



## Virtual 2021 Tx HSI Consortium annual conference: May 27-28, 2021

Hosted virtually by St. Edward's University

**"Building STEAM at Texas HSIs**

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Mathematics (STEAM)"**

**Theme:** We are putting the "A for Agriculture" into STEM opportunities; all sessions will focus on internships and jobs for our students, and research and funding opportunities for our faculty at the agencies under the U.S. Department of Agriculture; in 2021 USDA is about much more than just crops and livestock; USDA's mission-critical areas include (but are not limited to) sustainable forests and climate, food and water sustainability, human health and wellness, scientific research at its network of laboratories, and developing the next generation of college-educated professionals to staff its national workforce.

### Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 11:30 am      **Opening Sessions** with

- 1) **Welcome** and remarks by Gloria White, President of the Texas HSI Consortium
- 2) **Introduction** of all Tx HSI officers
- 3) **Keynote** and Panel session led by Kellyann Jones Jamtgaard and Dr. Irma Lawrence with **USDA updates for HSIs:** "Internships and Jobs for your students and Funding and Research Opportunities for your faculty"

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm.

- 1) **National Agricultural Statistical Services (NASS)** session:  
Dr. Wilbert Hundl, Director of the Southern Plains Region NASS regional headquarters, Austin, TX
- 2) Brief Q&A

3:30 pm – 4:45 pm.

- 1) **U.S. Forest Service (USFS)** session: Ms. Sylvia Staples, Regional Recruiter Southern Regional Office (includes Texas), Atlanta, GA
- 2) **HSI Partnerships and Public Engagement** session: Dr. Daniel Wueste, Director of the E. Kika De La Garza Fellowship Program Washington, DC

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**"Meet & Greet"** Virtual Happy Hour for networking and informal conversations with presenters

### Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 11:30 am

- 1) **"Morning Report"** and brief summary from Thursday' sessions by Gloria White and officers of Tx HSI Consortium
- 2) Completing a short survey: **Inventory & Data** regarding **"student pathways and pipelines"** for agricultural-related degree programs and coursework at Texas 2-year, 4-year and research universities.
- 3) **Agricultural Research Services (ARS) laboratories** session: Dr. Perot Saelao, Molecular Biologist (Bioinformatics) Plains Area Research Laboratory, Kerrville, TX

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

**Federal Funding Forecasts for grants** from Panel of Program Officers from NSF, USDA, ED, NASA, NIH (invited) with brief Q&A

3:01 pm – 3:05 pm

**Closing remarks** from Tx HIS Consortium Officers