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New Opportunities for 1890 Agriculture*

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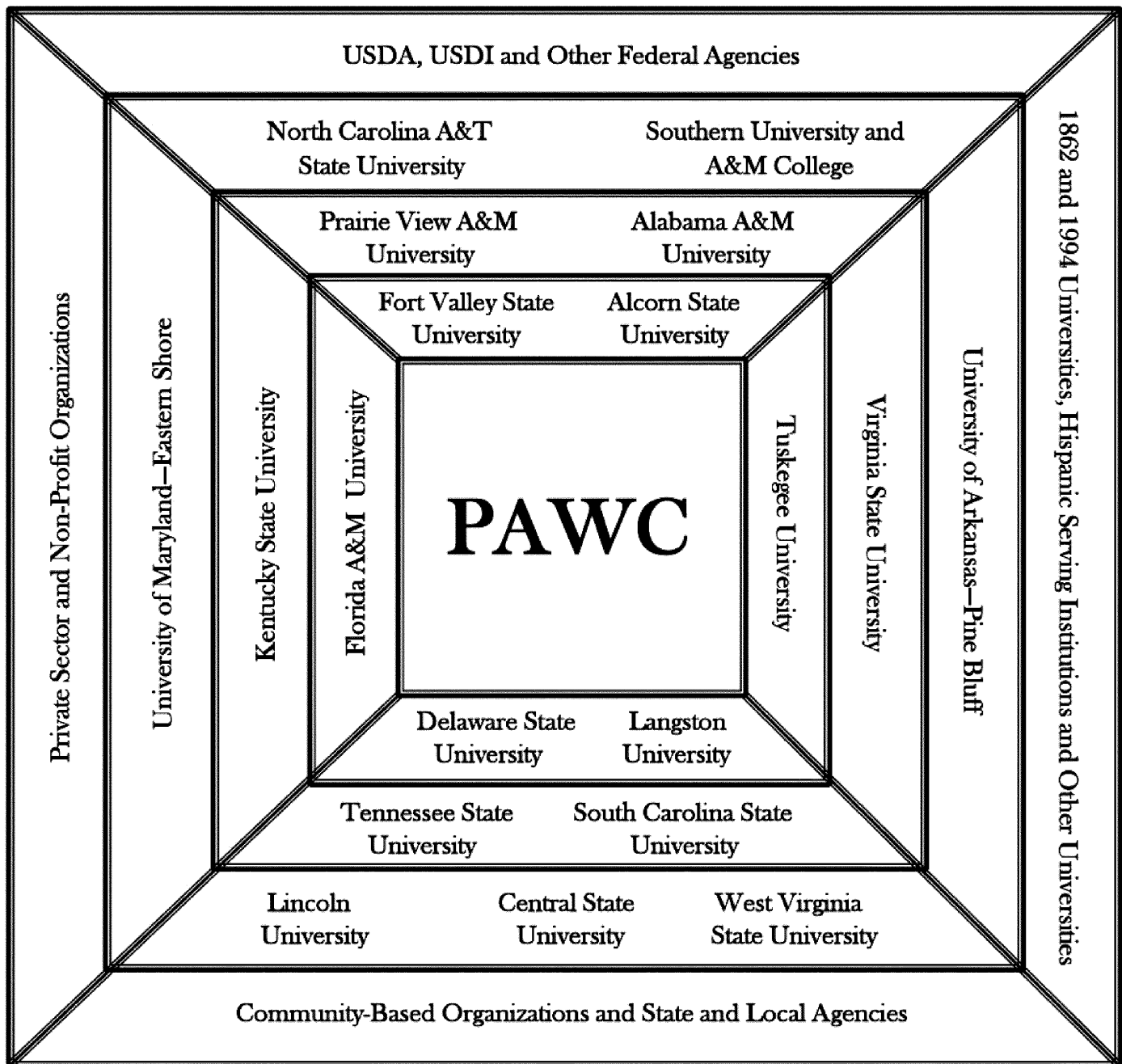
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Vision

The Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC) is a forum committed to a world that values and promotes equal opportunity and equitable access to information and technology for the sustainable development of communities and natural resources.

Mission

To enhance the skills and contributions of agricultural and related professionals (business, government, university, and community professionals) involved in discovering, disseminating, and using emerging technologies, information, problem-solving, policy formulation, and strategy development for advancing people and communities.

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AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

80TH PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 13–15, 2022

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022		
1:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium (high school)	Tuskegee University – Henderson Hall Auditorium
9:00 am – 7:00 pm	1890 Wildland Fire Consortium (closed session)	Renaissance Hotel and Spa – Montgomery, AL
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	PAWC Tech Office	Riverview 7
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	General Registration	Hotel Registration Booth
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022		
8:00 am – 12:45 pm	Exhibit Registration & Setup	Exhibit Atrium & Concourse All
8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium I – Collegiate	Montgomery 5
	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium II – Collegiate	Montgomery 7
	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium III – High School	Riverview 5
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Legacy Museum & National Memorial for Peace and Justice Tour (On Your Own)	Legacy Museum
10:00 am – 11:00 am	GSD Judges and Moderators Meeting	Ballroom A
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	GSD Student Competition Registration & Check-in	Ballroom Atrium
10:00 am – 5:30 pm	1890 Wildland Fire Consortium (closed session)	Riverview 8
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	General Registration	
11:00 am – 12:45 pm	GSD Student Presenters Set Up	See Below
	Undergraduate Oral I	Riverview 2
	Undergraduate Oral II	Riverview 3
	Graduate Oral I	Riverview 4
	Graduate Oral II	Riverview 6
	Posters	Ballroom A
11:00 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Gamma Sigma Delta Student Competition I	See below
	Undergraduate Oral I	Riverview 2
	Undergraduate Oral I	Riverview 3
	Graduate Oral I	Riverview 4
	Graduate Oral II	Riverview 6
	Posters	Alabama Ballroom D & E
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium: Breakout I – Collegiate	Montgomery 5
	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium: Breakout II – Collegiate	Montgomery 7
	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium: Breakout III –High School	Riverview 5
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Exhibits	Concourse All
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Gamma Sigma Delta Student Competition Break	Concourse All

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	GSD Student Competition II	See Below
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	MANRRS & Student Award Banquet Open to all Registered Attendees	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E
8:30 pm – 9:00 pm	GSD Student Winners Debriefing & Student Poster Removal	Ballrooms A, B, C, D, & E
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Professional Poster Setup	Ballroom A
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	PAWC Professional Meet & Greet	Hospitality Suite

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

6:30 am – 7:45 am	Breakfast	Ballroom B, C, D & E
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Exhibit Setup	Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium
7:00 am – 6:00 pm	General Registration	Hotel Registration Booth
8:00 am – 10:00 am	80 th PAWC Opening Plenary Session	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break & Visit with Exhibitors	Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Motivational Monday Plenary Session Guest Speaker: Ole Pete Key, Inc.	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E
11:45 am – 1:30 pm	LA Potts Luncheon	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions I	See Below
Session 1	Can Small Autonomous Robots Help Solve Agricultural Challenges	Montgomery 7
Session 2	USDA Listening Session	Riverview 2
Session 3	Linking Research & Practice to Increase Environmental and Natural Resource Management Impacts	Riverview 3
Session 4	Innovative Student Programs at 1890 & 1862 Universities	Riverview 4
Session 5	1890 Land Grant University Collaboration Opportunities with Chinese Agricultural Universities	Riverview 5
Session 6	The Impact of COVID on Rural Communities in the Black Belt Region: Perspectives from the Field	Riverview 6
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break & Visit with Exhibitors	Concurrent All
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions II	See Below
Session 7	Strategies for Promoting & Improving Health	Montgomery 5
Session 8	Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Center Updates	Montgomery 7
Session 9	Strategies for Student Success	Riverview 3
Session 10	Let's Make the Cut	Riverview 4
Session 11	Innovative Programs for Communities & Small Farmers	Riverview 5
Session 12	Innovative Approaches to Plant Science	Riverview 6
Session 13	Building Capacity to Write Winning Grants	Riverview 8
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Professional Posters Presentation	Ballroom A
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Refreshment Break and Visit with Exhibitors	Concurrent All
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Professional Poster Presentations	Ballroom A
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Visit with Exhibitors	Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium
6:30 pm – until	Cruising with PAWC– Dinner Cruise (optional and additional cost)	
6:30 pm – until	Dinner on your Own	

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

6:30 am – 7:45 am	PAWC Advisory Board Meeting	Riverview 7
6:45 am – 7:45 am	Breakfast	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Charles Sherrod Memorial Lecture	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration	Registration Booth
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break & Visit with Exhibitors	Concourse All & Exhibit Hall
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Concurrent Session III	See Below
Session 14	Innovations in Nutrition and Health	Riverview 2
Session 15	Strategies for Managing Financial and Business Risk	Riverview 3
Session 16	The Black Belt Region: Opportunities and Challenges for Transformation	Riverview 5
Session 17	Investing in our Economic, Financial, & Social Future	Riverview 6
Session 18	USDA NRCS – Moving Forward	Riverview 8
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own	
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Concurrent Session IV	See Below
Session 19	Heirs' Property and Generational Land Loss I	Montgomery 5
Session 20	USDA Farm Service Agency Panel Discussion	Montgomery 7
Session 21	Author Showcase	Riverview 2
Session 22	Urban Agriculture, Gardening, Smart Design, and Vertical Farms	Riverview 3
Session 23	Woodland Grazing	Riverview 4
Session 24	Integrating Cover Crops & Vegetable Production & Making the Environment and Land Safe	Riverview 5
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break and Visit with Exhibitors	Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Session V	See Below
Session 25	Heirs' Property and Generational Land Loss II	Montgomery 5
Session 26	Are Forages Enough for Beef Cattle? An Overview of Beef Cattle Programming for the Years 2021–2022	Montgomery 7
Session 27	Toward Transformative Education Using an Ecowomanist Approach	Riverview 2
Session 28	Innovations on the Farm	Riverview 3
Session 29	Overview & Demonstration of the FarmersClub USA	Riverview 4
Session 30	Marketing Options for Wine Markers	Riverview 5
Session 31	Overview of the Agmissions Program	Riverview 6
Session 32	Barriers Faced by Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Access to Capital – Policy Center Research Analyst Update	Riverview 8
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Exhibit Area Closed	Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	GWC Awards Banquet	Ballrooms B, C, D, & E

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium – High school – <i>Tuskegee University – Henderson Hall Auditorium</i>
9:00 am – 7:00 pm	1890 Wildland Fire Consortium (closed session)– <i>Renaissance</i>
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	PAWC Tech Room – <i>Riverview 7</i>
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	General Registration – <i>Hotel Registration Booth</i>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

8:00 am – 12:45 pm	Exhibit Registration and Setup – <i>Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium</i>
8:30 am – 11:30 am	Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium I Collegiate– <i>Montgomery 5</i> Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium II Collegiate – <i>Montgomery 7</i> Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium III High School– <i>Riverview 5</i>
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Legacy Museum & National Memorial for Peace and Justice Tour (on your own)
10:00 am – 11:00 am	GSD Judges and Moderators Meeting – <i>Ballroom A</i>
10:00 am – 12:30 pm	GSD Student Competition Check-in – <i>Ballroom Atrium</i>
10:00 am – 5:30 pm	1890 Wildland Fire Consortium (closed session) – <i>Riverview 8</i>
10:00 am – 6:00 pm	Conference Registration – <i>Hotel Registration Booth</i>
11:00 am – 12:45 pm	GSD Student Competition Setup – <i>See Below</i> Undergraduate Oral I – <i>Riverview 2</i> Undergraduate Oral II – <i>Riverview 3</i> Graduate Oral I – <i>Riverview 4</i> Graduate Oral II – <i>Riverview 6</i> Poster – <i>Ballrooms A</i>
11:00 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch on your own

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

GSD Student Competition – See Below

Undergraduate Oral I – *Riverview 2*
Undergraduate Oral II – *Riverview 3*
Graduate Oral I – *Riverview 4*
Graduate Oral II – *Riverview 6*
Poster – *Alabama Ballroom A*

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium
Student Professional Development Workshops**

Collegiate I – *Montgomery 5*
Collegiate II – *Montgomery 7*
High School III – *Riverview 5*

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Exhibits Open – *Concourse Hall & Exhibit Atrium*

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

**Student Competition Break & Visit with Exhibitors–
Concourse All**

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

GSD Student Competition

Undergraduate Oral I – *Riverview 2*
Undergraduate Oral II – *Riverview 3*
Graduate Oral I – *Riverview 4*
Graduate Oral II – *Riverview 6*
Poster – *Ballroom A*

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**MANRRS Student Recognition & Award Banquet –
*Ballrooms B, C, D & E***

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm

**GSD Student Winners Debriefing & Student Poster
Removal – *Ballroom A, B, C, D, & E***

9:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Professional Poster Setup – *Ballroom A*

9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Professional Meet & Greet – *Hospitality Suite*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

6:30 am – 7:45 am

Breakfast – *Ballrooms B, C, D, & E*

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Exhibit Setup – *Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium*

7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration – *Hotel Registration Booth*

8:00 am – 10:00 am

**80th Professional Agricultural Workers Conference Opening Session
– Ballrooms B, C, D, & E**

Presiding:

Dremeal Worthen, Florida A & M University &
Zeila Wiley, Kansas State University

Invocation

Christopher Mathis, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Greetings & Welcome from Tuskegee University

Olga Bolden–Tiller, Tuskegee University

Greetings & Welcome from Congresswoman Sewell's Office

Melinda Williams

Welcome

Deputy Under Secretary Jenny Moffitt

Greetings & Welcome from the PAWC Advisory Board

John Williams, PAWC Advisory Board Chair

**USDA Updates from Senior Advisory for Racial Equity to the
Secretary of Agriculture**

Dewayne Goldmon, USDA

Facilitator: Olga Bolden–Tiller, Tuskegee University

Guest: Karis Gutter, Corteva

**PAWC Chat with Corteva: Leveraging Change & Transformations –
New Opportunities for 1890 Agriculture**

Recognition of Sponsors

Tasha Hargrove, Tuskegee University

10:00 am – 10:30 am

**Stretch Break & Visit with the Exhibitors –
Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium**

10:30 am – 11:45 am

Motivational Monday – *Ballrooms B, C, D, & E*

Presiding: Shirley Brown & Tasha Hargrove, Tuskegee University



Mansfield Key III, known to most as Ole Pete Key, is a coach, consultant, speech writer, certified HIV/AIDS Instructor, social entrepreneur, and mentor. Mr. Key is an International Motivational Speaker who is a leading Growth Development Strategist. He has impacted the lives of over a million people through presentations, programs, and products. His proudest accomplishment other than his relationship with God is his devotion to his loving wife, Sharlene. He is the proud father of two beautiful daughters, Erin Ruth and Joi Da’Nae.

11:45 am – 1:30 pm

L.A. POTTS Luncheon & Success Stories – *Ballrooms B, C, D, & E*

Presiding: William Hodge & Catrina Hoffman, Tuskegee University

Recognition of Success Stories

Catrina Hoffman, Tuskegee University

Farmer-to-Farmer Program

Otieno Onesimus, Winrock International

Special Announcement: Future of the Tuskegee University Organic Program

Olga Bolden-Tiller, Tuskegee University

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions I – See Below

MONTGOMERY 7

Session 1: Can Small Autonomous Robots Help Solve Agricultural Challenges?

Moderator: *Joseph Quansah, Tuskegee University*

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Demonstration of Small Robots

N. Dennis Bowman, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Representatives from the AIFARMS: Artificial Intelligence for Future Agricultural Resilience, Management and Sustainability will present information on the development of these robots and provide live demonstrations of working robots.

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Role of Robots in Addressing Agricultural Challenges

N. Dennis Bowman, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign & Rui Chen, Tuskegee University

The session will engage farmers in understanding the role of small robots in mechanically removing weeds and reducing yield losses from herbicide-resistant weeds. This will be an interactive session in which participants will discuss current strategies they use for weed management, their challenges, and their interest in new technologies, such as robots, to address these challenges.

RIVERVIEW 2

Session 2: USDA Listening Session (Invitation Only)

Moderators: *Sophia Kirby, Sherron Jernigan, and Laura Artis, USDA – APHIS*

Jennifer Moffitt, USDA, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Dewayne Goldman, USDA, Senior Advisor for Racial Equity to the Secretary of Agriculture

RIVERVIEW 3

Session 3: Linking Research and Practice To Increase Environmental And Natural Resource Management Impacts

Moderator: *Joseph Davis, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Assessment of Pesticides Exposure over Alabama Using Satellite Data and GIS Techniques

Gamal El Afandi and H. Ismael, Tuskegee University

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

The Environmental Impact of the Woolfork Chemical Works Superfund Site on the Fort Valley, Georgia Community

Jacques Surrency, Fort Valley State University

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

The State of Water Quality in Macon County, Alabama

Ronald Smith, Rashidah Farid-Tilghman, and Aishah Jones, Tuskegee University

RIVERVIEW 4

SESSION 4: Innovative Student Programs At 1890 And 1862 Universities

Moderators: *Christopher Mathis & Robert Lewis, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

CISC–INFAS HBCU Fellowship Pilot Program to Grow the Next Generation of Black Food Systems Leaders.

Lindsey Lunsford, Tuskegee University & Natilee McGruder, CISC

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

1862 and 1890 Land Grant Universities Partnerships for Student Success

Zelia Wiley, Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., Santillana Summer, & Thomas Raymond, Kansas State University

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

4–H Tech Changemakers Program Overview

Billie Grant, John Meyers, and Tiiwon Siaway, Tuskegee University

RIVERVIEW 5

SESSION 5: 1890 Land Grant University Collaboration Opportunities with Chinese Agricultural Universities

Moderator: *Louis Swanson, Jr., Colorado State University*

Presenters: *Min Fan, US Heartland, Quintin Gray, 1890 Universities Foundation, and Suping Zhou, Tennessee State University*

There are continuing opportunities for US higher education institutions to develop sustainable collaborative programs with Chinese agricultural universities. This may seem wishful thinking given the increasingly global and bilateral tensions between China and the US. This presentation is anchored on current collaborations between the 1890 Universities Foundation and the U.S. Heartland China Association (USHCA). Chinese agricultural universities and US land–grant universities (LGUs) have legacies of collaboration, including the *Sino–US Alliance on University–based Extension* established in 2017. Thirty–nine Chinese agricultural universities are creating *New Rural Development Institutes* (NRDIs) modeled on the US LGU’s Extension and Experiment Stations. Unlike the U.S., China’s Extension system is in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARA) and not within their agricultural universities. The Chinese central government has mandated the establishment of Extension programs for all agricultural universities. 1890 LGUs have championed university–wide Extension since their founding. There is much 1890 LGUs can share with these Chinese universities and in turn these Chinese universities can offer opportunities to further expand 1890 LGUs’ global horizons. The 1890 Foundation can facilitate this opportunity.

RIVERVIEW 6

Session 6: The Impact of Covid–19 On Rural Communities In The Black Belt Region: Perspectives From The Field

Moderator: *Norma Dawkins, Tuskegee University*

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

The Challenges and Opportunities of Community Engagement in the Black Belt

Veronica Womack, Georgia College State University

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**The Rural Alabama Vaccination Education and Events (RAVE2) Program:
A Model for COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Education Strategies**

Delores Alexander, Tuskegee University; D. Maxwell-Stafford, Rhema Healthcare & Wellness; V. Alexander, Tuskegee Community Partners; M. Antoine, Tuskegee University; K. Calhoun and D. Calhoun, Tuskegee Community Partners; J. Boone, Tuskegee University; B. Carter, J. Cooper, & S. Croft, Tuskegee Community Partners; J. Davidson, Tuskegee University, C. Davis, W. Dean-Colomb, D. Eaves, & D.H. Eaves, Tuskegee University; F. Forester, & M. Frazier, P. Guillette, Tuskegee Community Partners; L. Hunt-Haralson, C. Hoffman, & F. Holston, Tuskegee University, K. Johnson, Tuskegee Community Partner, A. Jones, Tuskegee University; K. Love, Tuskegee Community Partners; M. Martin, Tuskegee University; L. Maxwell, Macon County Commission; J. Mori, Tuskegee University; N. Moss, Rhema Healthcare and Wellness; O. Neal, Tuskegee Community Partners; S. Payne, Tuskegee University; B. Smith, Tuskegee Community Partners; N. Shahi, Tuskegee University; S. Suther, Florida A & M University; E. Taha, T. Tiller, S. Veerasasu, R. Whittington, & R. Shange, Tuskegee University

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Impact of Dietary, Exercise Habits, and Changes in Weight During the COVID-19
Pandemic**

Vanessa Njoku, Deborah Omachi, and Thaniyath Shanaz, Tuskegee University

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Stretch Break & Visit with Exhibitors – *Concourse All & Exhibit Atrium*

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions II – *See Below*

MONTGOMERY 5

SESSION 7: Strategies for Promoting and Improving Health

Moderator: *Catherine Barnett, Freedom to Thrive*

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

A Multifaceted Approach to Improving the Health of Seniors in Rural Alabama

Catrina Hoffman, LaTanya Hunt-Haralson, Denzel Veale, and Janet Sullen, Tuskegee University

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

An Innovative Approach in Improving Nutrition, Health, and Wellnesses in Underserved Communities

Fatemeh Malekian, Southern University and A & M College, Norma Dawkins, Tuskegee University, Shengmin Sang, North Carolina A&T State University, Renita Marshall, Southern University and A & M College, Brittany Howard, Tuskegee University

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Lived Experiences of Congenital Heart Defect Diagnosis in Adulthood

Jacklyn Sanders, Prairie View A&M University

MONTGOMERY 7

Session 8: Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center Updates

Moderator: *William Crutchfield, Virginia State University*

Presenter: *Eloris Speight, SDFR Policy Research Center*

Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center specializes in policy research impacting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Through collaboration with universities and organizations inside and outside the land grant community, Alcorn State University leverages Alcorn State University employees' expertise and increases personnel capacity with contractual partnerships with other universities and agencies. The mission of the Policy Research Center is to make policy recommendations that will improve the success of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and will be accomplished through a transparent management structure focusing primarily in three areas, research, stakeholder engagement, and outreach.

RIVERVIEW 3

Session 9: Strategies for Student Success

Moderator: *Jackie Sanders and Madison Purifoy, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Combining Youth/Passion and Resources for Environmental Science Studies: Virtual Experiential Learning Practices to Engage Rural Middle Schools Students about Agriculture and Natural Resources

Audrey McCrary-Quarles, South Carolina State University, and Christopher Mathis, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Growing Student Enrollment in College of Agriculture at an 1890 Institution During and Subsequent to COVID: Challenges and Successes

Ralph Noble, Fort Valley State University

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) – AgDiscovery 2022, Preparing the Next Generation of Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) Professionals
Christopher Mathis, D. White, and B. McGowan, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

RIVERVIEW 4

Session 10: Let's Make the Cut

Moderator: *Kandi Williams, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

Presenter: *Clarissa Harris, Tuskegee University*

Let's make the "cut." Are you ready for this conversation? This session aims to inform producers about red meat post-harvest processing options. If you need any direction and guidance about the procedures, this is definitely for you. It is important to identify niche markets and utilize the resources available to make a profit or feed your community.

RIVERVIEW 5

Session 11: Innovative Programs for Communities & Small Farmers

Moderator: *Karen Lee, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

The New Leadership Frontier: Agriculture at the Intersection of Community Food Systems
Kolia Souza, Michigan State University and Marcus Coleman, Tulane University

Today, our society faces complex challenges that are impacting everyday life, such as increasingly high rates of chronic disease, global pandemic, inflation as a byproduct of war, and climate change. These modern realities are also inextricably linked to our food supply and access. Food and nutrition security is a matter of national security, and millions of dollars in federal funding are being poured into communities to strengthen our nation's supply chain. Now more than ever, leadership is needed to guide more resilient, equitable, and sustainable development. However, there has long been a competing narrative between agricultural development and food system development. Defining – or redefining – the relationship between agriculture and community food systems and supporting the development of more diverse food and agriculture leaders will be necessary if we create a secure food future. This roundtable discussion, hosted by the Racial Equity in the Food System national workgroup, seeks bold yet practical approaches to these challenges to help guide its work alongside local communities and national partners.

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Working with Hmong Farmers: Overcoming Many Barriers To Serving the New Immigrant Community

Nalee Yang, Angela Brattin, Clement Akotsen–Mensah, Lincoln University

The Innovative Small Farmers Outreach Program (ISFOP) is part of Lincoln University Cooperative Extension (LUCE), created to help the small farmers and ranchers of Missouri, especially those who are socially disadvantaged and underserved, to raise the level of efficiency on their farms while taking good care of the soil, water, and the environment. Unfortunately, many small farmers and ranchers are unaware of the information on opportunities. ISFOP has successfully worked with Hmong farmers in Missouri, addressing their barriers. Through ISFOP, we established two educational sites on Hmong farms for Hmong and other farmers to learn and participate in high tunnel and fruit crop productions. Providing linguistically and culturally appropriate training, materials, and Hmong farmer hosts enables the educational site to be a learning hub for Hmong farmers.

RIVERVIEW 6

Session 12: Innovative Approaches In Plant Science

Moderator: *Larry Holmes, USDA NRCS Retired*

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Growing Medicinal Herbs, A Viable Alternative Economy for Small and Minority Producers: A Case of Maryland

Lila Karki and Henriette de Ouden, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Newly Released Muscadine Cultivars Evaluation

Elina Coneva, Auburn University

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Pruning vs. non-Pruning of Three Varieties of Peppers (*Capsicum annum var. annuuma*) Grown in a Wiregrass Tunnel House

George Hunter, David Miller, Edward Sparks, Carnell McAlpine, Justin Tate, Tuskegee University

RIVERVIEW 8**Session 13: Building Capacity to Write Winning Grants**

Moderator: *William Crutchfield, Virginia State University*

Presenter: *John Green, & Rachel Welborn Southern Rural Development Center*

During the 2022–23 year, the Southern Rural Development Center will be recruiting community/Extension/student teams to engage in a process to build long-term capacity for successful grant writing. The process will engage 1890 colleagues, community members, and students in a peer writing process. Typical grant writing workshops give a lot of information in a very short time, often without any type of feedback loop to learners past the workshop experience. This initiative proposes to actively engage with selected teams over an 8-month period to help teams gain a solid grasp on skills and have direct feedback on their work with each step along the way in the grant-writing experience. During this workshop, participants will get a taste of the new process through a brief hands-on writing experience. Participants will have the opportunity to examine the longer process designed to build community/university grant teams to work together on an important community issue.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Professional Poster Presentations – *Ballroom A*

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Visit with Exhibitors – *Concourse All & Atrium*

6:30 PM – Until Cruising with PAWC – Dinner Cruise (Optional & Additional Cost) – *Harriott II Riverboat*

Re-live history while enjoying a relaxing cruise on one of Montgomery's greatest downtown attractions, the Harriott II. Docked beside the uniquely built Riverwalk Amphitheater, this elegant 19th Century riverboat is center stage of Montgomery's entertainment district. The Harriott II offers dinner, dancing, and live entertainment, making this a perfect night out for the family.

6:30 PM – Until Dinner on Your Own

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

6:30 am – 8:00 am PAWC Advisory Board Meeting – *Montgomery 7*

6:45 am – 7:45 am Breakfast – *Ballrooms B, C, D, & E*

8:00 am – 10:00 am Charles Sherrod Memorial Lecture

*Presiding: M. Ray McKinnie, Virginia State University (Retired)
& Dawn Mellion – Patin, Extension Foundation*

Remembrance of Charles Sherrod

Jerry Pennick & Kourtney Sherrod, Tuskegee University

Introduction of Speaker

M. Ray McKinnie, Virginia State University

Remarks from the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

United States Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jewel H. Bronaugh

Remarks from the Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Services

Chief Terry Cosby, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services

Remarks from the Administrator of the National Agricultural Statistics Service

Administrator Hubert Hamer, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Stretch Break

Special Presentation: USDA – Economic Research Service

Jeff Hopkins, USDA Economic Research Service

10:00 am – 10:30 am Break and Visit with Exhibitors – *Concourse All*

10:30 pm – 12:00 pm Concurrent Session III – *See Below*

RIVERVIEW 2

Session 14: Innovations in Nutrition and Health

Moderator: *Fatima Malekiam, Southern University A & M College*

10:30 am – 10:50 am

**Cardiovascular Disease Protective Properties Of Blueberries (*Vaccinium Corymbosum*):
A Review Of Current Literature**

John Onuh, Norma Dawkins, Tuskegee University, and Rotimi Aluko, University of Manitoba

10:50 am – 11:00 am

**An Observation of the Effect of the Ghana Regulatory Standards on Food Products and
Processing Businesses in Ghana**

Alberta Aryee, Delaware State University and Eunice Bonsi, Tuskegee University

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Purple–Hull Peas: A Viable Source of Protein for Meat Alternatives

Norma Dawkins, Tuskegee University

RIVERVIEW 3

Session 15: Strategies for Managing Financial and Business Risk

Moderator: *Iris Cole–Crosby, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*

10:30 am – 11:45 am

Using Crop Insurance to Manage Risk

Laurence Crane, National Crop Insurance Service

An overview of crop insurance plans available in Alabama will be presented, the features of these plans will be reviewed and explained how they help farmers manage risk. Also discussed will be the process of applying for insurance and how producers can locate an agent who can answer their questions. A list of insurable crops in Alabama, along with the contact information for the AIPs delivering crop insurance in Alabama, will be provided.

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Agriculture Taxation & Business Entity Development Crop Insurance

Darrell Tennie, Tennie Agriculture Group, LLC

This tax planning presentation will give clarity and enhance the audience in the understanding of the difference between the various entities, The benefits each entity, such as LLC, S-Corp, Partnership, Sole Proprietorship, or C-Corporation, offers, is based on how the entity is structured.

RIVERVIEW 5

Session 16: The Black Belt Region: Opportunities and Challenges for Transformations

Moderators: *Mark Clark, OxFam America & Jerry Pennick, Tuskegee University*

10:30 am – 11:15 am

Social and Economic Justice in the Black Belt Region: Opportunities and Challenges for Transformations

Raymon Shange, Jerry Pennick, Kourtney Sherrod, & Dala Alkordi, Tuskegee University and Gloria Tinubu, SAAB

One of the main reasons for the lack of sustainable economic development in the Black Belt Region (BBR) is the lack of significant presence and expertise of African Americans in the policy arena; too often, this results in leaders and communities having to react to unjust policies rather than being proactive in developing and advocating for policies that are just and equitable. The conditions in the BBR, while somewhat dire, do not have to remain this way if leaders and advocates at all levels had ready access to research-based data to help them develop policies that could move BBR toward economic independence. The purpose of this workshop is to introduce policymakers, advocates, local leaders, and 1890 Universities to CISC's first "State of African-Americans in the Black Belt Region" annual report and get their input. The workshop will present the attendees with a research-based analysis of the BBR along with specific policy recommendations.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

The Black Belt Region: Opportunities and Challenges for Transformations

Gloria Tinubu, Oxfam, Eloris Speight, Socially Disadvantaged Farmers, and Ranchers Research Policy Center, Shirley Sherrod, Southwest Georgia Project, Ben Burkett, Mississippi State Association of Cooperatives, Ebony Woodruff, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, and Mikhiela Sherrod, Oxfam

Speakers will engage with each other and the audience to identify the unique opportunities and challenges facing Black Farmers and the communities in which they live, to achieve social and economic justice in the Black Belt. Through identifying those challenges and opportunities, the discussion will aim to lead to surfacing key federal and state-level policy recommendations and vehicles to achieve social and economic justice that is sustainable and community-led. Speakers will 1) identify the needs and challenges to achieving social and economic justice within their area of expertise/experience; and 2) propose policy solutions, where applicable. Speakers will cover topics including racial equity, environmental justice, food security, economic development, education, infrastructure, housing, and healthcare.

RIVERVIEW 6

Session 17: Investing in Our Economic, Financial & Social Future

Moderator: Yin Sun, Auburn University

10:30 am – 10:50 am

Demand Forecasting at Alabama Food Pantries Using Machine Learning Methods

Rui Chen, Tuskegee University, Thomas Orrison, Md Kamran Chowdhury Shisher, Yin Sun, Auburn University

10:50 am – 11:10 am

Decimation, Determination, and Re-development: The Case of the Peacock Tract Community

John Myers, Tuskegee University, K. Gilchrist, and V. Hall, Tuskegee University

11: 10 am – 11:30 am

Factors Associated with Attracting Business and Industry to Selected Black Belt Counties of Alabama

Andrew Zekeri, Tuskegee University

11:30 am – 11:50 am

Why Should We Pay More Attention to Small Farms versus Big Cotton Farms in Alabama?

Rui Chen, Tuskegee University and Girish Chowdhary, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

RIVERVIEW 8

Session 18: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) – Moving Forward

Moderator: *Ben Malone, USDA – NRCS*

Presenters: *Terry Cosby, Vivian Dickson, Ronald Harris, Brandon McCray, and State Conservationists, USDA – NRCS*

The mission of the NRCS Outreach and Advocacy Division is to provide leadership to ensure that all programs and services are made accessible to all NRCS customers, fairly and equitably, with emphasis on reaching the underserved and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and landowners. This interactive session will provide an opportunity for participants to engage with NRCS leaders and learn more about current programs.

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch On Your Own

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions IV– See Below

MONTGOMERY 5

Session 19: Heirs' Property and Generational Land Loss I

Moderator: *Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University*

Heirs' Property Policy and Research Updates from the Economic Research Service

Clayton Michaud, USDA Economic Research Service

Heirs' Property: Impacts at Family, Community, and Regional Levels: A Proposed Multi-State Project

Russ Garner, Southern Rural Development Center

Heir's Property at the Microlevel: The Case of Small Southern Towns

Obianuju Egiebor and Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Heir's Property at the Macrolevel: The Case for Critical Race Theory and Reparations

Connor Bailey and Ryan Thomson, Auburn University

Land ownership has been the key to generational wealth in this country. Yet, for African Americans, this has been a right often denied; and, when attained, has been the target of violence, takeaway schemes, and judicial action. This is the backdrop of the continuous decline in African American-owned land, from 16 million acres in 1910 to approximately 4 million acres today. One way that this land is lost is through the familial co-ownership of intergenerational land held without secured title known as heirs' property. This session will focus on current research, outreach, and legislative actions to address this important issue and its impact on personal and community wealth and well-being.

MONTGOMERY 7

Session 20: USDA – Farm Service Agency Panel Discussion

Moderator: *Miles Robinson, Tuskegee University*

Presenters: *Ronald C. Guidry, Jr. Louisiana Farm Service Agency; Arthur Tripp, Georgia Farm Service Agency; Clifton Warren, Farm Service Agency – Alabama State Executive Director; Thaddeus Fairley, Mississippi Farm Service Agency; Ronald Howell, Virginia Farm Service Agency; and Doris Washington, Arkansas Farm Service Agency – Arkansas State Executive Director*

The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program was established in 1992 as part of the partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the 1890 Land-Grant Universities. The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program is implemented under the USDA Fellows Experience Program (FEP). Scholars accepted into the program will be appointed using the Schedule A(r) authority (5 CFR 213.3202) and may be eligible for noncompetitive conversion to full time employment upon graduation. This panel discussion will discuss the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program and how this program is being utilized by USDA to increase diversity efforts and initiatives within USDA working with 1890 land grant institutions.

RIVERVIEW 2

Session 21: Author Showcase – More Than Peanuts: The Unlikely Partnership of Tom Huston & George Washington Carver

Moderator: *Walter Hill, Tuskegee University*

Presenter: *Edith Powell, Tuskegee University (Retired)*

RIVERVIEW 3

Session 22: Urban Agriculture, Gardening, Smart Design, and Vertical Farms

Moderator: *Barrett Vaughan, Tuskegee University*

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Yield Comparison of Two Okra Varieties (*Abelmoschus esculentus*(L) Moench) Grown in a Wiregrass Tunnel House and Open Field

David Miller, George Hunter, Edward Sparks, Carnell McAlpine, Justin Tate, Jeffery Moore, Raymon Shange, and Victor Khan, Tuskegee University

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Assessing New Rabbiteye Blueberry Cultivars for Central Alabama

Elina Coneva, Auburn University

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Risk Assessment of Pesticides, Spray Drift from Agricultural Applications:
A Case Study Macon County, Alabama**

Gamal El Afandi, Hossam Ismael, Ramble Ankumah, and Souleymane Fall, Tuskegee University

RIVERVIEW 4

Session 23: Woodland Grazing: Importance, Research Highlights, and Supplementation for Desirable Performance and Health Conditions of Small Ruminants

Moderator: Lika Karki, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

There is an enormous potential for using understory vegetation present in woodlands for supplementing animal grazing, which would enhance tree growth and minimize potential fire hazards. Grazing in woodlands can be initiated after developing grazing facilities, mainly fencing the area and cross fencing for rotational grazing, watering systems, shelters, and mineral feeding facility. Animals in certain physiological stages, such as when they are growing, pregnant, or lactating, would require supplementary feedstuffs to meet their nutritional requirements for desirable performance and health conditions. Research and Extension teams at Tuskegee University have conducted a series of studies on different aspects of woodland grazing with small ruminants at their different physiological stages, animal–tree interaction, animal behavior, changes in soil, tree growth, and more. The prospects of woodland grazing with small ruminants, research highlights, supplementation strategies, and the impact of supplement types on animal performance and the immune system, will be discussed in the workshop. The producer’s panel will share some concerns and thoughts on woodland grazing.

1:30 pm – 1:45 pm

Importance of Woodland Grazing and Research Highlights

Uma Karki, Tuskegee University

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm

Supplementation Requirement for Lactating Does Grazing in Woodlands and Possible Supplement Types

Bhuwan Shrestha, Tuskegee University

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Performance and Expression of Immune System of Lactating Ewes in Woodlands with Energy Protein Supplements

Santoshi Chaudhary, Tuskegee University

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Producers’ Prospective for Woodland Grazing

Producer Panel

RIVERVIEW 5

Session 24: Plant and Environmental Science

Moderator: *Rockiell Woods, NCAT Gulf States*

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm

INTEGRATING COVER CROPS AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTION

Justin Duncan, National Center for Appropriate Technology

Nature does things differently than many producers. The gap between how Nature does things and how people do things often leaves space for pests and diseases to take advantage of the situation. This presentation helps farmers and gardeners bridge this gap through the scientific examination of how to integrate the advantages of cover crops into vegetable production. It draws from research and personal experience, which will give the attendees an understanding of how the facets of different disciplines can come together to build truly resilient farming systems.

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

MAKING ENVIRONMENT AND LAND SAFE (M.E.A.L.S)

Kay Bell, National Women in Agriculture Association

Making Environment and Land Safe is a workshop that will motivate gardeners, farmers, Earth activists, and landowners to take care of their land using different meals. The M.E.A.L.S. workshop will give the audience safe techniques to grow their produce. The M.E.A.L.S. Workshop will give the audience different approaches to improving their soil by using meals. The Audience will learn how natural meals will help release nutrients to the plants. The Audience will learn how meal will help the soil to retain moisture, reduce compaction, reduce surface crusting, and increase water infiltration into the soil. The M.E.A.L.S. Workshop will help to build a strong foundation for higher crop yield and resiliency to environmental stresses.

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Break & Visit with Exhibitors – *Concourse All*

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Concurrent Sessions V – *See Below*

MONTGOMERY 5

Session 25: Heirs' Property and Generational Land Loss II

Moderator: *Clayton Michaud, USDA Economic Research Service*

Heirs' Property, Land Ownership, Retention, and the Creation of Generational Wealth

Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

MONTGOMERY 7

Session 26: Are Forages Enough for Beef Cows? An Overview of Beef Cattle Programming for The Years 2021–2022

Moderator: *Clarissa Harris, Tuskegee University*

Presenters: *Frank Abrahamsen, Chuck Okere, Nar Gurung, George Hunter, and Clarissa Harris, Tuskegee University*

Nutrition is the basis of all sustainable beef operations. Over the past year, the Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program has conducted workshops on improving the sustainability of beef operations with a focus on nutrition/forages, health, and marketing. These programming opportunities have attracted producers across the entire southeast.

RIVERVIEW 2

Session 27: Toward Transformative Education Using an Ecowomanist Approach for Regenerative Development

Moderator: *LaTanya Hunt–Haralson, Tuskegee University*

Presenter: *Christina Hylton, Tuskegee University*

RIVERVIEW 3

Session 28: Innovations on The Farm

Moderator: *Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., Kansas State University*

Start–Up Farmer, Small Scaled, Or Limited Resourced? Don't Worry, Be Happy. Somehow, We've Got Your Back Covered

Sena Ahiabor, Desmond Mortley, Raymon Shange, Conrad Bonsi, Anthony Kumi, Tuskegee University

PASTURE PORK PRODUCTION

Ruth Canada & Ellen Brown, Heifer International/USA

Evaluation of Produce Safety Education Resources to Support Learning and Motivation of Fresh Produce in Iowa

Shannon Coleman, Smaranda Andrews, Manreet Bhullar, Isabel Coll, Yalitzia Curiel, Ellen McIntosh, and Allison Anderson, Iowa State University

RIVERVIEW 4

Session 29: Overview of FarmersClubUSA™

Moderator: *Gwen Harris, Tuskegee University*

Presenter: *Mel Dowdell, IVI Media Group, LLC*

RIVERVIEW 5

Session 30: Marketing Options for Wine Makers

Moderator: *Youssouf Diabate, Tuskegee University*

Presenter: *Marcia Jones, Urban Connoisseurs*

RIVERVIEW 6

Session 31: Overview of The Agmissions Program

Moderator: *George Hunter, Tuskegee University*

This training will discuss climate-smart technologies. Climate-smart technologies are a host of clean low greenhouse gas emission technologies that help to facilitate adaptation and mitigation to achieve resilience, directly and indirectly, against climate change impacts. This training will give the audience a basic understanding of climate-smart terminology and an overview of the various climate-smart technologies that help reduce greenhouse gases (GHSs), including renewable energies such as wind energy, solar power, and hydropower. This training will also provide an overview of sound climate-smart agriculture, such as regenerative farming and precision agriculture. Finally, this training will provide farmers with information on the various programs designed to help with sustainability.

RIVERVIEW 8

Session 32: Barriers Faced by Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Access to Capital—Policy Center Research Analyst Update

Moderator: *Rodney Stone, USDA*

Presenter: *Kara Woods, SDFR Policy Research Center*

The Research Analyst from The Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center (The Policy Center) will provide an update of the work on on-going research projects dealing with access to capital for Black and other SDFRs. Access to capital has a significant impact on potential short-term income and long-term wealth creation among African American socially disadvantaged farmers, landowners, families, and communities. The discussion will provide impactful data highlighting the effects of access to capital on farmers, ranchers, individuals, as well as communities. Discussion will include an overview of the varying research projects methods, data analysis, and recommendations for the 2023 Farm Bill.

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Exhibit Area Closed and Removal of Exhibits

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm GWC Awards Banquet – Ballrooms B, C, D, & E

PROFESSIONAL POSTERS

- **Programmable Plant Systems – A Vision for a Future of Sustainable Agriculture**
Abraham Stroock, Susan McCouch, Cornell University

- **Combating COVID and Other Issues During the COVID–19 Pandemic. Lowndes County: A Model for COVID–19 Vaccination, Testing, and Education Strategies**

Arthur Nelson¹, A. D. Alexander^{1,2}, D. Maxwell–Stafford³ M. Alexander⁴, V. Alexander⁴, M. Antoine², K. Calhoun⁴, D. Calhoun⁴, J. Boone¹, B. Carter⁴, J. Cooper⁴, S. Croft⁴, J. Davidson^{1,2}, C. Davis^{1,5,6}, W. Dean–Colomb^{1,5}, D. Eaves^{2,3}, D.H, Eaves², F. Forester⁴, M. Frazier⁴, P. Guillette^{4,7}, L. Hunt–Haralson^{1,2}, C. Hoffman^{1,3}, F. Holston¹, K. Johnson⁴, A. Jones¹, K. Love⁴, M. Martin¹, L. Maxwell⁸, J. Mori¹, N. Moss³, O. Neal⁴, S. Payne^{1,2}, B. Smith⁴, N. Shahi¹, S. Suther⁹, E. Taha¹, T. Tiller¹, S. Veeramasu¹, Whittington¹, and R. Shange^{1,2}

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- **Barrier to Consumption of Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Among Consumers in Alabama Black Belt Counties**

Amya Johnson, Nevada Jones, Vanessa Lesure, Tuskegee University

- **The Rural Alabama Vaccination Education and Events (RAVE2) Program. Barbour County: A Model for COVID–19 Vaccination, Testing and Education Strategies**

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- **The Rural Alabama Vaccination Education and Events (RAVE2) Program. Bullock County: A Model for COVID–19 Vaccination, Testing and Education Strategies**

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- **Investigating Rootstocks for Container Peach Production**

Elina Coneva, Auburn University

- **Risk Assessment of Pesticides Spray Drift from Agricultural Applications: A Case Study of Macon County, AL.**

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- **Center for Food Systems, Rural Prosperity and Environmental Sustainability (CFSRPES)**

Walter Hill, Raymon Shange, Tasha Hargrove, Conrad Bonsi, Tuskegee University James Bukena, Alabama A & M University, Kathleen Chi Liang, North Carolina A & T University, Vonda Richardson, Florida A & M University, and John Clendaniel, Delaware State University

- **UAPB Vaccinate with Confidence Educating African American Adults to Increase their Vaccination Rates**

Iris Crosby, Henry English, T. Henson, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

- **Rural Sociology's Hidden History of Race, Racism, and Social Justice**

Julie Zimmerman, University of Kentucky

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- **Effect of Hempseed Meal on Cell–Mediated Immune Response and Serum Biochemistry Profile in Boer X Spanish Intact Male Goats**

Khim Ale, Frank Abrahamsen, Reshma Gurung, Tej Gautam, Santosh Chaudhary, Nar Gurung, Tuskegee University

- **Tuskegee University RAVE Boosts Community Confidence in COVID–19 Vaccines**

Sandra Suther, Florida A&M University, April Jones, Febreu Holston, Maya Martin, Deloris Alexander, Tuskegee University

- **Characterization of 2,4–D Tolerance in Cotton Chromosome Substitution Lines Using a Dose–Response Assay**
The Ming Tseng, Mississippi State University, W.D. Matte, Mississippi State University, Universidade Estadual de Maringá, L. Perez, Mississippi State University, J.C. Ferguson, Mississippi State University, R.S. Oliveira Jr., Universidade Estadual de Maringá, S. Saha, USDA ARS
- **The Mental Health & Resilience of the Minority Farmer: A Casualty of Sustained Racism**
Tia Muti’ah Lennora Pierrot, BABI
- **Geospatial Ecosystem Assessment Through Water Samples from Farms in Mississippi Major Land Resource Area That Support Grazing Land Conservation**
Tolulope Fiola, Florida A&M University, Gbemisola Akinbi, Florida A&M University, Lin Qi, Florida State University, Victor Ibeanusi, Florida A&M University, Benjamin Mwashote, Florida A&M University, Veera Badisa, Florida A&M University, Gang Chen, Florida State University, Satyanarayan Dev, Florida A&M University
- **Agriculture Education Programs at 1890 Land Grant Institutions**
Ronald Davis, Brandon Thompson, Makeda Nurradin, Garrett Hancock, Dr. Jason McKibben, Auburn University
- **Assessing Campus Climate for College of Agriculture Students at Kansas State University**
Zeila Wiley and Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., Summer Santillana, Raymond Thomas, and Andrew Barkley
Kansas State University

Gamma Sigma Delta–PAWC Student Competitions

GRADUATE ORAL

1. LEVEL OF AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF GHANAIAN FARMERS OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED (GM) RICE

Presenter: ANNIE NICOLE NSAFOAH, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
Advisor: Simon Fialor

2. IMPACT OF INTEGRATED ORGANIC CORN SOYBEAN CROP AND LIVESTOCK ROTATION SYSTEM ON SOIL HEALTH AND SOIL MICROBIAL ACTIVITIES

Presenter: MANOJ PAUDEL, Kentucky State University
Advisor: Shawn T. Lucas

3. SOLUBILIZATION OF PHOSPHORUS BY *FAGOPYRUM ESCULENTUM* IN SOILS TREATED WITH A LOW REACTIVE TOGO PHOSPHATE ROCK

Presenter: BERSON J. VALCIN, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Kokoasse Kpombrekou-A

4. IMPACTS OF FEEDING MALE GOATS WITH L–CARNITINE ON THEIR SEMEN QUALITY

Presenter: JALANI BROWN, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Adel R. Moawad

5. DIFFERENTIAL IMPACT OF HEIR PROPERTY ON LAND VALUE WITHIN TUSKEGEE CITY LIMITS.

Presenter: OBIANUJU EGIEBOR, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Robert Zabawa

6. CO–DIGESTION OF THE COVER CROPS FOR BIO–METHANE PRODUCTION

Presenter: HILARIE UWAMAHORO, Tuskegee University
Advisors: Kokoasse Kpombrekou–A, Marceline Egin, and Deloris Alexander.

7. TESTING BACTERIAL COLONIES FOUND IN SOIL FOR ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES AGAINST ESKAPE SPECIES

Presenter: RAYMOND ELDER, Tuskegee University.
Advisor: Sheritta Fagbodun

8. **PEPTIDOGLYCAN HYDROLASES AS ALTERNATIVES TO ANTIBIOTICS TO TREAT STREPTOCOCCOSIS AUREUS INFECTIONS**

Presenter: ANNIK SEGREE, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: D. Donovan., J. Abernathy, C. Shoemaker, and G. Ramena.

9. USE OF MODIFIED CRAWFISH SHELL BIOCHAR FOR MICROPLASTIC RETENTION AND SULFAMETHOXAZOLE ADSORPTION

Presenter: BASYAL SUDARSHAN, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisor: Hao Chen

10. IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AQUATIC FAUNA IN URBAN ECOSYSTEMS

Presenter: OPEYEMI OLADIGBOLOU, Southern University and A&M College
Advisor: Yaw Twumasi

11. DEVELOPMENT OF AN ETHOGRAM FOR COMPUTER-BASED DETECTION OF ESTRUS IN HOUSED DOES

Presenter: CHRISTIAN PETERSON, Tuskegee University
Advisors: Olga Bolden-Tiller, Joseph Quansah, and Jasmine Boone

12. *PLEUROTUS OSTREATUS* CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE NUTRITIVE VALUE OF LIGNOCELLULOSIC CROP RESIDUES

Presenter: LYDIA KEHINDE OLAGUNJU, North Carolina A&T State University
Advisor: Uchenna Anele

13. BIOPROCESS OPTIMIZATION OF *RHODOTORULA GLUTINIS* FOR CAROTENOID PRODUCTION, USING SORGHUM SYRUP AS A CARBON SOURCE

Presenter: KEVAUGHN S. PROUT, Alcorn State University
Advisor: Ananda Nanjundaswamy.

14. SURVEY AND INVESTIGATION OF SWEET POTATO VIRAL DISEASES IN THREE REGIONS OF GUYANA USING REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE-POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION

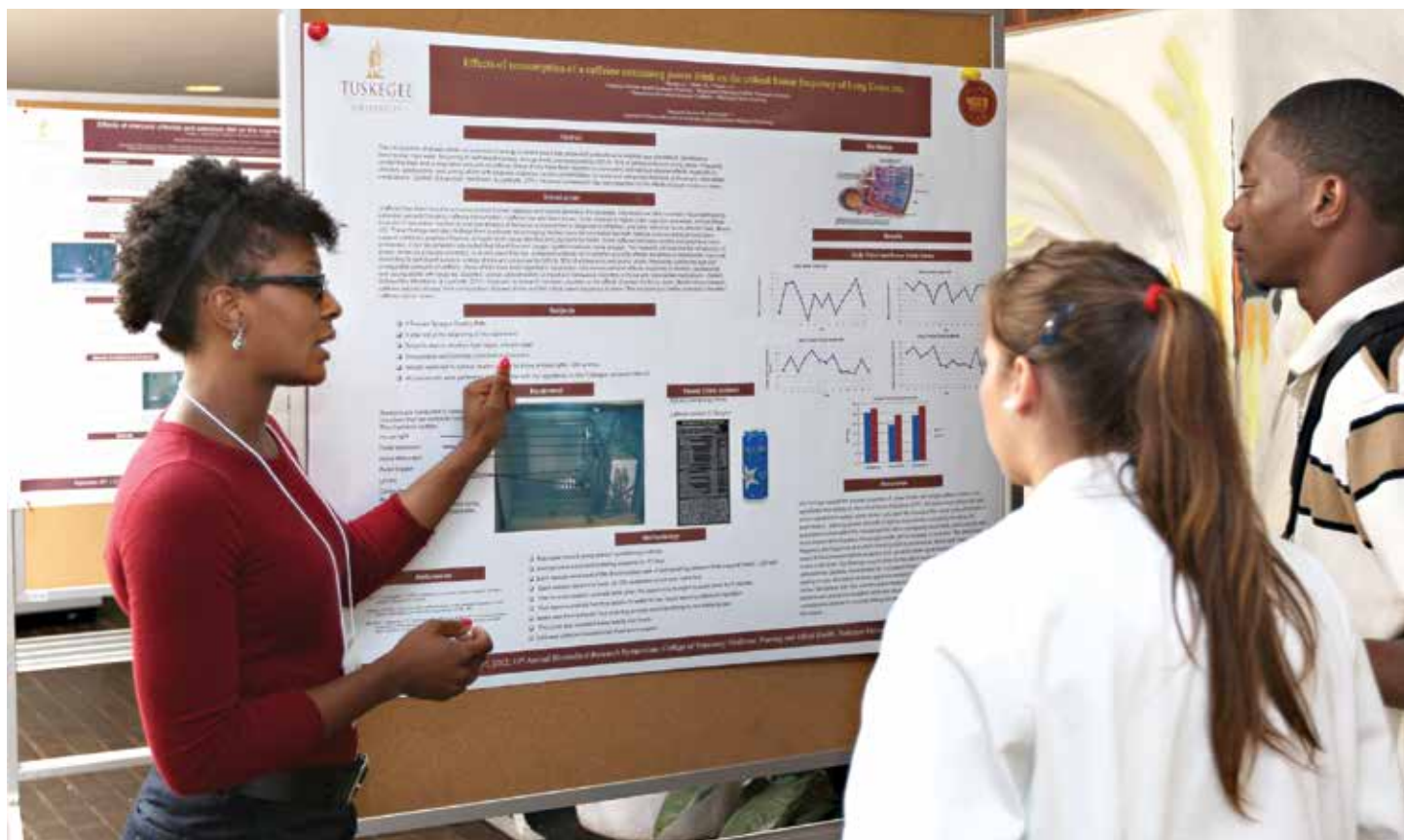
Presenter: SHERMAINE J. CRITCHLOW, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: Angela Alleyne and Sathish Ponniah

15. SEM SIZE ANALYSIS OF GOLD NANOPARTICLES USED IN THE DETECTION OF AFLATOXIN B1

Presenter: AMBER DAVENPORT, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Hari Singh

16. ACROSOME INTEGRITY AND MITOCHONDRIAL ACTIVITY OF GOAT SPERMATOZOA COLLECTED FROM DIFFERENT BREEDS

Presenter: TIFFANY REESE, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Adel R. Moawad



17. THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FACILITY (FARM) IN PINE BLUFF
Presenter: BERNARD A. IWEGBU, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: E. K. Asiamah, and V. Wiley.
18. SPATIOTEMPORAL TRENDS OF FOOD INSECURITY WITHIN THE ALABAMA BLACK BELT REGIONS
Presenter: LYDIA E. EBBUAH, Tuskegee University
Advisors: Robert Zabawa and Souleymane Fall
19. THE INFLUENCE OF LAND USE ON HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY OF EXPANSIVE CLAYEY SOILS.
Presenter: GEETA KHAREL, Auburn University
Advisor: Thorsten Knappenberger
20. THE POTENTIAL USE OF MAGNETIC NANOPARTICLES AS A BIOSENSOR FOR THE DETECTION OF SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM
Presenter: KINGSLEY BENTUM, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Woubit Abebe
21. INFLUENCE OF SUPPLEMENT TYPE ON THE PREVALENCE OF GASTROINTESTINAL PARASITES IN NURSING EWES AND LAMBS RAISED IN WOODLANDS
Presenter: SANTOSHI CHAUDHARY, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Uma Karki
22. OVEREXPRESSION OF THE CANDIDATE *PITA 2* IN RICE (*ORYZA SATIVA* L. JAPONICA CV. NIPPONBARE) FOR RESISTANCE AGAINST BLAST FUNGUS (*MAGNAPORTHE ORYZAE*)
Presenter: REGHAN MUTETHIA, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: Yulin Jia, and Sathish K. Ponniah
23. PEPTIDOGLYCAN HYDROLASES TO TREAT *STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS* INFECTIONS
Presenter: SHARON GUDAPATI, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisor: D. Donovan., M. Smeltzer., D.Nelson., and G. Ramena
24. OPTIMIZING TURMERIC PRODUCTION IN RAISED BEDS IN USDA ZONE 8
Presenter: NICOLE MULLEN, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Bipul Biswas
25. FEEDING MALE GOATS WITH LESPEDEZA IMPROVES THEIR SEMEN QUALITY AND FERTILITY PARAMETERS
Presenter: RANIA HEIKAL, Fort Valley State University
Advisors: Thomas Terrill and Adel R. Moawad
26. INFLUENCE OF L-CARNITINE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION ON THE QUALITY OF COOLED GOAT SEMEN
Presenter: BRYANNA HOLMES, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Adel Moawad

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27. INVESTIGATING THE ASSOCIATION OF NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION IN LOW-LEVEL CONTAMINATED WATER SYSTEMS AND THE IMPACT OF TROPHIC BIOACCUMULATION
Presenter: BRIANNA A. SMITH, Tuskegee University
Advisors: Rashida Farid-Tilghman, L. Ogden, and Richard Whittington.
28. BACILLUS SPECIES AS BIOCONTROL AGENT FOR HEMP PATHOGENIC FUNGI
Presenter: CHINEDU D. AHUCHAOGU, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
Advisor: Sadanand Dhekney
29. DIFFERENT METHODS OF STRESS MEASUREMENT IN LIVESTOCK: A REVIEW
Presenter: SADIKSHYA LAMSAL, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Uma Karki
30. IDENTIFYING PENAEID SHRIMP MICROPLASTIC CONSUMPTION COUPLED WITH HUMAN KNOWLEDGE OF SHRIMP AND MICROPLASTICS IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
Presenter: TANISHA FELTON, Savannah State University
Advisor: Sue C. Ebanks
31. UTILIZING PURPLE HULL PEAS AS A PRIMARY PROTEIN SOURCE FOR MEAT ALTERNATIVES
Presenter: ASYA MONTGOMERY, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Norma Dawkins
32. RAPID DETECTION OF AFLATOXIN B1 IN PEANUTS USING AN APTAMER-BASED DIPSTICK
Presenter: NNAMDI O. ENEH, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Hari P. Singh
33. A STUDY ON IDENTIFYING AND OVERCOMING THE BARRIERS THAT AFRICAN AMERICAN FARMERS FACE REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE.
Presenter: ALYSON H. WHITTED, Kentucky State University
Advisor: Shawn Lucas
34. DETERMINING THE EFFECT OF CHLOROPHYTA (SEAWEED) INTAKE ON THE MICROBIOTA OF YOUNG ADULTS: A COMPARISON WITH YOGURT INTAKE AND PLACEBO.
Presenter: MIRIAM HAGAN, Howard University
Advisor: Thomas Fungwe
35. DEMONSTRATING SUSTAINABILITY IN FOOD PRODUCTION THROUGH SEED PROPAGATION, SEEDLING CARE, AND MAINTENANCE
Presenter: CHRISTOPHER EDOZIE IWERIEBOR, University of the District of Columbia
Advisor: Tolessa Deksissa
36. INVESTIGATION OF *IN VITRO* CLONAL PROPAGATION OF TURMERIC GERMPLASM AND FIDELITY TESTING USING MOLECULAR MARKERS
Presenter: DARRELL SPARKS, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Bipul Biswas
37. NOVEL TECHNOLOGY TO PRODUCE LACTIC ACID BACTERIA FOR FERMENTED FOOD PRODUCTS
Presenter: PHILIP J. YEBOAH, North Carolina A&T State University
Advisor: Salam Ibrahim

38. WATER INSECURITY IN HAITI: HOW LOCAL WATER VENDORS VIEW THE NEED FOR TESTING AND CERTIFICATION OF THEIR PRODUCT

Presenter : JEAN FRITZ SAINT PREUX, Auburn University
Advisor : Joseph Molnar

39. APPLICATION OF CELLULOSE–BASED SUPERABSORBENT HYDROGELS FOR WATER CONSERVATION AND ENHANCED PLANT GROWTH

Presenter: JACQUEZ SMITH, Fort Valley State University
Advisor: Hari Singh

40. IMMOBILIZATION OF CADMIUM IN SOIL UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF BIOCHAR

Presenter: MANZIL KAFLE, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisor: Hao Chen

41. RELEVANCE OF FOOD INSECURITY AT TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

JOHNPAUL KAGULIRE, Tuskegee University
Advisors: Peter Gichuhi and Adelia Bovell–Benjamin.

42. IMPACTS OF HIGH ANTHROPOGENIC ACTIVITY ON THE FORAGING BEHAVIORS AND HABITAT UTILIZATION OF INDIVIDUAL BOTTLENOSE DOLPHINS (*TURSIOPS TRUNCATES*) IN ACTIVE AND PROTECTED WATERS WITHIN MOBILE ESTUARY IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

Presenter: KATIE C. DAMES, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Rashiah Farid–Tilghman

43. ASSESSMENT OF RESEARCH INSIGHT NEEDS OF PET FOOD DECISION–MAKERS

Presenter: LONNIE HOBBS JR, Kansas State University
Advisor: Aleksan Shanoyan,

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44. EATING BEHAVIORAL PATTERNS ON NUTRITION AND DISEASE IN RURAL ALABAMA COUNTIES

Presenter: GABRIELLA MCPHERSON, Tuskegee University. Advisor: Catrina Hoffman Choffman

45. ESTIMATION OF SWEET POTATO VIRUSES IN THE FOUR DIFFERENT GENERATIONS

Presenter: MASSIAH HOARD, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisor: Sathish K. Ponniah.

46. EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP WAX COATING ON POSTHARVEST QUALITY OF CITRUS

Presenter: ROBERT EARL LEWIS, Prairie View A&M University
Advisor: Aruna Weerasooriya

47. INVESTIGATING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN PHYTOPLANKTON AND BACTERIA

Presenter: NAYOMI RAPIER–JONES, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Elizabeth Harvey

48. CHYMASE INHIBITORY AND FREE RADICAL SCAVENGING PROPERTIES OF SWEET POTATO.

Presenter: MADISON PURIFOY, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: Sankar Devarajan and Shengyu Mu

49. SHORT-TERM FEEDING OF COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE HIGH PROTEIN AND LIPID DIETS PRE-SPAWNING AT GOLDFISH (*CRASSUS AURATUS*) FARMS AS A METHOD TO IMPROVE FECUNDITY AND SPAWN.

Presenter: HANNAH KNUCKLES, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: D. Perera, J.H. Jones, and S. Bhattarai.

50. BACTERIAL COLONY MORPHOLOGY OF TUSKEGEE NATIONAL FOREST SOIL

Presenter: SHERRY CANNON, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Sherrita Fagbodun

51. INVESTIGATING REPRESENTATION: TELEVISION'S INFLUENCE ON DIVERSE AUDIENCES' INTEREST IN AGRICULTURE

Presenter: OLIVIA F. COOPER, Kansas State University
Advisor: Katherine Burke

52. APPLICATIONS OF BLACK SOLDIER FLY (*Hermetia illucens*) LARVAE FRASS ON GROWTH AND MINERAL COMPOSITION IN BASIL (*Ocimum basilicum*)

Presenter: ASHLEY SELMEN, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Advisors: N. ROMANO and A. K. SINHA

53. THE EFFECT OF BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER AFRO HAIR MATS DESIGNED TO CONSERVE WATER AND CREATE FIRE-RESISTANT LAWNS.

Presenter: CHERA HOWARD, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Desmond Mortley

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54. PRESENCE OF BACTERIA WITH ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES IN SOIL SAMPLES FROM MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Presenter: ELISSA HALL, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Sherrita Fagbodun

55. THE SPREAD PLATE METHOD: ISOLATING BACTERIA IN SOIL SAMPLES

Presenter: CHRISTIAN JACKSON, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Jannette Bartlett

56. STREAK, PLATE, AND DILUTE FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF ISOLATING BACTERIA

Presenter: BROOKLYN ROBINS, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Sherrita Fagbodun

57. ANTIBIOTIC PROPERTIES OF BACTERIA FOUND IN TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

Presenter: BROOKLYN MACKLIN, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Sheritta Fagbodun

58. BACTERIA WITH ANTIBIOTIC PROPERTIES IN EVERYDAY SOIL

Presenter: ISAIAH THOMPSON-TERRY, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Sheritta Fagbodun

59. IDENTIFICATION OF DIVERSE BACTERIA WITH ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES PRESENT IN SOIL USING THE BACTERIAL ISOLATION VIA SPREAD PLATING METHOD:

Presenter: KAILA FONTNO, Tuskegee University
Advisor: Yesutor Soku

60. THE IMPACT OF GARDENING ON HOUSEHOLD NUTRITION

Presenter: MARQUEZ WORTHAM, South Carolina State University
Advisor: Jackie Dallas

61. EVALUATING THE INHIBITORY EFFECT OF *LIPPIA DULCIS* PLANT EXTRACT ON PANCREATIC LIPASE AND α -AMYLASE ENZYMES

Presenter: SHELBY DEVEREAUX, Prairie View A&M University
Advisors: Subhani Bandara, and Aruna Weerasooriya

62. MICROBIAL POPULATIONS ON THE FRESH PRODUCE COLLECTED FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Presenter: LENAYE PALMER, Prairie View A&M University
Advisors: M. Moussavi, S. Bandara, A. Geremew and L. Carson.

63. EFFECTS OF ZINC OXIDE NANOPARTICLES ON MUSTARD GREENS

Presenter: DE'ZARAE GUTHRIE, Prairie View A&M University
Advisors: Addisie Geremew and Laura Carson.

64. EVALUATION OF MEASURED SATURATED HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY FOR THREE-GRADE SANDS AND THEIR COMBINATION

Presenter: BRYAN ROBINSON, Prairie View A&M University
Advisors: Almoutaz Elhassan, Anoop Veettil, Ripendra Awal, and Ali Fares.

65. SOIL COMPACTION SPATIAL VARIABILITY IN THE WOCKLEY SOIL IN PVAMU STUDENT GARDEN

Presenter: MAYA L. BROWN, Prairie View A&M University
Advisor: Richard W. Griffin.





Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium

Professional Development Workshop
for Collegiates

8:00 am - 8:00 pm, Sunday, November 13, 2022

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel at the Convention Center
201 Tallapoosa St, Montgomery, AL 36104

***Transportation provided between TU Unveiling Statue and Renaissance Hotel**

8:00 am – *Bus to depart from Tuskegee University to Renaissance Hotel

8:45 am – Check In

9:00 am – MEAT Matters

10:00 am – The Autonomous Farm

11:00 am – Beyond the B.S.

12:00 pm – Lunch on the Riverwalk (for registered participants)

*Bus to depart from Renaissance Hotel to Tuskegee University

1:00 pm – *Bus depart from TU, returning to Renaissance Hotel

Ag Professionals Discussion Panel

2:30 pm – Break

3:00 pm – Emerging Technologies using Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drones)

5:00 pm – Break

6:00 pm – MANRRS Banquet

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8:00 pm – Depart from the Renaissance Hotel to Tuskegee University

Use the link below or scan the QR code to
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Tomorrow's Agricultural Professionals Symposium (TAPS) for High School Youth

November 12-13, 2022

Time	Activity	Location	Presenter(s) / Point of Contact
Saturday, November 12, 2022			
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	TAPS Registration Check-In	Henderson Hall Atrium	
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	The Peacock Tract Fall Gathering	TU Urban Ag Center	
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Tuskegee University Tour/Moton Field	Various Locations	
4:00 PM	Snack Break	Henderson Hall Atrium	
4:30 PM	Growing with Agriculture - Funding for College!	Henderson Hall Auditorium	Mr. Rodney Stone, USDA 1890 Liason
5:00 PM	Sustainable Opportunities from the Alabama Youth Institute	Henderson Hall Auditorium	Lakiah Clark, Program Coordinator & Angel Lindsey, Tuskegee Univ. Student
6:00 PM	Dinner	Henderson Hall Atrium	
6:45 PM	Transition to Montgomery		
7:45 PM	Hotel Check-In**	Renaissance Montgomery	Ms. Janet Sullen & Dr. Clarissa Harris
8:15 AM	Wakanda Forever	AMC Festival Plaza 16	
8:45 PM		7925 Vaughn Rd, Montgomery, AL	
9:15 PM		36116	
Sunday, November 13, 2022			
7:00 AM	Hotel Check Out**	Renaissance Montgomery	
7:30 AM	Breakfast Snack	Renaissance Montgomery	
8:00 AM	TAPS Registration / Check-In	Renaissance Montgomery	
9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Renaissance Montgomery	
9:15 AM	Jr. MANRRS Impromptu Speaking Contest	Renaissance Montgomery	Tuskegee University GWC MANRRS
	Money Management	Renaissance Montgomery	Daniel Sullen, 4-H Foundation Regional Extension Agent, Auburn University
10:00 AM	MEAT Matters	Renaissance Montgomery	Dr. Clarissa Harris, Assistant Professor, Tuskegee University
10:45 AM	BREAK		
11:00 AM	Microsoft Farm Beats	Renaissance Montgomery	Lakiah Clark, Program Coordinator, Tuskegee University
11:45 AM	Hotel Check Out**	Renaissance Montgomery	
12:00 PM	LUNCH at MONTGOMERY RIVERWALK		
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Drone Applications and Wildland Fire Management	Renaissance Montgomery	Alabama A&M University
4:15 PM	Jr. MANRRS - Membership & Benefits	Renaissance Montgomery	Tuskegee University GWC MANRRS
5:00 PM	FREE TIME - Prepare for Banquet/Visit Exhibits		
6:00 PM	MANRRS Student Recognition and Award Banquet (Business Attire)	Renaissance Montgomery	Keynote Speaker: Karis Gutter, Corteva Agriscience
**Lodging scholarships are available for up to 75 participants who travel within a group and will include support for ONE hotel night (Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022)			
TAPS Event Sites			
Henderson Hall - Tuskegee University 1200 W. Montgomery Road, Tuskegee, AL 36088			
Renaissance Montgomery Hotel - 201 Tallapoosa Street, Montgomery, AL 36104			
Tuskegee University Urban Ag Center - 595 Grady Streer, Montgomery, AL 36108			



Organic Agriculture 2.0 at Tuskegee University

In 2002, the College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences at Tuskegee University began its efforts in enhancing organic agriculture in the southeast. In 2016, the program made huge gains after receiving a \$3M grant from USDA-OREI, which established the Southeast Organic Farming Partnership, led by Tuskegee University in collaboration with three other institutions across three states. This project evaluated the cost effectiveness of certified organic pesticides on a variety of fruits and vegetables. From this project, a number of educational programs evolved, promoting organic farming throughout the southeast. Since that time, Tuskegee University has continued to play a key role in organic agriculture research and education with over \$500,000 in funding in the past year.

To further enhance the impact of the program, in 2018 Tuskegee University established a certified a 20-acre organic agriculture farm. The farm not only supports research, but also educational activities, including two university courses in organic agriculture, informal training programs, such as the Organic Agriculture Internship Program, which is open to high school, undergraduate and graduate students. These outstanding

interns have fun as they work together to build skills in teamwork and communication, allowing them to learn from each other, raise crops, and stimulate learning outside a traditional school curriculum. The farm produces organic fresh fruits and vegetables (blueberries, Champion collards, Dagan Brussel sprouts, Imperial broccoli, Negovia carrots, Paris Island Romaine lettuce, Red mustards, Skywalker cauliflower, sweet potato, and White Russian kale) and as a part of the organic agriculture educational activities, these products are marketed to the local community to promote organic foods in Alabama and the southeast.





The Organic Agriculture Program strives to become an epicenter in the southeast. Indeed, the future of the Tuskegee University Organic Agriculture Program is brighter than ever and the team (Kokoasse Kpombrekou-A, Franklin Quarcoo, Adelia Bovell-Benjamin, Raymon Shange, Youssouf Diabate, and Desmond Mortley) looks forward having an even greater impact as it moves to establish an Organic Agriculture Institute at Tuskegee University with support from stakeholders.



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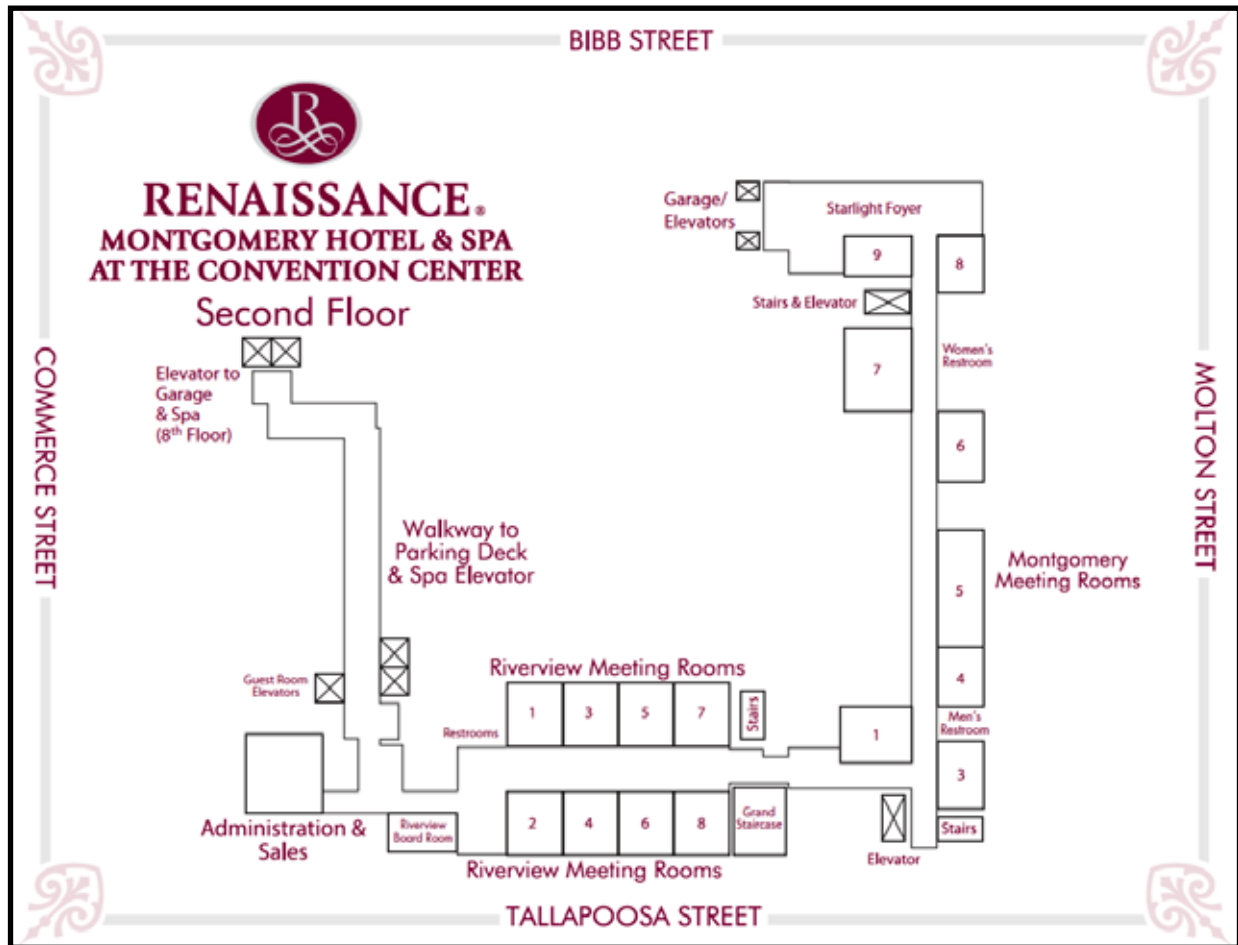
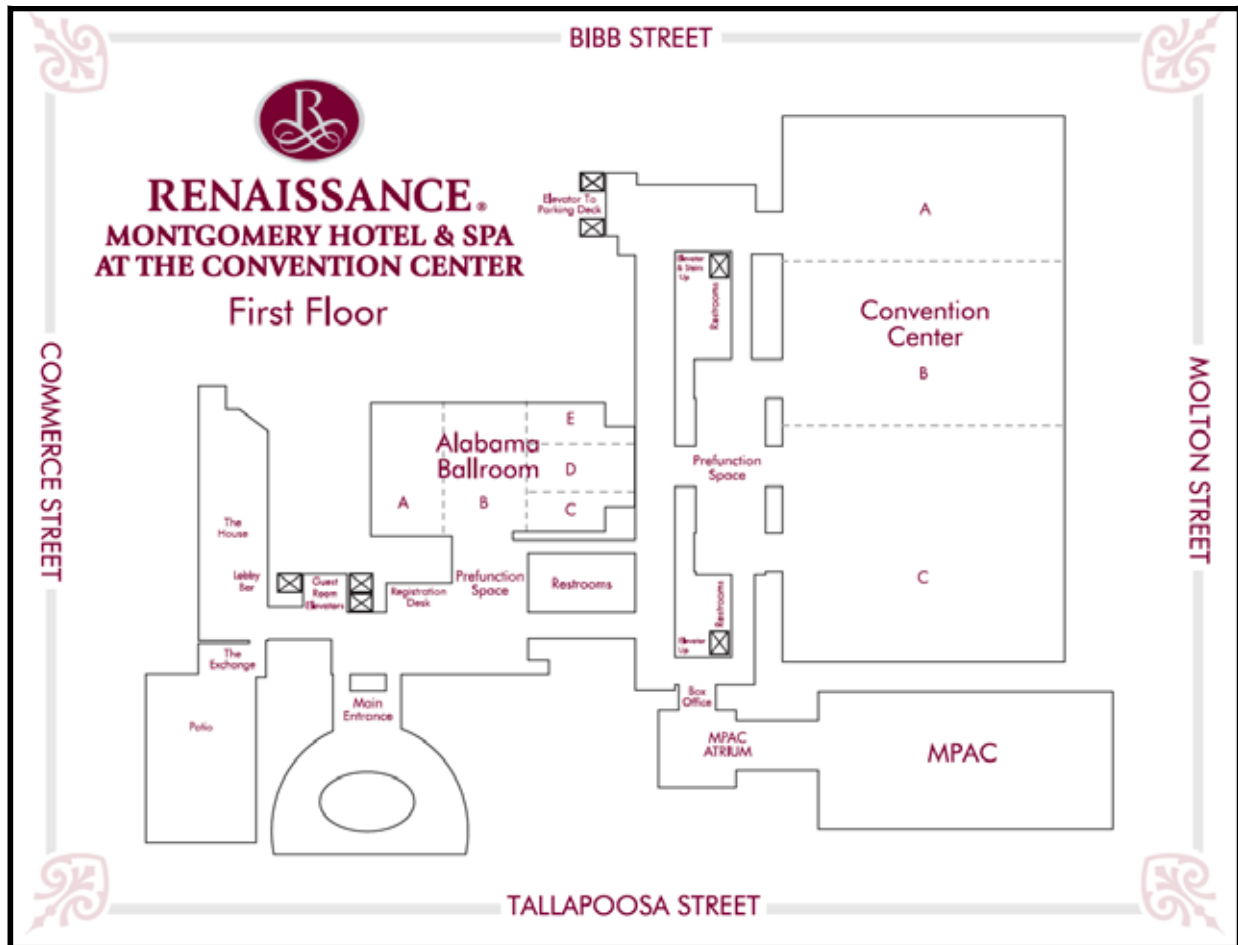
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Student Competition:	Franklin Quarcoo, Beverly Green, Norma Dawkins, Barrett Vaughan, Gregory Bernard, Tasha Hargrove, Anthony Kumi, Robert Zabawa, Osagie Idehen, Tuskegee University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta
Marketing:	Tasha Hargrove, Karen Craig, Olga Bolden–Tiller, Charley Colley, and Tuskegee University Cooperative Extension Program
Evaluation:	Rui Chen, Karen Craig, Tasha Hargrove, and Robert Zabawa
Technology & Website:	Peter Kanyi, Karen Craig, Doug Eaves, and Tasha Hargrove
TAPS:	Lakiah Clark, Janet Sullen, Clarissa Harris, Olga Bolden–Tiller
MANRRS:	Clarissa Harris, Brianna Bynum, and TU MANRRS Chapter
Special Sessions:	Rashidah Farid, Robert Zabawa
Awards:	Robert Zabawa, Olga Bolden–Tiller, Walter Hill, and Karen Craig
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