

# The View from LU Cooperative Extension

Summer/Fall 2015

## 125th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, DC: 1890s on the Hill

On Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16, 2015, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension (LUCE) and others from the university traveled to Washington DC to participate in the 125th celebration of the signing of the Second Morrill Act in 1890, called 1890s on the Hill. The Association of Public and Land grant Universities (APLU) organized this event. There are 19 schools across the nation classified as an 1890.

LUCE’s theme was “Our Foundation is Building the Future.” A new portable display was produced to highlight many areas of Extension, research and outreach, based on the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) challenge areas: global food security and hunger, food safety, sustainable energy, climate change and childhood obesity prevention. The theme and display were produced by the Lincoln University Cooperative Extension and Research (LUCER) Media Center.

On Wednesday, all of the 1890 Land grant universities had an exhibit open to the public 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many federal employees joined in the celebration



*Yvonne Matthews, Extension Associate Administrator, attended the event in Washington, DC with several staff. From Left to Right: Matthews, Nashon Bishop, Frances Long, Darrion Long, Pamela Donner and Maria “Isabel” Jacome Alvarez.*

by visiting the exhibits and the midday reception. On Thursday, a formal presentation and ceremony was held in the Library of Congress. Lincoln University is the oldest 1890 school, so it was appropriate that Dr. Kevin Rome, President, was a featured speaker.

Lincoln was well represented at this landmark event by several faculty and staff from Lincoln. In addition to Dr. Rome, others in attendance were Dr. Said Sewell, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Albert Essel, Dean, College of Agriculture, Environmental and Human Sciences; Yvonne Matthews, Associate Administrator; Dr. Zelalem Mersha, State Extension Specialist – Plant Pathology; Pamela Donner, LUCER Media Center Coordinator; Yuki Teramoto, Multimedia Specialist; Keverick Wilson, Area Educator – Kansas City Urban Impact Center (KCUIC); Fran Long, EFNEP Assistant, Education Program, St. Louis Urban Impact Center (SLUIC); Maria “Isabel” Jacome Alvarez, Farmers’ Market Manager; and Nahshon Bishop, Small Farm Specialist. In addition, Darrion Long, LUCE student worker, attended. ■

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## A New Dean and a New College Name

Lincoln University Cooperative Extension welcomes Dr. Albert E. Essel as the new Dean of the College of Agriculture, Environmental and Human Sciences. Essel assumed his new role in August 2015. He has a Ph.D. in economics, with a major in agricultural economics, from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Before joining Lincoln, Essel was the Associate Dean for Extension in the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences at Delaware State University, Dover, Delaware.

Just prior to Essel joining Lincoln University, the college was given a new name and configuration creating the College of Agriculture, Environmental and Human Sciences (CAEHS). ■



*Dr. Albert E. Essel*



## Missouri State Fair

Every summer, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension and Research (LUCER) Media Center sets up a display for all 10 days of the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Missouri.

This year was no different. From through Sunday, several Extension programs added to the display with their own exhibits and hands-on demonstrations. Hundreds of attendees to this year's fair were able to learn more about the following programs: Aquaculture, Composting, Native Plants, Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging (PJCCMHA), Plant Pathology, Small Ruminant.



A special feature to the booth was to show value-added products and skills. This was done

through yarn spinning demonstrations. The volunteers brought wool and spun it into thread while the public watched. They also brought along homespun items to sell. ■



*Above: A spinner's wheel. Left: Youth attending the Missouri State Fair learned how to spin wool.*

## Habitat Management for Deer and Turkey Workshop

LUCE hosted the Habitat Management for Deer and Turkey Workshop Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, from 8 a.m. to noon. The event was at George Washington Carver Farm. Dean Essel provided opening remarks.

Dr. Adrian Andrei, Associate Professor – Wildlife Science, was in charge of the workshop. He was one of the speakers, along with four members of the Missouri Department of Conservation: Jason Isabelle, Missouri Wild Turkey and Ruffed Grouse Program Leader; Emily Flinn, State Deer Biologist; Dean Stucker, Private Land Conservationist, Moniteau, Cooper and Cole counties; and Eric Niemeyer, Private Land Conservationist. The speakers discussed the challenges and opportunities related to deer and turkey management. There were also presentations on the unique biology, ecology and habitat requirements of both wild turkeys and white-tailed deer.



Light refreshments were available for purchase to support Lincoln University's Wildlife Club. ■



## 18th Missouri Institute on Minority Aging

The 18th Missouri Institute on Minority Aging (MIMA) was held in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Executive Center Tuesday, Aug. 25, through Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015. Approximately 114 participants attended from throughout Missouri. This annual institute organized by the Lincoln University Cooperative Extension (LUCE) – Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging (PJCCMHA) examines health and health-delivery issues impacting minority, older individuals. Educational presentations covered a variety of topics, including better nutrition, healing touch, law enforcement/community relations, use of technology, safe medication usage, tai chi, creating with native plants and more.

The theme of the 18th MIMA was “Brain Health: A Key to Aging Well.” Dr. Dolores Penn, Founding Coordinator, PJCCMHA, Retired State Extension Specialist; Dr. Suman Ahuja, Assistant Professor of Research, Lincoln University Cooperative Research (LUCR); Dr. Patrick Griffith, Saba University School of Medicine; and Bishop Russell L. Freeman, Advisory Board, PJCCMHA, gave keynote speeches. ■



Above: Dr. Dolores Penn; Left: dancer and drummers from “Community Performance Ensemble;” Below: 2015 King Joseph Turner and Quenn Maxine Gregory; and participants paint designs on Kentucky coffee bean pods in a Native Plants seminar.



## In Touch with Nature

On Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, the LUCE Native Plants Program hosted “In Touch with Nature” at Lincoln’s Alan T. Busby Farm. This was the seventh year for the event. Attendees participated in information sessions and walking tours. Exhibits were on display that covered the numerous diverse topics related to native plants, nature and agriculture. Wagon tours were taken from the Youth Development Cabins to Busby’s organic farm and back. LUCE faculty and staff and programs that participated included Composting, Integrated Pest Management, Wildlife, Aquaculture, Small Ruminants and Plant Pathology. Lincoln University Cooperative Research (LUCR) also had a booth. ■



## Gathering of Kings

On Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, LUCE hosted “Gathering of Kings.” Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. This daylong intergenerational conference focused on issues affecting minority males.

This year’s theme was “Life, Legacy and Legality—Understanding the Dynamics of 21st Century Survival.” The conference, geared to boys who are at least 13 years old, had participants from throughout Missouri. The conference presented ways to stay street-smart, safe and successful in a turbulent world. Educational professionals, community leaders and law enforcement personnel gave interactive workshops. The presenters included former NFL player and college coach Spencer Conley; Gang Suppression Unit Supervisor for the Sedalia Police Department and former co-star of WGN’s reality TV series “Outlaw Country,” Larry Parham; Missouri State Highway Patrol officers; health psychologist, Dr. Lynn Rossy; and juvenile justice representative, Tracey McClard. The program also featured an interview with a current Missouri inmate. ■