its five associated boards.

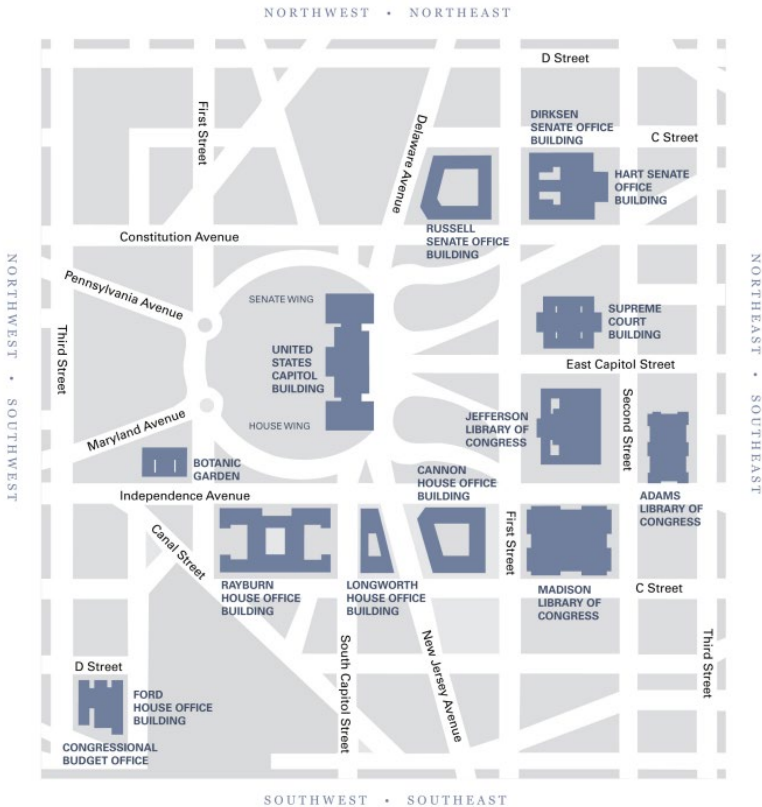
Dr. Neufville is an effective spokesperson and respected advocate to ensure that the U.S. Congress and the Administration were aware of and provided commensurate resources to the land-grant system whose research, education outputs and outcomes were critical to American agricultural productivity and competitiveness, which aligns well with well with the mission and core principles of CARET.

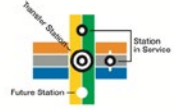


OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL MAP ALL CONVENTION FLOORS



Map of Capitol Hill





Metro is accessible.

- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (external responses)
- No Littering or Spilling
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items

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