Memorandum

To: Prospective Students, High School Counselors, Agriculture & Human Science Teacher, Community Leaders, Clergymen, Alumni, Friends and Supporters

From: George C. Wright
President

Subject: USDA/1890 National Scholars Program

I would like to inform you of one of the most exciting and important scholarship program in the nation, the **USDA/1890 National Scholars Program**. Prairie View A&M University is in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to encourage bright young people to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or related disciplines. The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is a wonderful resource for identifying the leaders of tomorrow in agriculture. I congratulate this year’s scholars and welcome scholarship applications for the 2010/2011 academic year. Mr. Pearlie S. Reed, Assistant Secretary for Administration, said, “By applying for this scholarship students are competing for an opportunity that may propel them into a 21st century leadership position. “

USDA/1890 scholarship recipients receive full tuition, fees, books, use of laptop computers and software, printers, employment and employee benefits for each of the four years while 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 value of this scholarship is $125,000.00 over a four period.

USDA/1890 National Scholars are selected by participating USDA agencies based on recommendations of participating 1890 Land-Grant Universities. Since the inception of the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program in 1992, USDA has funded more than 450 national scholars.

I encourage you to review the enclosed material and share it 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). The Prairie View A&M University family is grateful that you will spread the word about this prestigious and unique scholarship.

Application must be postmarked by February 1, 2011. You may visit the following website: [http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/7076.asp](http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/7076.asp) to complete an application online, print and submit to Mr., Horace Hodge, 1890 Program Manager. He can be reached by voice at (936) 261-2521; cell (202) 302-4712, fax (936) 261-9975 or email [hdhodge@pvamu.edu](mailto:hdhodge@pvamu.edu). His mailing address is P.O. Box 2736, Prairie View, Texas 77446.

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