Welcome Back!

Dear students, the Diversity Programs Office (DPO) staff is excited to have you on campus and ready for a new academic year! As you get acclimated to our environment, I would like to encourage you to begin thinking of ways you can get connected on campus.

The College of Agriculture is a great place to be. There are so many opportunities — especially for minority students. The DPO is dedicated to serving all students, especially those from underrepresented ethnic backgrounds. Ours is the only Diversity Programs Office in the Big 12.

Our corporate partners recognize the need to recruit more minority students into agricultural studies, and they have created scholarships that are distributed by the DPO.

I would encourage you to join MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences). The K-State MANRRS chapter is a student group that provides a local and national network of support for K-State students enrolled in agriculture-related majors. Our student organization was formed to meet the academic, pre-professional, and social needs of ethnic minority students within the College of Agriculture, as well as other colleges across campus.

I would like to welcome the K-State MANRRS 2013–2014 executive board:

**President**: Simone Holliday; **Vice-president**: Jamilah Watkins; **Treasurer**: Mayra Perez-Fajardo; **Secretary**: Alicia Luarks; **Parliamentarian**: Taneysha Howard; **Historians**: Jacqueline Tinoco and Casey Johnson; **Community Service Chair**: Monica Farfan; **MSO Representatives**: Justine Floyd and Adonis Wooten-Herron; **Ag Student Council Representatives**: Cassondra Sapata-Smith and Monica Farfan; and **Graduate

**New Year, New Staff!**

As we kick off the 2013–14 academic year, the DPO office is proud to announce that we have a new addition to our staff, as well as a new strategy we plan to put into action as the year progresses.

Please help us in welcoming Carolina Camacho, who has joined the staff of the Diversity Programs Office. Carolina previously worked as a program assistant in the area of family life at the Fort Riley K-State Research and Extension Office. She now serves as coordinator for the Diversity Programs Office, so please feel free to stop by to welcome her! Familiar faces in the office include graduate assistant Star Page Lengas, who is working on her master’s degree in academic advising, and undergraduate student assistants Yasmine Mitchell and Tyler Warta, who are seniors in the College of Agriculture.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Zelia Wiley zwiley@ksu.edu or Carolina Camacho carolinc@ksu.edu by email or phone 785-532-5793.
DPO Kicks Off New Semester — Welcome Back!

The Diversity Programs Office is excited to welcome new and returning students to Kansas State University for the fall 2013 semester. We are excited to welcome the Class IV cohort of the Project IMPACT Multicultural Academic Programs Success (MAPS). Our MAPS students were kept busy over the summer with many activities including industry tours of Cargill Meat Solutions/Innovation Center, Wichita, Kan., and Conoco-Phillips, Bartlesville, Okla. They also participated in a tour of the Brown v. Board of Education national historic site in Topeka, Kan., as well as a virtual tour of the K-State Biosecurity Research Institute on campus.

With the new school year approaching quickly, following is a list of some upcoming activities.

**August 27**
*Ag WOW (College of Agriculture Week of Welcome):* 5–7 p.m., Waters Hall Lawn

**August 29**
*Career and Employment Services: Part-Time Opportunities Fair:* 10 a.m.–3 p.m., K-State Union Ballroom. Visit with representatives from campus departments, local businesses, and community agencies. Learn about part-time jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

**August 29 (cont.)**
*OSAS Activities Carnival:* 6 p.m., K-State Student Union

**August 30**
*Black Student Union's Welcome Back BBQ:* 2–4 p.m., Quinlan Natural Area (in front of the Strong Complex)

**September 3**
*The College of Agriculture's Annual Watermelon Feed:* 6:15 p.m., Weber Lawn

**September 4**
*K-State MANRRS:* First meeting of the new semester, 6 p.m., Waters 137

**September 5**
*Cargill Pizza Party:* 5:15 p.m., Fiedler Auditorium. This is an annual collaborative effort with the Multicultural Engineering Programs (MEP) Office, College of Engineering.

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**Required Meeting For All Project Impact Cargill Scholars**

If you have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and are a Cargill Scholar, you must attend this meeting or funds will not be dispersed.

**When:** Monday, August 26, 5:45 p.m.

**Where:**
Fiedler Hall Auditorium

**Questions?**
Please contact Dr. Zelia Wiley, zwiley@ksu.edu, 785-532-5793.
The K-State MANRRS Chapter is excited to announce it will host this year’s Region IV Cluster Meeting September 20–22 at K-State Olathe. At the meeting, MANRRS members will have the opportunity to attend workshops on topics ranging from career advancement, volunteerism, community service, and ways to enhance leadership in their respective organizations. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in Pre-Cluster Meeting activities to learn about career development, traveling abroad, and managing finances.

Companies expected to have representatives in attendance include Cargill, John Deere, and Monsanto. By attending these workshops, students will have the opportunity to learn about diversity networks in each organization and will be able to discuss major issues involving the food movement in urban communities and people of color.

Stay tuned for more information regarding K-State delegates and participating universities. If you would like to be a collaborator, please contact Dr. Zelia Wiley, zwiley@ksu.edu, or Star Page, scpage@ksu.edu.

Scholarship Announcement!

Congratulations to the 2013–14 scholarship recipients!

**John Deere Multicultural Agriculture Scholarship**

*Justine Floyd*, junior, Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics

*Karen Lleellish*, junior, Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry

*Maisha Sood*, sophomore, Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry

*Felicia Walker*, junior, Bioscience/Biotechnology, Animal Sciences and Industry

*Tyler Warta*, senior, Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics

**Roy L. and Sylvia L. Robinson Diversity Scholarship in Agriculture**

*Shakyra Everett*, sophomore, Bioscience/Biotechnology, Animal Sciences and Industry

**Kidd Family Book Scholarship**

*Andre Watkins Jr.*, senior, Agricultural Technology Management

*Adonis Wooten-Herron at the 2013 National MANRRS Conference in Sacramento, Ca.*
Congratulations to the 2013 COA MAPS Students

Bryce Bradford – Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics
Shannon Carnahan – Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry
Carlos Flores – Animal Sciences and Industry
Olivia Khatri – Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry
Alaina Littlejohn – Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry
Darren Partee – Animal Sciences and Industry
Marissa Stubbs – Bakery Science and Management, Grain Science and Industry
Anyssa Torres – Bakery Science and Management, Grain Science and Industry
Jasmine Tuitt – Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry
Geneva White – Animal Sciences and Industry
Jennifer Wuelzer – Feed Science, Grain Science and Industry
Arisa Yamashita-Taylor – Pre-Veterinary in Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Industry
Cayla Young – Animal Sciences and Industry

Congratulations to the K-State Research and Extension Multicultural Fellows

The K-State Research and Extension Multicultural Summer Fellowship was established in 2006 to increase multicultural student recruitment and showcase the College of Agriculture’s graduate programs. Of the 30 participants to date, 14 percent went on to attend graduate school at Kansas State University.

We would like to recognize and thank the College of Agriculture faculty members who served as mentors for the eight-week summer program in 2013. The mentees and mentors are:

Sydney Baltimore – Dr. Jon Gonzalez, Animal Sciences and Industry
Isis Lopez – Dr. Anna Whitfield, Plant Pathology
Aja West – Dr. Randy Phebus, Animal Sciences and Industry, Food Science Institute
Laurel Stewart – Dr. Fadi Aramouni, Animal Sciences and Industry, Food Science Institute
Aisha Ellis – Dr. Tom Shanower and Dr. Scott McVey, both USDA
Donunique Fine – Dr. Ganga Hettiarachchi and Dr. Gary Pierzynski, both Agronomy

If you know multicultural students who would benefit from the program, please refer them to the Diversity Programs Office website for a 2014 application. The DPO will begin accepting applications December 15, 2013. Kansas State University faculty are invited to become involved as mentors for future participants. Please contact either Dr. Zelia Wiley (zwiley@ksu.edu) or Dr. Ernie Minton (eminton@ksu.edu) for more information.

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