The Diversity Programs Office is having a productive and successful spring semester. We have already organized and participated in a number of great programs and have more programs still to come.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with and participated in the events for the 2015 MLK Observance Week at Kansas State University. Additionally, we would like to thank everyone across campus who helped us celebrate Black History Month.

Read this newsletter for more diversity events happening this semester.

GO CATS!
Zelia Wiley, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean and Director for Diversity

2015 Wallace Kidd Memorial Diversity Award

The Wallace Kidd Memorial Diversity Award reception took place February 25. This year’s recipient was Dr. Don Boggs, associate dean for academic programs, for his commitment to students and diversity in the College of Agriculture. This event was cosponsored by the DPO, K-State MANRRS Chapter, and Frontier Farm Credit Services.

National Black Farmers and Agriculturists Association Meeting

Assistant Dean Wiley and K-State Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Chapter alumni, James Millsap ('10) and Jael Jackson ('08), had the honor of presenting at the “Power of Land, Healthy Food and USDA Policies Forum” sponsored by the National Black Farmers and Agriculturists Association at Howard University in Washington, D.C., February 20 to 22. Wiley gave an update on the success of the Diversity Programs Office, the K-State MANRRS Chapter, and the Kansas Black Farmers Association.

MANRRS

Meeting Dates: April 1, April 15, and April 29 all in 137 Waters Hall at 6 p.m.

On March 11, the K-State MANRRS Chapter participated in a beef steak tasting panel through the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. Thank you to the 23 chapter members and faculty who participated in the panel and donated the proceeds to the MANRRS fundraiser. It was a great success and will help to fund the trip to the 2015 MANRRS National Conference.

The Diversity Programs Office and the K-State MANRRS Chapter partnered to send nine students to the 30th annual MANRRS Career Fair and Training National Conference in Houston, Texas, March 25 to March 29. The K-State delegation
competed in a number of contests. The delegates will share conference highlights and how the conference was beneficial to their professional development with the dean's leadership team.

At last year's conference, senior Taneysha Howard, agricultural communications and journalism, placed first in the national conference theme contest. Her winning entry *Thirty Years of Triumph: Branching Out and Excelling to Greater Heights* was featured on all of this year's conference items.

MANRRS Week will be April 20 to 24. During this time, MANRRS will host a membership drive in the K-State Student Union. The chapter will partner with Alpha Kappa Alpha–Kappa Pi Chapter to celebrate Earth Day on April 22. They will be hosting a table in the Union to educate fellow students about the importance of Earth Day. Please be on the lookout for more information about MANRRS Week.

For more information about our MANRRS chapter, please contact either our advisors or executive board members:

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Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network:

Please join us for a special guest presentation from the national Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN). This award winning, nonprofit organization will be visiting colleges across K-State’s campus the week of March 29 to April 3.

The College of Agriculture will be hosting a special session by GLSEN facilitators in the *GENAG 210: Human and Cultural Diversity in Agriculture* course, in 350 Waters Hall on Friday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. All students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend this informative and enjoyable session.

If you have questions regarding GLSEN event, please contact Dr. Amanda Morales in the College of Education via email (morales@ksu.edu).

KSU Alumni PowWow:

On Saturday, April 11, the KSU Alumni PowWow will be held in Ahearn Field House during All-University Open House. Make sure to stop by while you are on campus for Open House. For more information about this event, please contact ksumep@ksu.edu or 785-532-5949.

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