Welcome Back Students!
The Diversity Programs Office (DPO) would like to welcome back all students and staff as the new semester gets underway. We are extremely proud of the accomplishments we enjoyed in 2019! The DPO is now geared toward a busy spring semester.

Throughout the semester, we will have many events, including the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Week, College for a Day, Growing our Mindset, and the MANRRS Study Hall. We will also be working closely with our MANRRS chapter to prepare for the National MANRRS Conference in April. We are grateful for our corporate partners who continue to show their support for the DPO and MANRRS. We would also like to thank all our faculty, staff, and students for their continued support of our diversity efforts.

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

16th Annual College of Agriculture Diversity Student Leader Reception
The Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Chapter and the Diversity Programs Office recently hosted the 16th Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Diversity Student Leader Reception on January 27. There over 50 people in attendance. Jordan Bailey, President of the K-State MANRRS Chapter, welcomed the attendees. Dr. Ernie Minton, Dean of the College of Agriculture, followed with a greeting. Mayra Damian, K-State MANRRS Parliamentarian, then gave the occasion.

Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., K-State MANRRS Co-Advisor, introduced the keynote speaker, Reverend John R. Williams, Vice President of the Board of Education for Topeka Public Schools USD 501. Rev. Williams spoke about how Dr. King’s legacy and life has affected his own personal life. He also shared the philosophy that he believes Dr. King would like us to live by. After William’s speech, Raymond Thomas, K-State MANRRS Chapter Graduate Vice President, shared the announcements of upcoming events and then Ms. Janet Bailey with Frontier Farm Credit gave a few remarks complimenting Rev. Williams and briefly explaining the opportunities Frontier offers to students. The event closed with Dr. Zelia Wiley, Assistant Dean for Diversity and MANRRS Advisor, thanking everyone for attending and offering refreshments of drinks and cake to the attendees.

The DPO and MANRRS would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the event. We would also like to offer a special note of gratitude to Frontier Farm Credit for sponsoring the event.
MANRRS Corporate Showcase

The K-State MANRRS Chapter held the Spring Corporate Showcase on Wednesday, January 29th in conjunction with the K-State Agri-Industry Career Fair. The chapter hosted five corporate sponsors including Cargill, Ardent Mills, Smithfield Foods, Union Pacific, and the Peace Corps. This event offered a great opportunity for students to gain experience and connect with industry professionals, gaining insight into the work force and learning about potential job opportunities and internships for their future.

Thank you to all those who attended. We are grateful to our industry supporters that came to connect with our students.

Growing our Mindset Forum

Please join us for the Growing our Mindset Forum part VI on March 3rd, at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall of Leadership Studies. This forum is designed to engage students and faculty members in an open dialogue and presentation regarding diversity and inclusion in the academic, professional, and everyday setting.

35th National MANRRS Conference

K-State MANRRS will be traveling to Minneapolis, MN on April 1-4 for the 35th National MANRRS Meeting Conference.
### Upcoming Events:

- **February 7** — KSRE Summer Fellowship Deadline
- **February 10** — Last day to drop with 100% refund
- **February 14** — COA deadline to apply for graduation
- **February 17** — Last day to drop with 50% refund
- **February 19** — AG Leaders of IMPACT
- **February 25** — Last day to drop without a W
- **March 3** — Growing our Mindset Forum, Part VI
- **March 9-15** — Spring Break
- **March 16-20** — MANRRS Week
- **March 30** — Last day to drop a regular course
- **April 1-4** — MANRRS National Conference
- **May 4-8** — MANRRS/DPO Study Hall
- **May 11-15** — Final Exam Week
- **May 16** — College of Agriculture Commencement
- **May 16** — Residence Halls Close

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### Diversity Programs Office, Spring 2020

Please continue to support the Diversity Programs Office by attending events and staying up-to-date on our activities.

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