



PVAMU PREPARED TO CELEBRATE WORLD FOOD DAY 2020 ON FRIDAY

The College of Agriculture and Human Sciences will focus on pandemic food security and insecurity.

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (October 15, 2020) – This year’s World Food Day observance on Friday, October 16, 2020, will be of global interest and experience for Prairie View A&M University’s College of Agriculture and Human Sciences (CAHS). Dean Gerard D’Souza, Ph.D., mentioned Monday during the [launch](#) of the Healthy Houston Initiative (HHI), CAHS’s celebration of World Food Day 2020 is timely and critical.

“We know that food is life. Beyond that, food is health. It is well known that unhealthy eating is the number one factor in premature deaths,” D’Souza said during the news conference. “The purpose [for World Health Day] is to increase global awareness and year-round attention to end hunger.”

The United Nations created World Food Day as a way to annually honor the founding of its Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). It is now collectively across 150 countries. In light of the pandemic, this year’s CAHS program will be virtual. Dr. Mahta Moussavi, the committee chairperson, said the CAHS theme for this year is “Grow, Nourish, Sustain, Together. Our actions are our future.”

“We designed our World Food Day programs and activities to educate participants about how each of us can change simple habits to make a huge difference in our home, communities, and beyond,” Moussavi said.

Dean D’Souza, who is also Director of Land Grant Programs at PVAMU, said the goal for the three-hour program is to connect food to life.

“World Food Day allows us to put the spotlight on one of life’s most essential needs, food, in ways that matter,” D’Souza explained. “We’ve turned challenges from the pandemic into an opportunity to help spread awareness beyond our campus, state, and country.”

Event: World Food Day
Theme: “Grow, Nourish, Sustain, Together. Our actions are our future.”
Date: Friday, October 16, 2020
Time: 9 a.m. – Noon CT
To register: <https://www.pvamu.edu/cahs/worldfoodday2020/>

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