Happy Black History Month

To kick off the celebration of KSU’s 150th anniversary, the K-State MANRRS Chapter will host the 2013 Wallace Ray Kidd Memorial Diversity Award Reception.

This year’s biannual award reception will be held Wednesday, February 13 at 5:30pm in KSU Union Little Theater, and is co-sponsored by John Deere and the College of Agricultures’ Diversity Programs Office. Closing remarks by: Troy D. Farley, Manager of HR Compliance and EEO in Global Diversity, John Deere World Headquarters.

This year the recipient of the award is Mr. Larry Moeder, director of student financial assistance, director of admissions and assistant vice president for student life at Kansas State University.

A bit about the Award:

Mr. Kidd was a force to be reckoned with. He and his first wife, the late Colleen Kidd began the Manhattan Pest Control Company (now Anti-Pest Company) during his junior year of college. In 1950 he received his Bachelor of Science in Entomology and Parasitology from Kansas State University. The company experienced rough beginnings, as Kidd’s only mode of transportation by which to service his clients was a bicycle with a basket to hold his materials. Nevertheless he continued to offer first-class service allowing his business to expand. In it’s 61-year history, it is the only non-merged pest control company in Manhattan, Kansas.

The award is to be given as recognition of an outstanding faculty member that expresses an equal level of commitment to students and diversity. If you would like to learn more about K-State MANRRS or the Wallace Kidd Memorial Diversity Award come by the DPO, or contact zwiley@ksu.edu.
The Diversity Programs Office (DPO) started the year in a grand way, by hosting the 8th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Student Leader Luncheon along with the College of Agriculture, the KSU MANRRS chapter, and Cargill, Inc. This luncheon was a part of the university’s annual Dr. MLK Jr. Observance Week. It took place Tuesday, January 29, in the Cottonwood Room in the K-State Student Union. The luncheon speaker was Dr. Eric C. Johnson, Senior Pastor of Mt. Calvary 2nd Missionary Baptist Church, in Canton OH.

Dr. Johnson's address entitled, "Is the Dream Dead or Alive" discussed the need for cultural competency, equality, and the end of social injustice. Members of the MANRRS chapter helped with the introduction of the speaker along with several key parts of the program like the innovation and closing announcements. There were over 65 people in attendance this year (making it standing room only!) Next year we hope to have more faculty and students in attendance to double that number.

The K-State MANRRS Chapter is preparing for the 2013 National MANRRS Conference in Sacramento, CA, the dates for the conference are, March 21st-24th.

In order for students to be eligible for the conference they have to meet certain criteria. A points system has been put into place to help encourage more involvement within the chapter. Parts of the points system is to attend majority of the meetings, volunteer at events when needed (activities fair, union booths, volunteer groups, etc.). The participants also have to sign up for a contest which consists of either oral or written presentations.

If you have any questions about the conference please contact Dr. Zelia Wiley at zwiley@ksu.edu or 785-532-5793.

DPO Student Spot Light:

Southlake, Texas native Marcella Steele; is a Junior majoring in Animal Science Industry, Marcella has been accepted into the College of Veterinary Medicine for Fall 2013.

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