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USDA/FAS Staff representing 21 U.S. Embassies visit the SU Ag Center



Twenty-three USDA/ Foreign Agricultural Service agency members representing 21 U.S. Embassies visited the Southern University Ag Center's Research Unit on July 7, 2022 as part of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service Locally Employed (LE) Staff Training Tour.

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) links U.S. agriculture to the world to enhance export opportunities and global food security. This training will assist the LE Staff in their work to support U.S. agricultural exports.

During the visit, the staff learned about several research programs being conducted at the SU Ag Center, including the Cattle SUN Beef Project and Hemp and Viticulture Programs. The staff also toured the Ag Center's research trials at its Horticultural Farm.

"We are excited to host USDA/ FAS," said Dr. Jose Toledo,



SU Ag Center Vice Chancellor of Research. "We hope this visit can translate into future mutually beneficial opportunities, including hosting FAS Scholars and traveling overseas to visit their institutions as well," he added.

The training tour began in Lafayette on July 6 and traveled through Baton Rouge and New Orleans before ending in Washington, D.C. on July 12.

USDA names thirteen Southern University Students National 1890 Scholars



Samuel Andrews
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Ruston, LA



Trinity Bridges
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The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has named thirteen Southern University students as 1890 National Scholars. The Southern University USDA/1890 National Scholars are: Samuel Andrews, Trinity Bridges, Nigel Cole, Tori Eddie, Bradley Hall, Karrington Hall, De'Aree Harris, Amahry Jackson, Christian Jacobs, Odel Kimble, Clarise Preston, Kennede Thomas and Julien Williams.

“With the selection of 133 scholars at nineteen universities, Southern University received the second largest number of scholars, 13. This is the largest number of scholars selected to attend Southern University in 30 years,” said Allison Johnson, USDA National Outreach Coordinator-East and Southern University’s USDA Liaison.

“It is significant that USDA’s Secretary, the Honorable Tom Vilsack, recognized the strength of the 1890 land grant universities to produce the next generation of USDA officials throughout the U.S. This partnership exemplifies a tangible commitment to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Department of Agriculture by selecting the students that have excelled academically and possess the skills and abilities to become future leaders of our country in the agricultural sector,” added Johnson.

The USDA’s 1890 National Scholars Program was established in 1992 through a partnership between the 1890 Land-Grant Universities and the USDA to increase the number of students studying agriculture,

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Harold Mellieon, Jr. Appointed Research Assistant Professor and Academic Coordinator at the SU Ag Center

Dr. Harold Mellieon, Jr. has been appointed the Research Assistant Professor and Academic Coordinator for the SU Ag Center. The appointment was approved by the Southern University Board of Supervisors during its July 15, 2022 board meeting.

Mellieon, who currently serves as the Department Chair and Program Leader for Agricultural Sciences/Animal Sciences for the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS) is expected to fill the position on August 1, 2022.

As the Research Assistant Professor and Academic Coordinator, Mellieon will support the research and academic units' daily management, operations, planning, infrastructure, and business functions. This dual position acts as a liaison between the SU Ag Center and CAFCS.

This position will provide direct support in implementing Strategic Research and Academic Programs, and priority needs to be developed by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Academics-Associate Dean.

He currently serves as the Project Director for the Evans Allen Proposal titled: Early and artificial weaning of kids born to does in intensive breeding and diverse system in southeastern Louisiana," and serves as Co-Project Director on two other grants.

"His current work with Research and Academics makes him a natural fit for this position," said Dr. Orlando F. McMeans, Chancellor of the SU Ag Center and Dean of the College of Ag.

Mellieon earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Southern University A&M College,



a Master's of Animal Sciences from Kansas State University, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural, Extension, & Adult Education, & Online Education from Louisiana State University.

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food sciences, natural resource sciences, and other related disciplines.

High school seniors entering their freshman year of college and rising college sophomores and juniors who exhibit exemplary leadership traits and have demonstrated community service are eligible to apply to the highly competitive program.

Students must be U.S. citizens; have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale; have been accepted for admission or currently attending an 1890 University; study agriculture or other related academic disciplines; submit an official transcript; and a signed application to apply to the program.

This scholarship provides registration, full tuition, books, room and board, internships, and full-time employment upon graduation to all scholars.

"The ability to produce a substantial number of well-qualified candidates for consideration, speaks volumes of the agricultural program at Southern University, under the leadership of Drs. Orlando McMeans and Renita Marshall and to the leadership of the Southern University System President-Chancellor, Dennis J. Shields," expressed Johnson.

For questions regarding the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program, please contact the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement at 202.302.7255, 1890init@usda.gov, or visit <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/1890NationalScholars>.



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The 1890 Center of Excellence at the SU Ag Center continues to work with the community to maintain the Scotlandville Garden Park

A successful garden requires patience, love, labor, and attention. That is what the 1890 Center of Excellence (COE) at the SU Ag Center is doing in the Scotlandville community. With the help of the COE's amazing summer interns and community members, the team returned to the Scotlandville Garden Park on July 20, 2022 to check on the garden after the first Garden Day.

The team and community members weeded the garden and added calcium – nitrate to help revive the tomato plants. Gardening is an enjoyable aerobic activity with mood-boosting abilities. This was experienced by the participants, who all had an overwhelming feeling of calm at the end of the event.

The American Horticulturist, Liberty Bailey once stated, “Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.” With this thought process, the COE team is reassured of the wonderful things to occur in the future with the garden at the Scotlandville Garden Park.

For more information about the 1890 Center of Excellence at the SU Ag Center and its programs, visit <https://www.suagcenter.com/page/center-of-excellence>.



11th Annual Louisiana Small Farmers Conference Registration is Now Open

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center will be hosting its 11th Annual Louisiana Small Farmers Conference, **September 21-23, 2022**, at the Hilton Hotel – Baton Rouge Capitol Center. This year's theme is “Sustaining Small Farms with Innovative Practices,” which will be highlighted through four educational tracks that farmers can choose that meet their individual farm needs. Producers will be able to speak directly to experts on specific topics relevant to their operations and gain knowledge about new and innovative practices that are being used on today's farms.

At this year's conference, a focus on new technologies in agriculture will be featured. There will also be a legal issues clinic for those producers that will benefit from setting up properly structured businesses and getting advice on how to keep the land in the family for generations to come. Additionally, local breweries and distilleries will be presented.

This will be a great opportunity for new and beginning farmers, small and urban farmers, veterans, ag professionals, backyard gardeners, community leaders, and community-based organizations to gain a better understanding of USDA Programs, network with



successful producers to gain valuable contacts, and attend innovative educational sessions to help them succeed in Louisiana Agriculture.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! To register, visit <https://www.suagcenter.com/page/small-farmers-conference-2022>.

For more information, contact Brian Phillips, Associate Small Farm Specialist for Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) at 225-771-3532 or brian_phillips@suagcenter.com.

SU Ag Center Hosted and Celebrated the 20th Annual Morehouse Parish Farm Field Day



Nearly 200 small farmers, youth, and SU and LSU Ag Center staff members participated in the Southern University Ag Center's 20th Annual Morehouse Farm Field Day on July 22, 2022. The event, which was hosted in conjunction with the LSU AgCenter, the Morehouse Black Farmers and Landowners Association, and the National Black Growers Council, was held at Hills Farm, in Bonita, LA.

The field day included presentations on the importance of wills, USDA updates, carbon credits, FMC herbicides, nematodes in soybeans, disease management for corn, and field tours of corn and soybean productions.

"The field day provided new agricultural technology and information to help small farmers expand the life of their farms," said Odis Hill, SU Ag Center Assistant County Agent and field day organizer. "The larger agricultural technology companies brought information on new varieties and the new herbicides as well," added Hill.

For additional information about the Morehouse Parish Farm Field Day, contact Odis Hill at odis_hill@suagcenter.com.



The SU Ag Center is teaching Youth Urban Farming and Gardening practices through its D.U.A.L. Program



For the second year, the Southern University Ag Center has held its Demonstration Urban Agricultural Landscapes (D.U.A.L.) Program for youth in Baton Rouge, La. D.U.A.L. is providing student learners from the age of 9 -15 with general garden practices, agricultural technology training, and poultry farming in an urban environment. The program introduces opportunities for relationship and interpersonal skill development, constructive community engagement, informal social control, explorative cognitive and behavioral competencies, and improved nutrition.

The program was held July 9, 16, and 23, 2022, in Tremaine Walker's (a.k.a. the Chicken Man's) garden located behind the GoodLife Hair Studio at 6151 Mickens Rd. The youth received hands-on learning in selecting an urban farm site, preparing the site, planting and tending to the garden, harvesting, ag tech production, and backyard poultry production from the Ag Center's staff.

During the final session, each youth participant received a certificate of completion from the program.

Gardening with children increases their cognitive development as well as intellectual skills such as remembering and analyzing information and predicting outcomes. Community gardens are a great way to get children and young adults to learn about nutrition.

The D.U.A.L. curriculum focuses on promoting community farms and gardens with educational goals to help students, school staff, NGOs, and families make the connection between growing food and animal husbandry, the development of life skills, and increasing environmental awareness.

For additional information about the D.U.A.L. Youth Farm and Garden Curriculum, contact Dr. Marlin Ford, Research Assistant Professor and Urban Agricultural Specialist at marlin_ford@suagcenter.com.



SU College of Ag student Tess Brown Selected in the Inaugural Class of Public Health Entomology for all Program

SU College of Ag Urban Forestry and Natural Resources major, Tess Brown has been named as part of the 2022 class of interns and fellows for the Public Health Entomology for all (PHEFA) program this summer. Tess is doing an internship at the CDC Division of Vector Borne Diseases in Ft. Collins, CO.

The Entomological Society of America (ESA) created the PHEFA program, in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to encourage students and recent graduates interested in social justice and health equity to pursue entomology as a career and work toward a future in which all communities benefit from creative, inclusive, and equitable scientific processes and solutions.

The PHEFA interns and fellows are students or graduates of Minority Serving Institutions who have demonstrated a commitment



to scientific inquiry and equity.

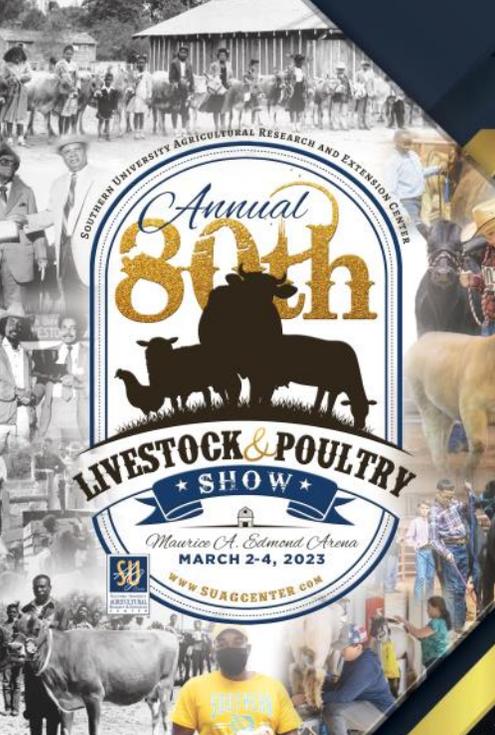
Interns began their 10-week positions in June. Fellows started their positions in June and will work for one year at the CDC in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Information for this story provided by <https://entsoc.org>.

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