Greetings Students!

I hope all of you are safe at home, healthy and have ended the 2020 spring semester on a positive note. The first half of 2020 has been very eventful with the COVID-19 health pandemic, adjustment to remote instruction and the recent murders of 3 young Black/African Americans.

These aforementioned events have affected us personally, physically and mentally and I am pleased you prevailed during spring semester. As the entertainer, Will Smith has stated, “Racism has always been here, it is just being recorded now.” We are in unprecedented times that are preparing us for the future. Our foundation of cows, plows, crops and animals allows us to merge science, business and technology to teach, feed the world and develop a respectful inclusive workforce. I have experienced many of these incidents, but not as bad as my parents/ancestors. Through it all, I have hope for a better future because of all of you. Let us not lose the momentum that we may make positive strives during the summer and into continue to make positive strives in the fall. Please remember to follow the CDC guidelines, stay healthy and safe. We want to see you in the fall and know the DPO staff is here for you for YOU are NOT alone!!

#BlackAtkstate #BlackLivesMatter

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K-State COVID-19 Update

Please continue to check back for updates. Please visit https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/ to see the most up-to-date information from the University regarding COVID-19.

Upcoming Events:

June 8 - July 31 — KSRE Summer Research Fellowship Program
July 23 — Fall 2020 Reinstatement petition due to Dr. Boggs (dboggs@ksu.edu)
August 17 — First Day of Class
September 8 — Last Day for 100% Refund
November 23-24 — Commencement
September 30 - Dec. 4 — Dead Week
December 7-11 — Final Exams

KSRE Summer Research Fellowship

The 2020 KSRE Summer Research Fellowship Program has also been converted to virtual status for the summer. There are eight students who will be participating in this year’s program. All students will work on their research projects remotely as they meet and collaborate with a K-State College of Agriculture faculty member.

The following students are the 2020 cohort for the KSRE Summer Research Fellowship Program: Kamaya Brantley, University of Georgia; Evan Buckner, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville; Daria Clinkscales, Virginia State University; Terrell Hills, Southern University and A&M College; Miya McAntire, Clarke University; Karsyn McClain, North Carolina A&T University; Alyssa Perry, Prairie View A&M University; Jazmine Whitaker, Tuskegee University.
Growing our Mindset Forum
Thanks to all who joined in kicking off National Women’s History Month! On Tuesday, March 3, the College of Agriculture/KSRE Diversity Programs Office hosted the sixth “Growing our Mindset” diversity forum. The event featured Demetha Sanders, Cargill’s Global Head of Inclusion and Talent Management. We would like to thank our partners, Diversity & Multicultural Student Affairs (DMSA), the College of Agriculture/KSRE, Cargill, and the College of Agriculture/KSRE Diversity Programs Office (DPO) for their continued support. Special thanks to our speaker, Demetha Sanders, for sharing her time and talents with us.

MANRRS
The K-State MANRRS Chapter has been able to adjust during the pandemic as the executive board transitioned to on-line meetings to prepare for the upcoming semester. The chapter leaders has also provided updates and information to keep the members informed during the pandemic. The remaining meetings for the Spring, 2020 were virtually due to COVID-19. Join us in September, 2020 for the Executive Board Elections and start to an exciting new school term.

Congrats 2020 Graduates!
On behalf of the Diversity Programs Office and K-State MANRRS, we would like to congratulate our Spring 2020 graduates and Project IMPACT scholars: Bricelis Jimenez, Dariyan Springfield, Brianna Davis, Le’La Chaudhry & Raymond Thomas. We wish you the best as you move forward into the next chapter of your life.

Thanks for your Support!
Congratulations are in order for Associate Dean, Dr. Donn Boggs, and Assistant Dean Dr. Shannon Washburn as they start their new career journeys. On behalf of the Diversity Programs Office and K-State MANRRS, we would like to for your support during your tenure in the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. Good luck on your future endeavors! Dr. Washburn leaves to serve as the ACEL Department Head, College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University. Dr. Boggs will retire as Associate Dean and remain in the College as Professor in the Department of Animal Sciences & Industry until December, 2020.

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