Dear Students,

We hope you had a successful year and are ready to start a relaxing holiday break. As the semester comes to a close, we want to make you aware of the remaining opportunities within the DPO. Throughout the semester we have been busy implementing College for a Day trips for high school students, providing career advising, assisting with scholarship and internship opportunities, and finally, making the college a safe place for you to enjoy.

We have also maintained a close working relationship with our MANRRS Chapter by assisting with transportation to regional conferences, and helping with meetings and on-campus diversity initiatives. Remember, we are here for you, so contact us!

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MANRRS Week

On September 23-27, the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) chapter celebrated the Fall 2019 MANRRS week. To start off the week, they held a membership drive and MANRRS Awareness Day, and a Panda Express fundraiser at the K-State Student Union on Tuesday. On Wednesday, MANRRS held their annual Corporate Showcase, which was followed by a Smithfield Corporate visit in Junction City the next day. On Friday, they collaborated with the Kappa Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., to collect shoes for the Soles4Souls organization. Over 100 pairs were collected. Thank you to all who donated, as well as, made the week a success.
George Washington Carver Symposium and Awards Dinner

The fourth Annual George Washington Carver (GWC) Symposium and Awards Dinner was held on September 29. The DPO, along with Kansas Center for Agriculture Research Environment (KCARE) and the George Washington Carver Birthplace Association, worked to organize this event in honor of George Washington Carver’s lasting legacy. The theme of the event was the 21st Century Impact of Dr. George Washington Carver. The afternoon consisted of a symposium whose speaker was Dan Devlin, Director of KCARE, and a fireside chat with the theme of “The 21st Century Impact of Dr. George Washington Carver,” led by a 2019 GWC Award recipient, Lonnie Hobbs, Jr. The fireside chat featured a panel with all of the 2019 student award recipients, including Raymond Thomas, a Kansas State Graduate Student. The GWC Awards Dinner was held in the K-State Alumni Center and the keynote address was presented by Armogen Tre Walker II, College of Ag Alumnus and founder of the Tre Walker Motivational Group.

Overall, the event was a huge success with a turnout of over 80 people. Thank you to all of those who attended, as well as, those who helped make the event a success.

National MANRRS Conference, K-State Delegation

To kick off October, the K-State MANRRS chapter took a 14-member delegation to the Region 4 MANRRS Cluster in Oklahoma City, OK, October 4-6, 2019. This cluster featured opportunity fairs, student competitions, a mixer for alumni, mock interviews, and leadership skill lessons for all who attended.

We would like to say congratulations to Eric Valenzuela, Jordan Bailey, and Raymond Thomas who participated in the events at the cluster and will be representing K-State MANRRS, and Region IV, at the National MANRRS Conference in April.

Growing our Mindset, Fall 2019

This semester, the DPO hosted the fifth iteration of The Growing our Mindset Forum on October 15. We would like to thank Troy Anderson, College of Ag Alumnus and Vice President of Operations at Ardent Mills for serving as our facilitator. We also thank our faculty and students for attending and supporting the event.

Overall, it was a productive session and prepared our college faculty, staff, and students to engage in the KS Unite program in November where two of our own, Dr. Zelia Wiley and Lonnie Hobbs, Jr., presented at the 2019 KS Unite. They would like to thank all who attended their session, “Essentials for Diversity Programming and Recruitment Success.”
**College for a Day**

The colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine hosted 34 students from Washington High School for a College for a Day event on October 23. The students toured both the College of Agriculture animal sciences and industry units and the College of Veterinary Medicine. They were led by their teacher, Olivia Moore, a 2009 MAPS and College of Agriculture graduate. This year’s event was the first college collaboration with support of Project IMPACT in the Department of Diversity and Multicultural Student Affairs.

On November 14, K-State hosted 35 students from White Elementary School to attend a College for a Day event. The students had the opportunity to eat with current MANRRS members, attend sessions on Urban Gardening, Horticulture, and Food Science, and heard from Dr. Don Boggs, Caitlyn Wells, and Dr. Zelia Wiley.

Thanks to Callie Rost, assistant dean for admissions, and her team in the College of Veterinary Medicine for hosting a tour, and continued thanks to Ron Pope, instructor in animal sciences and industry, for always supporting the tours.

Various College of Agriculture administrators, faculty and staff, K-State MANRRS members, and the college’s Diversity Programs Office staff helped to ensure the students had a fun day full of information and experiences on campus.

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**MANRRS Study Hall**

As a part of MANRRS, not only do we focus on the professional development of our students but we also promote that academics comes first! From Dec. 7th-13th, the K-State MANRRS chapter hosted their study hall, a place where students are able to prepare themselves for upcoming final exams. This provides an environment where all students are able to focus on completing work and study without any distractions. Snacks are provided for students, and there are people there capable of assisting with questions.

The DPO and MANRRS would like to thank all who helped, and sponsored, this valuable resource for students.
2019 Graduates

Congratulations to our 2019 graduates Kylie Perez, Hector Rojas & Skylar Stephens as they will be graduating this fall! We are proud to witness their academic success here at K-State. Best wishes as they continue to learn and gain knowledge in their future endeavors!

DPO Spotlight

The DPO welcomed McKenzie Stevens who serves as one of the new undergraduate assistants in the College of Agriculture’s Diversity Programs Office. McKenzie is a sophomore majoring in Animal Sciences and Industry here at K-State. She works closely with the MANRRS and DPO events and is excited to be working in the office. She is willing to help you in any way she can, whether it be tutoring or just giving advice to help you succeed at K-State. She looks forward to meeting and connecting with you.

The DPO also welcomed Amelia Scott-Sanjur as the fall 2019 Intern. Amelia assisted with events and activities within the Diversity Programs Office, including the MANRRS chapter. She is majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in American Ethnic Studies. Being a Panamanian and Puerto Rican woman, working with the youth and emphasizing diversity and social justice is important to her. We thank Amelia for her contributions this semester.

Spring 2020

Please be on the lookout for our Spring 2020 events! We look forward to having a fun and successful semester.

Happy Holidays!

Spring 2020 Events

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- 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
- Assistance connecting with resources
- Student adjustment to K-State
- Student emergencies/absences

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- Student mental health concerns
- Student safety or other crises

Academic Achievement Center  
101 Holton Hall  
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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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