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1890 Foundation Priorities for 2021

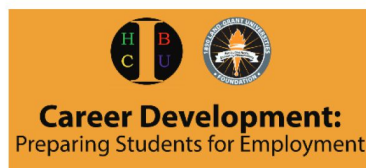


President & CEO Mort Neufville outlines his priorities for leading the Foundation

- #1 Priority--- Sustainable Funding for the Foundation
- #2 Continued support for the Centers of Excellence
- #3 Renewed viability of the USDA 1890 Task Force
- #4 Greater Engagement with Intergovernmental Science Groups
- #5 Grow 1890 International Programs with USAID and the Foreign Agriculture Service
- #6 Proactive input on initiatives and priorities in the next round of the Farm Bill
- #7 Strengthen Relationships with the major commodities group leaders in the industry



The 1890 Foundation Partners with USDA-NRCS to host Career Conferences to hire for over 1,500 positions – From February-June, 2021 a series of hiring workshops are being offered to introduce Agricultural and STEM majors at 1890 Universities to immediate career opportunities with USDA-NRCS.



Rep. Cedric Richmond, Director of The White House Office of Public Engagement Convenes HBCU Meeting

A new era in our nation is underway with the inauguration of President Biden, a Democratic Congress, an Administration that has expressed a renewed commitment to our nation's HBCUs. Within the first few weeks of the Biden Administration a special HBCU meeting was convened and facilitated by Congressman Cedric Richmond, Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, and members of the Administration who are focused on equity, education, and communities of color. The 1890 University Foundation was one of several HBCU organizations represented.

As the new Administration works toward the passage of the American Rescue Plan, budget negotiations, and fulfilling campaign promises, funding emphasis will prioritize policies and appropriations to meet the challenges of COVID, vaccine distribution and stabilizing the economy, along with funding to invest in the rebuilding of the nation's infrastructure, all of which present opportunities for increased resources and partnerships for HBCUs.



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Members of Congress Deliver Record Levels of Support for the 1890 Historically Black Land Grant Universities during the 116th Congress *Bipartisan HBCU Caucus helps champion Land-Grant Investments in Students and Research*



The 1890 Universities Foundation extends its appreciation to the members of the 116th Congress for their continued advocacy on behalf of our 1890 Land

Grant Universities. The FY 2021 Appropriations bill supported initiatives that will help our universities respond to many of the pressing challenges confronting the communities we serve.

Of specific significance to the 1890 community are increases in funding for:
*Education Grants to 1890 Universities *1890 Extension programs *1890 Centers of Excellence and Scholarship Programs *HBCU Capital Finance Debt Relief bill which will provide \$1.3 billion in Capital Finance Debt Relief for our universities.

“Special thanks to U.S. Representatives Alma Adams (D-NC), Sanford Bishop (D-GA), David Scott (D-GA), Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) and Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Doug Jones (D-AL), Richard Shelby (R-AL), and Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

1890 Foundation Names New VP



Luwanda Jenkins, who formerly served as a consultant to the Foundation, has been named Vice President. In this new role, Ms. Jenkins will continue to work to advance the Foundation’s external relations activities with our partners and stakeholders, while also assisting with programs in support of the Foundation’s coordinating role with our (19) member universities and our program funders.