Memorandum

To: Prospective Students, High School Counselors, Agriculture & Human Science Teachers, Current College Freshman and Sophomores, Community Leaders, Clergy, Alumni, Friends and Supporters

From: Gerard D’Souza, Ph.D.
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Subject: USDA/1890 National Scholars Program

I would like to inform you of one of the most exciting and important scholarship programs in the nation, the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program.

Prairie View A&M University is in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to encourage bright young people to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or related disciplines. USDA recently announced that applications are now being accepted for the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program for the 2021/2022 school year. Aspiring high school seniors as well as college freshman and sophomores are encouraged to apply before the January 31, 2021 deadline.

“This program furthers USDA’s goal of promoting and encouraging America’s young men and women to consider careers in agriculture and public service,” said Horace Hodge, USDA/1890 Program Liaison. “Under this terrific partnership, students benefit from an outstanding educational opportunity and USDA benefits from the knowledge, talent, diversity and skills that they will bring to USDA.”

USDA/1890 National Scholars are selected by participating USDA agencies based on recommendations of participating 1890 Land-Grant Universities. USDA/1890 scholarship recipients receive full tuition, fees, books, summer employment and employee benefits for each of the four years they pursue a bachelor’s degree. The partnering institutions provide room and board. Recipients are required to work one year (with pay) at USDA for each year they receive the scholarship. The 2018 Farm Bill authorizes conversion to full-time employment upon graduation and successful completion of the program.

I encourage you to review and share the links below with potential college bound students in your school, church, and/or community (particularly those that might have an interest in attending Prairie View A&M University). By applying for this scholarship students are competing for an opportunity that may propel them into a leadership position. The Prairie View A&M University family is hopeful
that you will spread the word about this prestigious and unique scholarship. The application may be completed online at:

- 2021 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program High School Application
- 2021 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program College Application
- Program Overview

and printed for submission to Prairie View A&M University. Application must be postmarked by January 31, 2021.

For further information, please contact Horace D. Hodge, USDA Liaison Officer by voice at (202) 302-4712, or email at horace.hodge@usda.gov. His mailing address is P.O. Box 2736, Prairie View, Texas 77446.
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