

The Langston University Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences is pleased to announce its newest scholars joining the **Langston University 1890 Land-Grant Scholars Program** and the **USDA 1890 National Scholars Program** for AY24-25. Since the inception of these scholarships, the 1890 institutions have experienced an increase in the number of students enrolling in agricultural sciences and related disciplines. These scholarship recipients will receive engagement, mentoring, and training - all of which will be critical to increasing the number of graduates in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields.

The LU 1890 Land-Grant Scholarships were secured in the 2018 Farm Bill and have been awarded annually since 2020. Scholarship recipients receive renewable awards at two levels: \$10,000 and \$5,000 each year for the term of the scholarship. The scholarship is reserved for first-time college students, continuing LU students and transfer students from community colleges. The program supports the recruitment, retention, and academic success of undergraduate students, leading to an increased number of graduates with bachelor's degrees in food, agricultural sciences, and related fields that lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce. Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), these scholarships aim to encourage exceptional students to pursue and complete their degrees in these areas.



Pictured (L to R): **LU 1890 Land-Grant Scholars:** Jace Edwards, Kamron Jackson, Jasmine Lyons, Ava Butler, Kerah Pete, Kiro Robinson, Deonna McIntosh, Dr. Wesley Whittaker (Dean and Director -1890 Land Grant Programs) Not Pictured-Klaudia Ryan, Cheyeene Coleman, Kiersten Hays, Jered Sherman Jr., Darrion Dallas, Ander Compere, Rain Thomas, James Brown

III, Reygann Jones, Markell Robinson, John Sumo, Lawrence Rollison, Breanna Rodriguez, Jadon Nunn, Makiya Williams, Jamiera Washington, and Zacchaeus Harris-Gulley.



Picture (L to R): **LU 1890 Land-Grant Continuing Scholars-** Felicity Hernandez, Kayla Hardaway, Dr. Wesley Whittaker (Dean and Director-1890 Land-Grant Programs)

The **USDA 1890 National Scholars Program** is designed to enhance educational and career opportunities for students from rural or underserved communities nationwide. Established in 1992 as part of a partnership between the USDA and the 1890 land-grant universities, the program plays a vital role in supporting these communities.

Managed by USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE), the 1890 National Scholars Program aims to increase the number of students from rural and underserved areas who pursue studies in food, agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. The scholarship covers full tuition, fees, books, room, and board, and scholars attend one of the 1890 land-grant universities to earn degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related fields. Additionally, the scholarship may offer work experience with the USDA, making the program an essential component of USDA's Next Generation efforts.

Overall, the 1890 Land-Grant Scholarship Program is an essential initiative that not only supports individual students but also contributes to the broader goal of ensuring a sustainable and inclusive future in agriculture and related industries.



Pictured (L to R): **USDA 1890 National Scholars**- Ms. Shalonda Guy Kangah (USDA Liaison), Keviana Harris, Kenric Lee, Emoree Coley, Imani Cosby, Chaya Jones, Sarah Breshears, Dr. Wesley Whittaker, Dean) Not Pictured: Myles Lowery

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