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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics Projected Graduation: August 2024
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Major Field: Food and Agriculture Economics
Specialization: Sustainable Food Value Chains, Commodity Marketing Channels

Bachelor of Science, Food Science (Business and Industry Option) April 2022
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, FL
Honors in the Major, Summa Cum Laude

WORK & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

January 2023- Present **Agriculture Scholar** Oak Brook, Illinois
Farm Foundation x USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)

- Develop working relationships with senior agriculture professionals
- Attend annual roundtables and network with industry leaders
- Participate in Farm Foundation Forums and events
- Present research and receive feedback from ERS economists during capstone research presentations

August 2022- Present **Graduate Research Assistant** East Lansing, Michigan
Michigan State University, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR)

- Work under Dr. Melissa G.S. McKendree to develop a comprehensive thesis project in the food and agricultural economics division of the Agricultural, Food and Resources Economics (AFRE) Department
- Assist with ongoing interdisciplinary research projects both within the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) as well as other universities and research institutes

May 2023– Present **Region V Graduate Student Vice President** Atlanta, Georgia
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)

- Work with the organization’s National Officer Team to recruit new student officers
- Serve as a liaison between the regional chapters and the National Office
- Develop and implement initiatives to recruit new student chapters and members, to retain existing student chapters and members, and to reactivate inactive student chapters and members
- Coordinate with the National Officer team to engage with current and potential sponsors for the society

May 2022 – August 2023 **Agricultural Statistician Trainee Intern** Washington, D.C.
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

- Completed national data analysis on various field crops (oats, sorghum, wheat)
- Edited incoming survey data for quarterly objectives including July Cattle Survey, June Area Survey, June Agricultural Production Survey (APS), and Agriculture Resource Management Survey (ARMS-I)
- Initiated calls to producers within the region for updated operational information
- Set national crop targets for assigned field crops
- Analyzed producer comments from incoming surveys and made operational updates

May 2021 – May 2022 **National Undergraduate Student President** Atlanta, Georgia
Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)

- Worked with the organization’s National Officer Team to recruit new student officers
- Director for the expansion of Undergraduate Student membership in all regions including facilitation of communication among chapters and presiding over meetings of Undergraduate Student Members
- Developed and implemented initiatives to recruit new student chapters and members, to retain existing student chapters and members, and to reactivate inactive student chapters and members
- Coordinated with the National Officer team to engage with current and potential sponsors for the society

May 2021 – August 2021 **Agricultural Statistician Trainee Intern** Little Rock, Arkansas
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

- Completed data analysis on various livestock and row crop data for Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana
- Edited incoming survey data for quarterly objectives including July Cattle Survey, June Area Survey, June Agricultural Production Survey (APS), and annual Cash Rents Survey
- Initiated calls to producers within the region for updated operational information
- Assisted in Enumerator staff workshops

November 2018 – April 2021 **Cultivating Undergraduate Research Scholars (CURS) Intern** Tallahassee, Florida
Florida A&M University; College of Agriculture and Food Sciences

- Worked under Dr. Satyanarayan Dev, Associate Professor of Bioprocessing and Food Engineering, in the formulation of research investigating the effects of 3-D printed enzymes in the bio-manufacturing process

- Worked with Dr. Jenelle Robinson, Associate Professor of Nutrition, in evaluating body image and eating behaviors of African American college students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)
- Worked under Dr. Mechee Lachaud, Assistant Professor of Agriculture Economics, addressing the correlation between the impact of environmental and financial risks on profit maximization

May 2020 – May 2021 **Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)** Atlanta, GA
Region II National Undergraduate Student Vice President

Elected by the organization's members as a member of the National Officer Team to recruit new students and professionals whose visions align with the organization.

- Director for Undergraduate Student Membership in Region II including facilitating communication among chapters and presiding over meetings for Undergraduate Student Members.
- Worked with the regional counterparts to plan and implement region cluster meetings.
- Developed and implemented initiatives to recruit new student chapters and members, to retain existing student chapters and members, and to reactivate inactive student chapters and members.
- Director for Undergraduate Student Membership in Region II including facilitation of communication among chapters and presiding over meetings of Undergraduate Student Members

May 2020 - August 2020 **USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)** Athens, GA
Agricultural Statistician Trainee Intern

A summer internship spent working with Agricultural Statisticians in various divisions on several commodity projects

- Completed data analysis on various commodity data for Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina
- Edited incoming survey data for quarterly objectives including July Cattle Survey, Agriculture Resource Management Survey (ARMS-I), June Agricultural Production Survey (APS), and annual Cash Rents Survey
- Set weekly crop estimates for the state of Georgia's Crop Progress and Condition Report
- Set the quarterly corn estimates for the state of South Carolina

May 2019 – August 2019 **University of Georgia's Cooperative Extension** Jonesboro, GA
Y.O.U.R.E. Fellowship Intern

- Responsible for executing experimental sensory evaluations with middle-school aged children within the metro-Atlanta area
- Better implemented evidence-based research approaches to address obesity and recruit undergraduate students to facilitate experiential learning in nutrition and health issues such as obesity

September 2019 – May 2022 **Florida A&M University Student Senate** Tallahassee, Florida
Student Relations Committee (SRC), Activity and Service (A&S) Liaison, Student relations Committee (SRC) Chairwoman

- Planned and implemented programming events for the FAMU student body
- Served as the Vice-Chairperson of the audit committee led by the SGA Comptroller.
- Served as the Chairperson of the Activity and Service Budget Committee
- Drafted and debated the Senate's Annual Budget for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

FAMU Dean's List; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 • FAMU President's List; 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022 • FAMU Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS); Parliamentarian • Presidential Ambassadors • 2019 National MANRRS Public Speaking Contest Winner • Office of New Student Orientation; Orange and Green Tour Guide • National FAMU Alumni Association Merit Scholar • United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) 1890 Scholarship Recipient- NASS • MANRRS John Deere National Merit Scholar (2019,2020,2021) • TMCF 2020 Leadership Institute • Hormel Foods Inspired Leadership Award Recipient • 2022 FAMU Senator of the Year Award • Farm Credit VIP Scholarship Recipient 2021 • The REAL Beta Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc; Parliamentarian, Requisitions Chair • Leadership DELTA • 2021 Legacy of a Leader Award • 2022 Southern Regional Collegiate Soror of the Year • MANRRS National Grain and Feed Association Scholarship • Michigan State University AFRE Graduate Research Assistantship • MANRRS Cargill Thrive Scholar • Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Dialogues in Higher Education- Morocco 2023 Panelist • MSU Council of Graduate Students Representative

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Member	2018-Present
• Office of New Student Orientation	
• Alumni Committee Member	
• National Student Officer Team Member	
• Public Relations Committee Member	
• Conference Planning Committee	
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Member	2022-Present
• Graduate Student Section	
• Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section	
• Extension Section	
• Food Safety and Nutrition Section	
• Experimental Economics	
• Agribusiness Economics and Management Section	

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient: Stata, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office