Happy Summer!

The Diversity Programs Office had a very productive spring semester. The Kansas State University Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Chapter celebrated its 10-year anniversary, the 10th year of the Diversity Programs Office, and the 150th anniversary of the founding of Kansas State University.

It has been a busy but successful year for the K-State MANRRS chapter. For the final meeting of the year, the chapter hosted Dr. Dexter Wakefield, Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the National FFA and president of the National Society of MANRRS. For this meeting, the K-State MANRRS chapter invited the Ag Education Club and Kansas FFA members to join them. The meeting was well attended, and students were offered helpful insights from Dr. Wakefield.

The Diversity Programs Office (DPO) will partner with K-State Research and Extension to continue Navigating Difference training to expand participants’ skills in working with diverse audiences. The most recent training session was May 22–23 in Colby, Kan., and the next session will be November 13–14 in Salina. Interested individuals should contact the DPO for more information or to register.

The Diversity Programs Office would like to thank Cargill, Cargill Horizons, CHS, Monsanto, John Deere, the College of Agriculture, and the local and state FFA groups for their continuous support of our students and our office.

Have a great summer!
We cannot wait for the summer programs to begin!

The K-State Research and Extension Multicultural Fellows Research Program is June 3–July 27. In addition, the Multicultural Academic Program Success (MAPS) event for freshman will be June 15–July 27. Of the 42 total MAPS participants, 13 will come from the College of Agriculture.

The Diversity Programs Office and K-State MANRRS chapter are diligently preparing to host the 2013 Kansas City Cluster Workshop. The event will be held this fall on the Olathe campus. The workshop will host the Region IV of MANRRS. Stay tuned as we finalize the details of this event.

The Diversity Programs Office partnered with Jonathon Berhow from the Academic Assistance Center to host a study skills workshop. Seventeen students attended, the majority of whom were freshmen and Cargill scholars.

This spring semester, Dr. Zelia Wiley, assistant dean and director of the Diversity Programs Office, was the instructor for GENAG 210: Multiculturalism in the Food and Agricultural Industries. Throughout the semester she worked with K-State faculty and staff to serve as guest lecturers for specific ethnic contributions, to coordinate student leader panels, and to connect with outside organizations to discuss diversity at K-State, cultural competency in the workforce, and global cultural awareness.

These partnerships included the Rev. Dr. Eric Johnson, Mrs. LaVerne Bitsie-Baldwin, Mr. Steven Graham, Ms. JohnElla Holmes, Dr. Chris Reinhardt, Mr. Jonathon Berhow, Dr. Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Dr. Spencer Wood, and Dr. Dexter Wakefield.
The 28th Annual MANRRS Career Fair and Training Conference in Sacramento Calif., was a successful experience for the Kansas State University MANRRS chapter. Sixteen members of the student delegation competed in contests, with three K-State students winning or placing in their respective contests:

- Senior Lonell Brown, animal sciences and industry, biotechnology option – 1st place, photo contest
- Sophomore Simone Holliday, animal sciences and industry, bioscience/biotechnology option – 2nd place, photo contest
- Junior Taneysa Howard, agricultural communications and journalism – 2nd place, public speaking contest

The end-of-the-semester MANRRS meeting also featured Dr. Wakefield’s installation of the newly elected executive board for the 2013-2014 school year. We would like to congratulate our new executive board for the upcoming school year as they take on these new roles of responsibility.

We would also like to thank Cargill Ag Horizons for allowing us to tour their Topeka facility, as well as hosting the 2013 executive officer retreat on May 10, 2013.
Conclusion

Congratulations to these May 2013 graduates!

Bachelor of Science

*Jocelyn Clemons* — Agriculture Technology Management

*Lonell Brown* — Animal Sciences and Industry

*Olivia Moore* — Animal Sciences and Industry

*Andrea Rodriguez* — Animal Sciences and Industry

*Stephanie Jacquez* — Food Science and Industry

*Ramone Lowe* — Animal Sciences and Industry

*Caleb Wurth* — Feed Science and Management

Master of Science

*Daja Menefee* — Agricultural Economics

The Diversity Programs Office would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Warren Staley. We truly appreciate them and their investment in us!

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