

DIVERSE HAPPENINGS



Welcome back!

I trust all of you are excited for the new fall semester. I look forward to seeing everyone on campus. Remember, if you need to see me, I am located in the Diversity Programs Office (DPO) in 139 Waters Hall or you can call the office at (785) 532-5793.

I'm happy to say that the DPO in the College of Agriculture had a very productive summer hosting several different programs and welcoming students to the college during orientation and enrollment. In this edition, I would like to recap our accomplishments.

Sincerely,
Zelia Wiley, Ph.D.
Assistant Dean for Diversity

Summer Research Fellowship Program

The first students to arrive on campus were from the K-State Research and Extension Summer Research Fellowship Program, which officially began on June 4 with orientation. These students were on campus for eight weeks and were assigned faculty mentors to guide their research. At the end of the program, they showcased their research results through oral presentations on July 26 in Waters Hall 137.

The 2018 summer research fellows and their mentor(s):

Bria Copper, Prairie View A&M University – John Gonzalez, associate professor of meat science

Kaci Merriwether-Hawkins, Tuskegee University – Scott Beyer, associate professor of poultry nutrition

Victoria Parker, Prairie View A&M University – Zelia Wiley, assistant dean for diversity programs

Chelsea Triche, Southern University – Randy Phebus, professor and Food Science Institute interim director

Raymond Thomas, Prairie View A&M University – Vincent Amanor-Boadu, professor of agribusiness economics and management, and Kara Ross, research assistant professor of agricultural economics



Congratulations to Raymond Thomas who will start his graduate program at K-State in the fall!

Multicultural Academic Program Success (MAPS) Bridge Program

Following the K-State Research and Extension fellows' arrival, we welcomed students from the Multicultural Academic Program Success (MAPS) Bridge Program. This six-week program consists of 30 students, 10 enrolled in the College of Agriculture. While on campus, the students take classes (5 to 6 credits), attend industry tours, and conclude with their sustainability project presentations.

The students were successful in their classroom studies and represented K-State well through their professionalism on the industry tours to Cargill and Phillips 66.

The following students were members of the 2018 MAPS COA cohort: Maya Blake, feed science and management; Michael Hook and Maria Kimzey, agricultural economics; Ziaire Platt, food science and industry;



and Ivan Bueso-Interiano, Mayra Damian, Cheyenne Lozano, Jaysia Maples, Diane Perez, Tomasa Rangel, and Shymel Townes, all animal sciences and industry.

Jr. MANRRS Activities

On Tuesday, June 26, the Diversity Programs Office hosted the Topeka Jr. MANRRS group. We plan to have another Jr. MANRRS event with the Kansas City, Kansas, Jr. MANRRS group from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, at the Washington High School. Parents who attend with their students will explore high school career options, student organizations, and attend workshops.

Diane Perez, animal sciences and industry; Ziaire Platt, food science; Tomasa Rangel, animal sciences and industry and Shymel Townes, animal sciences and industry.



Graduate Student Update

At the 2018 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference at Iowa State University, Tiffany Carter, agronomy doctoral candidate, received the NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award. This award recognizes Carter's commitment, excellence, and scholarship in college teaching. We want to recognize Carter's work and success on receiving this award. Congratulations, Tiffany!

Congratulations are also in order for Lonnie Hobbs Jr. He successfully presented his research "An Analysis of Customer Perception of Product Attributes in Pet Food: Implications for Marketing and Brand Strategy" at the 2018 Agriculture and Applied Economics Association conference in Washington, D.C., on August 12, 2018. He also represented the DPO, College of Agriculture, and K-State MANRRS chapter by presenting K-State academics and scholarship opportunities at the 2018 Clarksville (TX) High School "Be a Boss" – Back to School Conference.

Project IMPACT Kompass Program

On August 5, DPO welcomed its final summer 2018 bridge program participants. The Project IMPACT Kompass program is a three-day intensive bridge program designed to accelerate academic success for incoming freshmen multicultural students in agriculture, business, and engineering.

The College of Agriculture hosted 15 students, who experienced various college programs, received the Guaranteed 4.0 training, participated in the challenge course, and met college administrations and university faculty/staff.

Special thanks to Randy Phebus, professor and interim director of the Food Science Institute; Kelly Getty, associate professor of food science; the Food Science Institute staff for presenting our academic session in Kompass; and to all college personnel who supported the program.

The following students were members of the College of Agriculture 2018 Kompass cohort: Animal sciences and industry students Leilani Alvarez, Laura Benavides, Jasmin Choate, William Ellis, Daisy Farr, Melissa Gaona, Brianna Maudlin, Samantha Reynolds, Nicholas Riehl, McKenzie Stevens, Catherine Tupac, and Sarah Weekes; Aaliyah Watkins, agricultural technology management; and London Fripp and Demetre Miller, agricultural economics.

Dates to Remember

- August 28** Annual College of Agriculture watermelon feed
- August 29** MANRRS general body meeting
- September 5** MANRRS Executive Board meeting
- September 10** AFA Leaders Conference application deadline
- September 10** Last day to drop class with 100% refund
- September 17** Last day to drop class with 50% refund
- September 18-20** All-University Career Fair
- September 19** MANRRS Corporate Showcase
- September 24** Last day to drop class without receiving a W
- October 26** Drop with "W"
Drops not available after October 26

Important Contacts for Retention

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- Concerns about diversity and inclusion
- Support for multicultural/first generation students
- Assistance connecting with resources
- Student adjustment to K-State
- Involvement in Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)

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- Transfer course equivalency questions
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- Student adjustment to K-State
- Student emergencies/absences

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- Student mental health concerns
- Student safety or other crises

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- Tutoring
- Academic Coaching

Student Access Center

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- Accommodations for physical/cognitive
- Disabilities permanent or temporary

Counseling Services

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- Professional counseling available to students
- First four sessions provided at no charge

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