

# 1890 UNIVERSITIES FOUNDATION 2021-2022 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



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# Joint Chairman & CEO's Letter

**The 1890 Universities Foundation is pleased to present its 2021-2022 Annual Impact Report:**

Greetings 1890 Colleagues, Collaborators, and Stakeholders,

First and foremost, we congratulate the entire 1890 community for the extraordinary leadership you displayed during the past 25 months of the COVID-19 global pandemic. While we have all faced many challenges along our personal and professional journeys, the COVID-19 pandemic tested us in ways we could have never imagined. However, as we have done since our founding years, you stepped up to support your university community and the counties throughout the 18 states we have admirably served by providing COVID testing, vaccinations, enhanced instruction, mental health support, personal protection equipment and so much more. Well done colleagues!

We are pleased to share the 1890 Universities Foundation Annual Impact report. The report highlights our partnerships, progress on our Centers of Excellence, updates on our mission areas, our financial stewardship, and our ongoing advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill.

As we move onward, we look forward to the collective work of the entire 1890 community with the generous support of our partners and funding agencies as we identify our needs in the next Farm Bill and as we expand our engagement with industry. I hope this annual impact report will provide you with a glimpse of the work that is being done by The 1890 Foundation.

Again, we are grateful for the work of the entire Foundation staff and for your support in keeping our System 19 Strong.

Sincerely,



Paul Jones, Chair  
The 1890 Universities Foundation Board  
President, Fort Valley State University



Mortimer H. Neufville  
President & CEO  
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Dr. Makola Abdullah 2019-2021







# Year in Review

This past year has been one of continued momentum for the 1890 Universities Foundation (The Foundation). As the non-profit foundation dedicated to advancing the land-grant mission of extension, research, and teaching, our main purpose is to assist the 1890 Universities by leveraging public and private partnerships that fund innovative solutions to address compelling opportunities and challenges facing our communities. Our purpose continues to provide the fuel for The Foundation's expansion, engagement, and high-energy pace of activity in the recent 12-14 months.

The highlight for The Foundation during this period was the celebration of our 5th Anniversary during the week of February 21-25, 2022, with the theme Mission Forward which focused on how collaborative partnerships, extension, and research are advancing the 1890 agenda. We marked this important milestone with the launch of a new logo to honor the flame that illuminates our history while shining new light on the collective strength of the 19 Strong institutions that make up the historically Black 1890 land-grant system.

The Foundation's impact is felt through its annual operations which support the important work of our 19-Strong member universities while building organizational capacity for The Foundation. Two key private sector partnerships valued at over \$2 million with Microsoft and Walmart were executed and yielded direct benefit across the 1890 community. Funds raised through partnerships and government grants supported various programs tied to our 1890 Centers of Excellence, education, extension, and research initiatives.

In the fall of 2021, The Foundation selected Ellis Collier, Esq. to serve as the 1890 Universities Foundation Congressional Fellow. The Congressional Fellowship was funded with generous support from Cargill and set in motion a path for an annual fellowship award to a graduate of an 1890 University who will gain experience on Capitol Hill. Mr. Collier is the first to blaze the trail for other talented 1890 graduates to follow.

Two new Centers of Excellence were awarded in the spring of this year. The Center for Emerging Technologies was awarded to Delaware State University. Tennessee State University was selected to lead the Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment.

Our advocacy at the federal level continues to yield results thanks in large part to the tireless work of the bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus headed by Congresswoman Alma Adams and leadership by Congressman David Scott, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Over the past year, 19 million dollars was awarded to deserving 1890 students through the 1890 Congressional Scholarship program which we gratefully credit Congressman David Scott for championing this significant funding resource now in its third year.

In addition to the increased and diversified funding sources, The Foundation saw a significant growth in its staffing which increased from three part-time positions to a dedicated team of five full-time and one part-time staff member and several specialized consultants who work collaboratively to move the momentum and mission forward for the 1890 Universities Foundation.



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# Advocacy

As the COVID pandemic continued into its second year of disruption and our universities adjusted to hybrid academic and research activities, we continued to engage with legislative and executive branch policymakers on an array of issues. These included infrastructure investments through the HBCU IGNITE Bill; the America COMPETES Act; legislation impacting historically underserved farmers and ranchers; issues related to broadband deployment; and the impact of climate change.

## Federal FY 2022 Funding for 1890 Land-grant Universities

LAND GRANT ACCOUNTS	FY 2021 (Final - in millions)	FY 2022 (Final – in millions)	Increase Funding over FY 2021 (in millions)
Education Grants in the 1890s	26.00	28.50	+2.5
1890s Extension	62.00	65.00	+3.0
Evans-Allen Research	73.00	80.00	+7.0
1890s Facility Improvements	21.50	21.50	0
1890s Centers of Excellence	10.0	10.0	Full funding
1890s Scholarships Program*	10.0	10.0	Full Funding
* There is mandatory funding of \$10 million per year for the 1890 scholarships. The \$10 million in the FY 2022 bill will be additional discretionary funding.			

Our Presidents and Chancellors also participated in a congressional hearing entitled, “1890 Land Grant Institutions: Investing for Agricultural Resiliency, Equity, and Global Impact,” before the House Agriculture Committee in June 2021. In addition, our 1890 Council of Presidents Executive Committee and our 1890 Foundation CEO met with USDA leadership in December 2021 on finding better ways to work together on implementing the American Rescue Plan and other Administration priorities.







***PARTNERSHIPS***





# New and Enhanced Partnerships:



**Microsoft**

An exciting new partnership between Microsoft and The Foundation has forged new pathways to private-sector philanthropic funding resources. Valued at 1.5 million dollars over the next three years, this funding initiative entitled “Building Economic Prosperity in the Black Rural South,” supports a comprehensive mix of direct funds for capacity building and technology investments, broadband access, and workforce training to support the ongoing work throughout the 1890 system.



The Walmart Foundation established the Walmart.org Center for Racial Equity in June 2020. In 2021 The Center for Racial Equity awarded \$2 million to education-related organizations that are focusing attention on workforce systems for Black and African Americans. The Foundation was one of three organizations to receive a \$1 million grant.

The Walmart grant is helping The Foundation to build its staff capacity. In addition, the grant funds research to gain deeper insight into specific barriers facing Black and African American people within the education and training system, strengthen pathways between college and in-demand job opportunities, and prepare students for careers in fields such as agriculture, healthcare, and technology, all in conjunction with our Centers of Excellence.



As an extension of our Walmart Partnership, The Foundation teamed up with CodePath which aims to increase diversity in tech by transforming college computer science education, creating a partnership with the 1890 Universities Foundation to serve more HBCUs with an initial expansion of CodePath’s computer science and technology courses to six of the 19 universities. With this support, CodePath will also expand its mentorship, technical interview practice, and pre-internship services for students. Our CodePath partnership is aligned with our Student Success and Workforce Development Center for Excellence located at North Carolina A&T State.



Cargill provided funding for the inaugural year of the 1890 Congressional Fellowship program. Thanks to Cargill’s generous support The Foundation will have the opportunity to annually select an 1890 graduate to gain invaluable experience working on Capitol Hill on the House Agriculture Committee and other areas of the federal government that will benefit the 1890 universities.



The Foundation joined forces with the University-Industry Partnerships Association (UIDP) which has made a major commitment to build bridges to establish and strengthen research partnerships between HBCUs and industry. UIDP hosted a first-of-its-kind two-day conference “Mission in Motion,” devoted to this goal. The 1890 Universities were well represented with 30 individuals from eleven 1890 universities in attendance, with several speaking during the conference. “Mission in Motion” has created the momentum for UIDP and the 1890 Foundation’s continued collaboration.





# New Logo Revealed during The Foundation's 5th Anniversary:

In February 2022, The Foundation celebrated five years with a weeklong schedule of virtual events along with the reveal of a new logo and 19-Strong theme to amplify the collective strength of our 19-historically black, land-grant universities.

## Speakers & Presenters



*From top, left to right*

- Senator Cory V. McCray, Maryland General Assembly
- Representative Harold M. Love, Jr., Tennessee General Assembly (invited)
- Dr. Paul Jones, Council of 1890 Presidents; President, Fort Valley State University
- Adam Harris, *The Atlantic*
- Chandra Reddy, PhD, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Director of Research/Administrator of Extension, Tennessee State University
- Ranveer Chandra, PhD, Managing Director, Research for Industry, Partner Manager, Networking Research, CTO, Agri-Food, Microsoft
- Anthony Boccanfuso, President & CEO, UIDP
- Kirstie Sims, Senior Director, Center for Racial Equity, Walmart Foundation
- Vickie Robinson, General Manager, Airband Initiative, Microsoft
- Lori Walton, Manager, Diversity Engagement and Events, Lockheed Martin







# **PROGRAM INNOVATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**





# Program Innovation and Implementation

Over the past year, the 1890 Universities Foundation has focused on several programs and initiatives under its Program Innovation and Implementation umbrella, including the 1890 Centers of Excellence (flagship program), the NRCS Career Development Conferences, and the expansion of CodePath across the 1890 institutions. Our role has been to provide leadership and management of these programs and initiatives to build programmatic and institutional capacity at the 1890 university campuses.

## **1890 Centers of Excellence (COE)**

The Foundation's flagship program, 1890 Centers of Excellence (COE), was championed by the leadership and advocacy of the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and 1890 Universities Foundation. The six Centers were included in the 2018 Farm Bill. Through multidisciplinary and multi-institutional collaboration, the Centers emphasize cutting-edge research, dynamic teaching programs to increase academic achievement in the food/agricultural sciences and related fields, and extension activities that support agricultural production and capacity-building for underserved producers. USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) administers the COE program and as of 2022, NIFA funds have implemented six Centers.



**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL  
AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **1890 Center of Excellence for Student Success and Workforce Development (SSWD)**

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
Greensboro, North Carolina

The SSWD Center fosters the academic success of underrepresented students in the food and agricultural sciences, STEM, and related fields.



**SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY**  
AND AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE

### **1890 Center of Excellence for Nutrition, Health, Wellness, and Quality of Life (NHWQL)**

Southern University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The NHWQL Center addresses health disparities and improves the health and well-being of underserved and minority populations.



**UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND  
EASTERN SHORE**

### **1890 Center of Excellence for Global Food Security and Defense (GFSD)**

University of Maryland - Eastern Shore  
Princess Anne, Maryland

The GFSD Center addresses crucial needs in global food security and defense with a globally educated workforce.



### **1890 Center of Excellence for Farming Systems, Rural Prosperity, and Economic Sustainability (FSRPES)**

Tuskegee University  
Tuskegee, Alabama

The FSRPES Center addresses the profitability, sustainability, and prosperity challenges of small farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners.



### **1890 Center of Excellence for Natural Resources, Energy, and Environment (NREE)**

Tennessee State University  
Nashville, TN

The NREE Center will address the protection of natural resources, develop strategies for climate-smart agriculture and forestry, and advance energy independence in the United States.

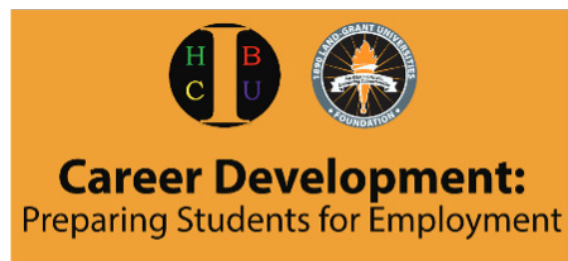


### **1890 Center of Excellence for Emerging Technologies (ET)**

Delaware State University  
Dover, DE

The ET Center will develop emerging technologies to increase agricultural productivity, enhance small farm economic viability, and provide technology training to farmers and the agricultural workforce.

## **NRCS Career Development Conferences**



The Foundation partnered with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to host a series of virtual career development conferences. These conferences were implemented to identify and prepare students for career opportunities with the Federal Government. The conferences targeted students

from the 1890 land-grant system at all class levels in the sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), business management, or economics interested in internships with the Federal Government. Graduates and recent graduates in the disciplines were also invited to attend. USDA targeted 1890 land-grant students and graduates interested in opportunities with NRCS for careers in agriculture, engineering, biology, economics, international business, and business management. Participants received tips for networking, dressing for success, interviewing, and understanding cultural differences in the workplace. More importantly, participants received career development guidance from permanent NRCS staff. To date, 175 students (representing all nineteen 1890 universities) have participated in the conferences.





## **Expansion of CodePath**

The Foundation embarked on an exciting partnership with Walmart to bring CodePath, a nonprofit focused on diversifying the nation's most competitive technical roles and driving systemic change in schools, to the 1890 universities. Currently, CodePath exists on the campuses of Alabama A&M University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, and North Carolina A&T State University. This investment is critical for expanding CodePath across other 1890 campuses to help increase the representation of diverse students in computer science majors. Beginning in fall 2022, CodePath will be officially expanding to six additional 1890 university campuses, including Alcorn State University, Central State University, Langston University, Southern University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, and Virginia State University. CodePath has proven to increase diversity in tech as they help students learn in-demand technical skills, secure their first internships, gain access to social capital and ultimately, become successful engineering leaders and entrepreneurs. It does this by offering free, supplemental courses in cybersecurity, mobile app development, and technical interview preparation, as well as career services, to create successful pathways for students to achieve technical excellence. The Foundation is pleased to be in partnership with CodePath and Walmart to expand this transformative resource to more of the 1890 universities.

## **Program Innovation and Implementation - Mission Forward**

As we move into our next annual cycle, our mission will focus on the continued support of the COE program, with an emphasis on supporting the two new Centers. In spring 2022, existing Centers will be soliciting applications for mini-grants that if funded, will implement pilot projects that will advance teaching, research, and extension approaches relative to specific Center-led themes and objectives. The partnership with USDA/NRCS will continue via future implementation of career development conferences, and The Foundation looks forward to hosting these events in person (depending on the global pandemic). The Foundation will continue working with CodePath on identifying other institutions for expansion while ensuring that the newest universities are equipped with the resources and tools to be successful. We will continue to seek ways to support and strengthen the "19 strong" and move the 1890 universities forward.





# **THE 1890 MISSION AREAS**





# 1890 Council of Presidents

Chair of the 1890 Council of Presidents

Dr. Paul Jones, *President, Fort Valley State University*

Past Chair of the 1890 Council of Presidents

Dr. Makola Abdullah, *President, Virginia State University*

Chair-Elect of the 1890 Council of Presidents

Dr. Heidi Anderson, *President  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore*

Member-At-Large

Dr. Tony Allen, *President, Delaware State University*

Member-At-Large

Dr. Felicia Nave, *President, Alcorn State University*

The Council of 1890 Presidents has been working on behalf of The Foundation and the 19- 1890 Presidents and their respective universities. The Council's executive committee members and The Foundation President met in December 2022 with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Deputy Secretary Jewell Bonaugh, and other members of USDA to explore opportunities to expand our partnership with USDA and to discuss the creation of a new MOU with the Council of 1890 Presidents.

Encouraged by the discussion to date with USDA officials the Council of 1890 Presidents is committed to strengthening our collaboration with USDA and finalizing our MOU. Building on the great foundation set by former chair President Makola Abdullah, throughout the academic year, the Council of 1890 Presidents has proactively met with industry leaders to cultivate partnerships with the 1890 community.



Left to right: 1890 Foundation CEO Mort Neufville, President Makola Abdullah, President Heidi Anderson, USDA Secretary Vilsack, Deputy Secretary Jewel Bonaugh, President Felisha Nave, and President Paul Jones



# Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture

Mohamed Ahmedna	North Carolina A&T State University
Gerald E. D'Souza	Prairie View A&M University
Kirk W. Pomper	Kentucky State University
Lloyd T. Walker	Alabama A&M University
M. Ray McKinnie	Virginia State University
Wesley L. Whittaker	Langston University
Chandra Reddy	Tennessee State University
Moses T. Kairo	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Olga Bolden-Tiller	Tuskegee University
Louis Whitesides	South Carolina State University
Majed El-Dweik	Lincoln University (Missouri)
Orlando F. McMeans (Chancellor)	Southern University
Cherese Winstead (Interim)	Delaware State University
Robert Taylor	Florida A&M University
Michelle Corley	Central State University
Edmund R. Buckner	Alcorn State University
Ami Smith	West Virginia State University
Ralph C. Noble	Fort Valley State University
Bruce McGowan	University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

The Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture collectively represents the brain trust and decades of institutional knowledge which contribute to the advancement of the land-grant mission. The Deans, in consort with, the APLU Administrative Heads of Agriculture set policies impacting the overall direction of our 1890 system Food and Agriculture programs.

The Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture has the overall responsibility for leveraging resources and modifying programs to respond to emerging local, national, and global needs. The 1890 Deans have been entrusted with the implementation of the 1890 Congressional Scholarship Program which over the past three years since its authorization has been awarded approximately \$45 million to enable deserving students to pursue degrees in the food, agriculture, and related sciences. We express our gratitude to Chairman David Scott for his relentless efforts to ensure permanent authorization and mandatory funding of the scholarship program.



## The 1890 Universities Foundation and the Entire 1890 Community Salutes Retiring Deans of Agriculture:

During the past year, three 1890 Deans of Agriculture retired their long tenure of service. All three of these Deans are titans for their contributions to the field of food and agricultural studies, research, and policy. They have left an invaluable legacy and imprint on their respective universities and the entire 1890 system.



**Dean Dyremple B. Marsh**

*Delaware State University*



**Dean Walter Hill**

*Tuskegee University*



**Dean M. Ray McKinnie**

*Virginia State University*





**SOUND STEWARDSHIP**





# Association of Extension Administrators

## **AEA Officers**

Ms. Vonda Richardson, Chair, Associate Extension Administrator, Florida A&M University

Dr. Allen Malone, Chair-Elect, Extension Administrator, Alabama A&M University

Dr. Courtney Owens, Secretary, Associate Extension Administrator, Kentucky State University

Dr. Carolyn Williams, Immediate Past Chair, Executive Associate Director, Prairie View A&M University

Dr. Mark Latimore, Treasurer, Associate Dean/Extension Administrator, Fort Valley State University

## **1890 Extension Leadership Academy**

The Association of Extension Administrators, in partnership with Extension Foundation and Fort Valley State University, initiated the 1890 Extension Leadership Academy in 2018. The purpose of the 1890 Extension Leadership Academy is to prepare future and upcoming leaders in Extension to act as change agents in creating a culture that encourages and sustains innovation throughout the organization. To date, three cohorts of 1890 Extension professionals, representing more than 150 participants have graduated from the program. A new cohort will begin in Fall 2022 and will continue to create experiences that maximize individual and team learning aptitudes in building collective capacity to serve the 1890s system.

## **2020-2021 1890 Cooperative Extension Impact**

The 1890 Cooperative Extension System (CES) conducts programs to assist diverse audiences, with emphasis on those who have limited social and economic resources, to improve the quality of life and vitality of individuals and communities through transformational engagement and outreach education. AEA published a document to highlight the impacts of key 1890 universities' cooperative Extension programs in 2020-2021. The publication is available at <http://1890aea.org/reports-resources>.

## **Extension Collaborative on Immunization, Teaching, and Engagement (EXCITE) Reaches More Than 3 Million to Reduce Vaccine Hesitancy during COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural America**

AEA is collaborating with the national Cooperative Extension System (CES) to implement the EXCITE project. The project seeks to address health disparities among rural and other underserved communities through land-grant universities around two sets of activities: Activity 1- Vaccinate with Confidence Campaign, which provides immunization education to diverse target audiences focusing primarily on messaging for COVID-19 vaccinations and seeks to reduce vaccination hesitancy; Activity 2 - Immunization Education Pilots supports selected pilot projects to create and test innovative delivery methods to inform future immunization education methodologies of best practices. The Extension Foundation, in cooperation with the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy (ECOP), obtained grants from an Interagency Agreement between the USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to support the the the project. As of December 2021, the 1890 universities had conducted 5,447 engagement activities and reached more than 3 million individuals through the EXCITE program. The 1890 Universities Foundation serves as a sub-contractor to facilitate 1890 land-grant universities' participation in the program.



Extension Today Newsletter The Association of Extension Administrators (AEA) continued publication of the monthly digital Extension Today newsletter which highlights Cooperative Extension programs across the 19 land-grant universities. Extension Today editions are on the AEA website at <http://1890aea.org/extension-today-newsletter>



## Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD)

At the annual meeting of the Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD) in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities in November 2020, the following officers were elected for 2020-2022.

Dr. Chandra Reddy, *Chair, Dean, and Director of Research/Administrator of Extension, Tennessee State University*

Dr. Louis D. Whitesides, *Chair-Elect, Vice President & Executive Director 1890 Research and Extension, South Carolina State University*

Dr. Conrad Bonsi, *Treasurer, Tuskegee University*

Dr. Majed El-Dweik, *Secretary, Dean/1890 Director of Cooperative Research and Extension, Lincoln University*

Dr. Vernon L. Jones, *Immediate Past Chair, Langston University*

Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker, *Member-at-Large, North Carolina A&T State University*

### 2022 ARD Research Symposium

The 20th Biennial Research Symposium was held at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis, April 2 – 5, 2022, with more than 1,100 in attendance. The symposium's theme was "The 1890 Research and Innovation Agenda: Pathways to Build Back Better." The first ARD symposium occurred in 1976 to commemorate the U.S. Bicentennial and to showcase the plethora of accomplishments of research scientists and students at the 1890 land grant institutions. The goal of all 1890 symposia is to provide a forum for interactions, share knowledge, expand partnerships through networks as well as showcase the talents and achievements of the 1890 community. As such, ARD's 20th Biennial Research Symposium provided opportunities for scientists and students to present research papers and posters on the contributions that 1890 scientists and students are making to help solve pressing challenges in food, agriculture, and the environment in the 1890 region and beyond.

This symposium was an overwhelming success due to the outstanding support provided by each of the 1890 campuses. The support came, not only from our ARD membership, but also from the Council of 1890 Presidents, the Association of Extension Administrators (AEA), the deans, the research and Cooperative Extension faculties, family and consumer sciences professionals, and the liaison officers. A record number of our private, federal (particularly NIFA), and 1862 partners supported us, not only with their attendance but with financial support as well. Presentations by scientists made it quite clear that the research programs





at our campuses are relevant, responsive, impactful, and innovative. Through these sessions, the 1890s are continuing to develop and implement a “research and innovation agenda” that will provide practical solutions to the life challenges that affect residents in the 1890 region and beyond.

A special thanks go to our major sponsors: National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (Southern SARE); Microsoft; Agricultural Research Service (ARS); Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Research Center; United States Forest Service; and Syngenta Global.

### **Bonsi receives ESS Excellence in Leadership Award**

Dr. Conrad Bonsi currently serves as Professor and Associate Dean/Associate Research Director at the George Washington Carver Agricultural Experiment Station (GWCAES), College of Agriculture, Environment, and Nutrition Sciences (CAENS), Tuskegee University, Tuskegee AL. He has authored/co-authored 100+ refereed journal articles, book chapters, proceedings, and abstracts. He is a recipient of several awards including two U.S patents, a USDA Group Honor Award of Excellence, a Certificate of Recognition of Excellence from NASA, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Tropical Root Crops (ISTRIC), the Tuskegee University Faculty Achievement Award, the Tuskegee University Faculty Performance In Research Award and was featured as Futurist in Science and Technology by Black Enterprise Magazine. Conrad currently serves as the Treasurer for the Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD). Conrad holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University, an MS from Tuskegee University, and a BSc (Hons) from the University of Ghana.

### **ARD Updates- The Monthly Publication for 1890 Research Initiatives**

In 2007, the Association of 1890 Research Directors (ARD) initiated the publication of a monthly digital newsletter, ARD Updates. ARD Updates provides updates and highlights of 1890 research, impacts, innovation, and/or other contemporary issues about the 19 universities in the 1890 land grant system. The 1890 land grant universities are bristling with diverse, quality research programs that are problem-based and interdisciplinary in content. The basic and applied research programs involve an individual collaboration of the member institutions at the local, state, national, and international levels and are increasingly multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional, multi-state, and stakeholder-driven.



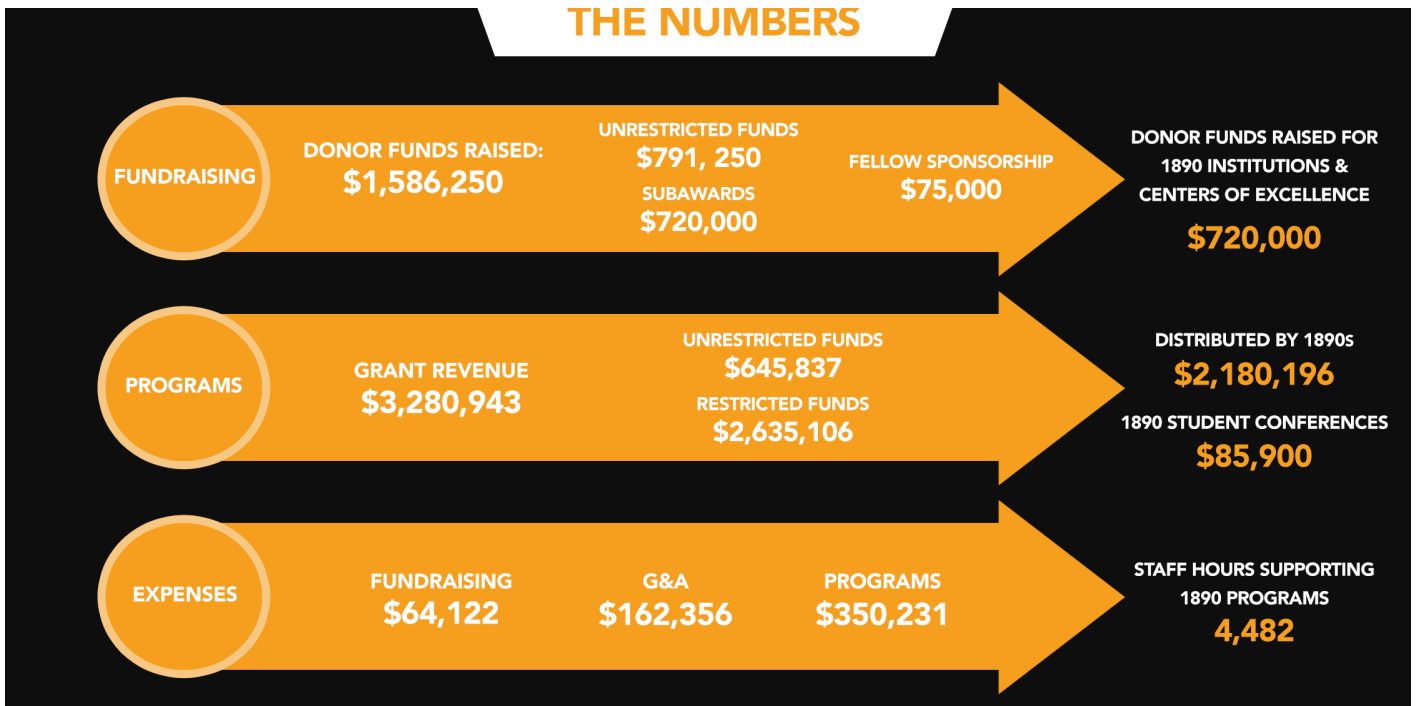


# 1890 Universities Foundation Financial Report

## MISSION FORWARD: Strengthening and Supporting the 19-Strong Through Sound Fiscal Stewardship

- **Corporate Partnerships:** Through the generosity of Microsoft and Walmart, The Foundation increased its organizational capacity with new staff and consultants. The outcomes of that growth are the great strides we made in implementing programs, expanding our advocacy, increasing our name recognition and social media footprint. Growth also allowed us to raise \$720,000 in corporate donations for our 1890 member Institutions.
- **Centers of Excellence:** USDA / NIFA funding for the Centers of Excellence increased from \$6 million in 2020 to \$10 million in USDA funding in 2021. In addition, two new Centers were added to reach the full scope of the 2018 Farm Bill.
- **Programmatic Support:** The Foundation's unique structure allows for staff to provide direct programmatic support to the Centers to perform duties such as RFA development, panel reviews, and progress and post-award management. In 2021, staff dedicated a total of 4,482 hours to supporting the Centers and other priority activities and programs.

### THE NUMBERS





# The Foundation is *Mission Forward*

This past year has been a high-impact time for the 1890 Universities Foundation. As the nation recovers and regains its direction in the wake of COVID-19, The Foundation is *Mission Forward* and focused on the future with its strategic priorities in clear view. The number one priority for The Foundation is generating sustainable funding for our infrastructure support and our member institutions. The ideal vehicle for securing dedicated funding for The Foundation is the 2023 Farm Bill which, if included in the authorization, would yield an annual USDA budget appropriation for The Foundation. Such guaranteed funding will provide an annual supplemental budget needed to enable The Foundation to support its ongoing operations to serve as a greater resource to the 19-member 1890 universities.

For the past 132 years, the roots of the 1890 Universities System have been firmly planted in agriculture. *Mission Forward*, the lens of The Foundation will widen with a broader vision of STEAM-related education, research, and community engagement programs that respond to the growing needs, and challenges opportunities before us today. Continuing to grow relationships with private industry, intergovernmental science organizations, and major commodities group leaders in the food, agriculture and broader STEAM industries will advance this goal.

With the continued commitment of The Foundation's Board, its member universities, funding partners, and other valued stakeholders the collective energy of the entire 1890 Universities System is forward-focused and 19-STRONG for the future.





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