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CELEBRATION

2001-2021

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center was established as the fifth campus of the Southern University System on July 1, 2001 out of the need to enhance the impact of the Southern University System's land-grant programs on the citizenry of the state of Louisiana. To commemorate this historic event, the Center hosted a 20th Anniversary Virtual Convocation via Zoom.

Southern University System President Dr. Ray L. Belton provided celebratory comments during the virtual event. Louisiana Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Mike Strain also provided a congratulatory video.

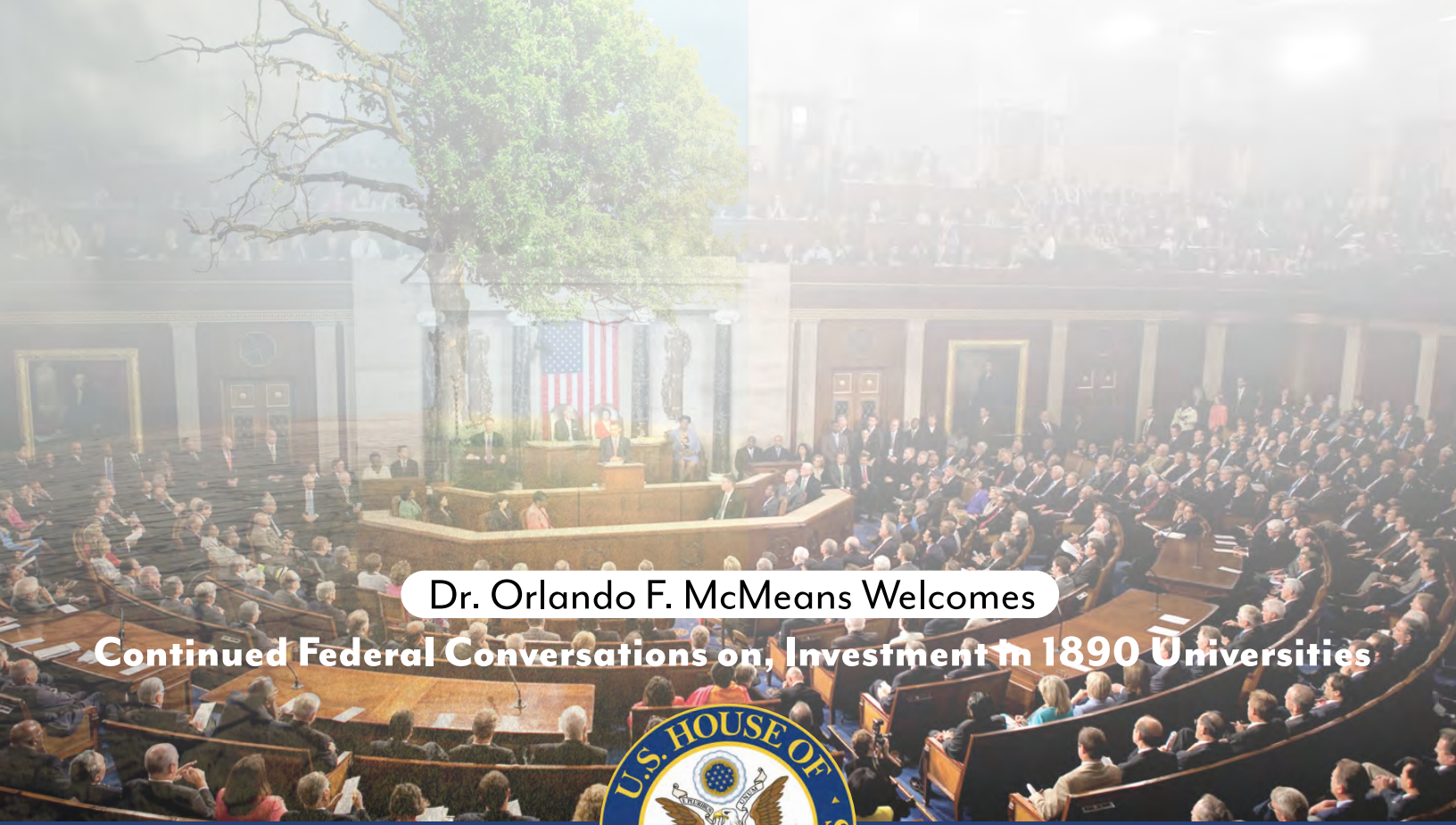
Since May 2021, the SU Ag Center has held a weekly 20th Anniversary Speakers Series which included Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Leodrey Williams, Dr. Adell Brown, Dr. Gina Eubanks, Carl Butler, and Arthur L. Neal, Jr.

Plans are in preparation for an in-person event on September 24. Details will be announced soon.

For additional information or to view the recordings from the 20th Anniversary Speakers Series visit:
<https://www.suagcenter.com/news/4311>.



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Dr. Orlando F. McMeans Welcomes

Continued Federal Conversations on Investment in 1890 Universities



SU Ag Center Chancellor-Dean, Dr. Orlando F. McMeans was one of five panelists that discussed 1890 issues and concerns during the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture hearing titled “1890 Land Grant Institutions: Investing for Agricultural Resiliency, Equity, and Global Impact” on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

The hearing focused primarily on seeking solutions to continue better supporting the 1890 Universities, addressing historic inequalities in federal support, and ensuring the Universities’ continued success. 1890 University leaders are working with Congress on including HBCU infrastructure improvements in whatever package emerges this year.

“I say with confidence the 1890s are an indispensable resource,” McMeans said. “It is projected that the world’s population will continue to grow and will reach nearly 10 billion by 2050. We have to feed these people. The 1890 scholarship program is an investment in human capital for the food and agriculture industries. Supporting federal USDA capacity funding in an investment in addressing issues related to COVID-19, climate change and socially disadvantaged farmers. Investing in and supporting 1890s in an investment in not only the food security and sustainability of the U.S., but globally as well.”

Additional panelists included the Presidents from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Delaware State University, Fort Valley State University, and Virginia State University.

Thanks to the efforts of various members of the Committee, the 2018 Farm Bill included mandatory funding for scholarships to 1890 institutions, established six Centers of Excellence to be led by 1890 universities, and corrected an inequity in the carryover of extension funds from year to year.

Video messages from the Presidents of several 1890 Universities, including Southern University System, Dr. Ray L. Belton aired at the beginning of the hearing.

The Southern University Ag Center will hold its 2021 Youth Expo themed, "Nurturing the Minds of Young Leaders," on July 30, 2021. The free youth event will be held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Felton G. Clark Activity Center on the campus of Southern University.

The expo, which will be hosted by Missy Radio, is open to all youth and will include prize packs, giveaways, healthy food demonstrations, guest speakers, entertainment, and agricultural displays.

For more than two decades, the Southern University Ag Center has held its youth expo with the goal of helping prepare students for success by learning about technology, science, and healthy lifestyles.

"Through our youth expo, we want to introduce students to all the opportunities available in the field of Agriculture through the lens of teaching, research, extension and outreach," said Dr. Tiffany Franklin, Associate Youth Specialist and Program Leader for 4-H and Youth Development at the SU Ag Center. "We have so much to offer through our various departments and we want our youth to be informed. So, when they are considering their next venture in life to further their education, we hope they will consider Southern University and a major in an Agriculture-related discipline."

Face masks are required and individuals are asked to practice social distancing. To register visit, <https://bit.ly/3qpxBFt>.

For additional information, contact Dr. Tiffany Franklin at youth_development@suagcenter.com.



The poster for the Youth Expo 2021 features a green and yellow color scheme. At the top left is the 'h.o.p.e.' logo with the tagline 'Healthy Oportunities for Everyone'. To the right is a QR code. The main title 'YOUTH EXPO 2021' is written in large, stylized letters, with 'YOUTH' in green and 'EXPO 2021' in blue. Below the title is the theme 'Nurturing the Minds of Young Leaders'. The date and location are 'JULY 30TH' and 'F.G. CLARK ACTIVITY CENTER'. The time is '9:00 AM - 1:00 PM'. A note states '*Face masks are required' and '*Please practice social distancing'. A list of activities includes Prize Packs & Giveaways, Healthy Food Demonstrations, Guest Speakers, Entertainment, Agricultural Displays, and Lots of Other Fun Activities! The event is hosted by Missy Radio. At the bottom, the registration link is 'https://forms.office.com/r/ETHwVKUZeY'. The footer contains the Southern University logo, the slogan 'LINKING CITIZENS in Louisiana with OPPORTUNITIES for Success!', social media handles, and a small disclaimer.

Cannabis Symposium

The Southern University Ag Center and the Southern University Law Center have partnered to host the 2021 Cannabis Symposium. The in-person event will be held July 29 – 31, 2021 at the Law Center and on the Heart Farm located on the campus of the Southern University Ag Center.

Topics covered during the symposium will include the State of Louisiana's Medical Marijuana Program, the Business of Growing Medical Marijuana, Cannabis and the Endocannabinoid System, Southern University's Cannabis Research Initiatives, Equity and Justice, the State of Louisiana's Hemp Program, International Cannabis Law, Cannabis Pharmacology, and a Roundtable discussion of Hemp Growers.

There will also be a Hemp Growing 101 session which will provide participants with hands-on training.

The symposium is open to students, the general public, and attorneys seeking CLE credit with the following fees: \$15, \$40, and \$100, respectively.

There will be an additional \$75 fee for the Hemp Growing 101 sessions. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/35AX0Co>. For additional information, contact Marla Dickerson at mdickerson@sulc.edu or Dr. Janana Snowden at janana_snowden@suagcenter.com.



MOREHOUSE PARISH BLACK FARMERS field day.

The Southern University Ag Center, in conjunction with the LSU AgCenter and the Morehouse Black Farmers and Landowners Association, will hold its 2021 Annual Morehouse Black Farmers and Landowners Association Field Day on July 23, 2021. The event will be held at 8 a.m. at Hills Farm, located at 13944 Horace Hill, in Bonita, LA.

"The audience will be educated on the Debt Relief for Black Farmers, Technology in corn and soybeans and the production aspect of corn and soybeans," said Odis Hill, Assistant County Agent for the Southern University Ag Center.

Additional topics covered during the field day will include heir's property, field tours of single and twin row crops, and information on XYway Fungicides with starter fertilizer in corn.

Natalie Baszile, author of the novel turned television series QueenSugar and We Are Each Other's Harvest, will be a guest speaker during the event. The field day will be in person and streamed virtually.

For additional information about the Morehouse Parish Field Day, contact Odis Hill at 318-237-3517.

Welcome & Congratulations to our new staff!

Joshua McDonald
Nutrition Education Programs Coordinator

Jasmine Plowe
Assistant Specialist, Public Health

Si'Arah McCray
Field Coordinator – SNAP-Ed

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Charity Schaffer
Youth Agent, St. Helena

Cornelius Jackson
Agent, ANR – EBR/East Feliciana

Tammy Phelps
Youth Agent, Caddo

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L'Asia George
Extension Associate, ANR

Brian Phillips
Associate Specialist, Small Farms

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Congratulations to Mrs. LaKeeshia G. Lusk, Communications Coordinator for successfully completing the 8-week Public Relations Strategy Certificate Program from Cornell University!



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