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Morehouse Parish Hosts Black Farmers' Field Day 2014

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The Morehouse Parish Black Farmers Association and the National Black Growers' Council, along with others interested in agriculture, braved torrential rains to learn new information at the 13th annual Black Farmers' Field Day at Harper Armstrong's farm on July 18.

Southern University extension agent Odis Hill, field day coordinator, said this event is a way to let people know there are still African-American farmers and to provide the latest information on equipment, technology, seed and chemicals to these growers.

Armstrong, who farms more than 2,500 acres of corn and soybeans, said he's been in the farming business all of his life, and he does it because he loves it.

"I want to encourage all of the young people here to do a good job in their education," Armstrong said. "Do well in your work, and you will be successful."

LSU AgCenter regional horticulture agent Ra-fash Brew discussed the

use of plastic mulch and drip irrigation as a means of conserving water while continuing to sustain and improve yields.

"When we use the plastic mulch, it helps us with weed control, it heats the soil up faster, and it allows us to produce a crop faster than without it," Brew said.

AgCenter soybean specialist Ronnie Levy said not being able to get into the field because of rain was no excuse for not showing off some of the plants from Armstrong's farm. So he brought some soybean plants from the field under the shed where he gave his talk.

"I want to encourage you to come to the field days that are held at the LSU AgCenter research stations across the state," Levy told the group. "It's important because the research is available to help you to improve your production practices."

AgCenter corn specialist Dan Fromme discussed this year's corn crop.

"In Morehouse Parish, the trend seems to be

the same as in other parts of the state where low cotton prices have caused growers to turn more to feed grain crops," Fromme said.

Gina E. Eubanks, who is an associate vice chancellor at the LSU AgCenter and vice chancellor for extension at Southern University Ag Center, told the group about some of the programs that are being conducted by both organizations to make life better, not just for farmers, but also for farm families.

"We know we have some problems, such as bullying and obesity, and we're working on that," she said. "We also know that in order to win we must remember that teamwork makes dreams work."

Rogers Leonard, LSU AgCenter associate vice chancellor and program leader for plant and soil sciences, said this was his first time to attend the field day, but assured participants it would not be his last.

"By 2050, we will need to double food production in the world," Leonard said.

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“The U.S. is already leading the world in production, but we may have to generate three to four times what we have out there today.”

Donna Thaxton, a retired mental health worker, said she is not a farmer, but she attended the field day because she has been involved in agriculture since a community garden was created in her area.

“This is not only important for the

farmers who are here, but it also is important for the kids to get involved in growing things and to keep the farms going because that’s where our food comes from,” Thaxton said.

The field day concluded with awards given to Rufus Martin of Bonita, for his 60 years of farming and to Willie B. Richardson, also of Bonita, for her 50 years as a farmer.

“And they both are still farming,” Hill said.

SU Ag Center Teams up with Mayor's Youth Employment Program

The East Baton Rouge Office of the Mayor-President sponsored the “Love Our Community Summer Youth Employment Program,” June 23-July 18, 2014 with room for 120 youth participants. Team members brought the SU Ag Center to youth through garden workshops. The Mayor's program.

Mila Berhane, senior research associate and Stephanie Elwood, extension associate bring the Ag Center to youth through garden workshops. The Mayor's “Love Our Community Summer Youth Employment Program” employs local high school aged youth during the summer months to beautify our community through painting mu-

rals and implementing or maintaining community gardens. Berhane and Elwood conducted several workshops to engage the youth participants of the Summer Youth Employment Program in starting seeds, plant propagation and soil fertility. The workshops were held on site at The Chestnut Garden - 1936 Chestnut St, the Donaldson Chapel Garden – 830 N. 26th St., the New Life Garden – 2742 Jay St., and the Scotlandville Garden Park located at Pembroke and Gauchaux.



Youth enjoy outdoor gardens during the summer



New Orleans Garden Program Garners Support from SU Ag Center

The Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies Program at Southern University, New Orleans applauds the SU Ag Center for a successful summer gardening experience for youth.

In a memo to Dr. Gina E. Eubanks, Vice Chancellor for Extension at the SU Ag Center, Ms. Celina Carson writes, “I’d like to take this time to thank you for the support given to me to ensure the success of my summer program, Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies Program (HMHB), community garden initiative. Through the usage of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center’s Community Garden Curriculum: Concentration on Sustainable and Organic Gardening Techniques, I was able to facilitate structured lessons that provided sustainable gardening practices to a group of 18 community students, ages 9 and 10 years, enrolled in

the HMHB program. Out of the 91 community students enrolled in the HMHB program, the 18 students chosen to participate in the gardening project were all the students enrolled in one specific classroom.”

The students were completely invested in the success of the garden throughout their eight-week experience. Subsequently, they named their garden “The Yellow Thumbs Garden.” Yellow was the designated color for their classroom’s camp shirt. Moreover, they gained hands-on experiences in the garden through application of SU Ag Center curriculum.

“In addition, Ms. Jenga Mwendu connected me with Mr. Pete Ellis, a committed community garden partner. Mr. Ellis was instrumental in planning, preparing, and

sustaining The Yellow Thumbs Garden.”

Celina Carson is the Founder and Program Director of Health Minds-Healthy Bodies Program, Southern University at New Orleans and can be reached at ccarson@suno.edu or (504) 339 – 4150.

SU Ag Center Helps Boost Watermelon Production in St. Helena Parish

Tangipahoa and St. Helena Parishes benefit from the presence of Ahmad R. Robertson, Assistant Area Agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources. Mr. Robertson is showing producers how to be successful in the production of watermelon, a warm-season crop that grows in all parts of the country but prefers the longer growing season in the south. A watermelon contains about 6% sugar and 91% water by weight. As with many other fruits, it is a source of vitamin C.

Mr. Alcee Hurst, a local vegetable grower, conducts field research with assistance from Robertson. His focus is on using black plastic mulch which produces a higher watermelon yield than bare ground culture. The correct combination of drip irrigation and fertigation ensures good yields of large, high-quality melons. The producer uses plastic mulch to protect the fruit from rotting, control weeds and promote early fruit production. Mr. Hurst, a St. Helena Parish native has been in watermelon production for more than 50 years, and states that you can always find a sweet watermelon on Hurst's hill before the 4th of July. On Friday, July 11, 2014 he harvested a 79-lb, 137-inch size stripe melon, the largest ever produced on his farm. The melon was planted on hills with the other varieties without any special treatment. In the trial test, Hurst used four pounds of pre-plant 6-24-24 fertilizer per 100 foot row. Mr. Hurst planted five hills of cucurbit varieties in the trial including big

stripe, starbrite, compadre, and jubilee 2.

Robertson encourages all vegetable growers to plant their seeds in seedling trays 4-6 weeks prior to transplanting in the field. It adds value to sustainable operation and increases yield resulting in high income. Watermelons will continue to be an important part of vegetable production in St. Helena. Increases in average yield per acre will **continue** as more growers adopt plastic mulch, intensive management and new hybrid varieties.

Fertigation is the application of fertilizers, soil amendments, or other water-soluble products through an irrigation system to a field of crops.

Ahmad R. Robertson can be reached at (985)748-462 or (225) 2 2 2 - 4 1 3 6 ; ahmad_robertson@suagcenter.com

Devin Robbins, participant in the "Academy" spent his summer in St. Helena Parish.

The SU Ag Center received 20 participants in The Academy for the Academic Enhancement of High School Students in the Food and Agricultural Sciences on June 1, 2014. The Ag Leadership Academy is a summer program consisting of two Phases.



Ahmad Robertson and Alcee Hurst with 79-Pound Watermelon harvest



Devin Robbins, Southern University Ag Center Academy Student intern in St. Helena Parish with Robertson

The second phase of the program comprised of an orientation for participants at the SU Ag Center in the first week of June, followed by hands-on work experience in a professional setting near their home for the remaining seven weeks. Students were exposed to careers in Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences along with other professions in their home parishes. The program is conducted under the leadership of Zanetta Augustine, Extension Associate and Dawn Mellion-Patin, Specialist, Agriculture.

SU Ag Center Welcomes Participants to Ag Food and Science Leadership Academy

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center received summer participants in The Academy for the Academic Enhancement of High School Students in the Food and Agricultural Sciences on June 1, 2014. The Ag Leadership Academy is a summer program consisting of two Phases. This summer, 20 students have returned to complete Phase II of the program under the direction of Zanetta Augustine, Extension associate and Dawn Mellion-Patin, Specialist, Agriculture.

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Zanetta Augustine, Extension Associate coordinates this program, and can be reached at 225-771-2242.



2014 Ag Leadership Academy, Phase II

SU Ag Center Mentee Wins National Institute of Science Award

The Southern University Ag Center and the College of Sciences and Agriculture continue to engage in the successful collaborations to increase achievement on both campuses.

Lamar Burton, sophomore student in Biology and Timbuktu scholar at Southern University won second place in the 71st Joint Annual Meeting of the National Institute of Science and the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society hosted by Prairie View A & M University in Houston. Mr. Burton made an oral presentation entitled “Mixed Species Grazing of Cattle and Goats on Gastrointestinal Infections of *Haemonchus Contortus*.”

He is being mentored at the SU Ag Center, by Sebhatu Gebrelul, Professor, Animal Science; Renita Marshall, DVM and Associate Professor; and Shonta Manuel, Research Assistant. For the past one year, Burton has participated in the Mixed Species Grazing of cattle and goats, collecting data on Gastrointestinal Infections of *Haemonchus contortus* research project.



Larmar Burton giving presentation

Bioenergy Research Gathers Momentum at SU Ag Center



L-r: Rubert Ward, Reginald Miles, Martin Johnson, Kamran Abdollahi, Morgan Watson, Willie Rawls and Glenn E. Ford

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center continues to develop in the field of biomass and bioenergy. Dr. Kamran Abdollahi, research scientist and Urban Forestry Program Leader, is building a collaborative network to expand the reach of study in the field of bioenergy. On June 10, 2014 Abdollahi invited a team of experts to the SU Ag Center for discussions on ways to develop a strategy for enhancing the research in bioenergy production. The team consisted of five experts in diverse fields germane to bioen-

ergy.

Rubert Ward serves as President of JL Management Solutions LLC; Reginald Miles, Vice President, Phalanx Construction LLC; Martin Johnson, President, GreenSolar Louisiana; Morgan Watson, President, MEL Inc., and Glenn E. Ford, Chairman, GreenSolar Louisiana.

As greenhouse gases produced by burning fossil fuels are contributing to the problem of global warming, studies are underway at Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center to discover various types of biomass that can be used to create alternative fuel in more efficient ways. Biomass is the source of bioenergy. The collaboration between the SU Ag Center scientists and the industry experts will support development of a cutting edge product that will be environmentally safe and cost effective for future generations. On a global scope, bioenergy is the energy source of the future.

One of the team members, Rubert Ward has more than 35 years of experience managing domestic and international operations, including extensive experience in the waste tire recycling and energy industries. As Plant Manager, he managed the successful start-up of a \$400-million 565 Mw combined cycle facility and a \$100-million 35 Mw biomass cogeneration facility. Mr. Ward has also held senior executive positions with CMS Energy Corporation with investments and operations in 18 countries. He has had financial responsibility for \$200 million of assets generation, including Jamaica Private Power Company (Kingston, Jamaica), eight hydroelectric plants and two wind power plants.

SU Ag Center and College of Sciences and Agriculture Host Summer Camp on STEAM



Hands-on teaching

The SU Ag Center, represented by Dr. Andra Johnson, Urban Forestry, and the College of Sciences and Agriculture

hosted 47 elementary and middle school students from Interdenominational Faith Assembly Summer Camp Quest. The camp took place from June 16 - 21.

The students were involved in a program that introduced them to Agriculture and STEM disciplines.

At the SU Ag Center, students learned hands-on lessons in Global Information System, environmental science and the use of state-of the art microscopes.

STEAM:
Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Math

Communities Benefit from Business Development Training



Tensas Business Training Session



Tour of Kleinpeter Dairy Farm



Franklin Training Session

The staff of the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) held a free business development training in St. Joseph, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 13 in the Tensas Community Center.

Nearly 20 participants attended the training to learn what step they needed to take to become legal business entities. They also learned about business start-up, how to properly operate a business, read a profit and loss statement, cash flow statement, marketing techniques and proper business etiquette.

“I have seen several of the participants today and it just seems as if they had a new sense of pride about themselves. I believe that some of them got that push that they might have needed,” said Robert Webb, Tensas Parish Police Juror.

The CRSBD will continue to hold trainings and workshops in rural communities throughout the state in an effort to boost the state’s economy.

E-Learning Center Participates in St. Helena Parish Ag Day: The E-Learning Center in the Center for Rural and Small Business Development (CRSBD) and its staff attended and participated in the annual St. Helena Parish Ag Day in Greensburg, LA on Monday, June 9.

The event consisted of touring the Kleinpeter Dairy Farm, three vegetable farms, the H&H St. Helena 4-H Chapter Livestock Farm and Charles Barry’s cattle farm.

The E-Learning Center was available for individuals to receive one-on-one counseling by CRSBD staff, CRSBD and E-Learning Center brochures, information on borrowing and lending, marketing information and business cards for the Center’s staff.

“Starting and Maximizing Your Business” Training in Franklin and Natchitoches: The Center for Rural and Small Business Development held a “Starting and Maximizing Your Business” training on June 11 at the Franklin Recreation Center, and on June 12 in Natchitoches at the Abundant Life International

Ministries.

The starting and expanding a business section of the training was facilitated by CRSBD Outreach Specialist Eual Hall. Business etiquette tips were presented by CRSBD Administrative Program Assistant Sonja Butler and marketing techniques were discussed by E-Learning Center Program Director, LaKeeshia Giddens.

The participants received technical assistance in the form of one-on-one counseling, the forms and applications needed to legally register a business, information on how to create and read profit and loss and cash flow statements, marketing information, copies of the Small Business Administration’s Business Resource Magazine, business plan development information, CRSBD staff business cards and the CRSBD brochure.

School Thrives with Garden



Students working in garden

SU Ag Center's garden implementation is "thriving" with the students at THRIVE! After the abrupt closure of Jetson Correctional Center for Youth, the SUAREC Ag Fast Track USDA Grant team has shifted focus to teaching 6th and 7th grade adjudicated youth at THRIVE, agriculture and horticulture skills as well as how to implement a garden from the ground up. SU Ag Center's Kevin Belizeard assisted by tilling up a 100ft diameter circle on the THRIVE campus and each THRIVE class shaped the garden rows and planted.

THRIVE is a public, tuition-free, charter boarding school that serves at-risk students from East Baton Rouge. THRIVE is for students in grades 6 through 12. It provides students with an outstanding education in a holistically nurturing family-like residential setting.

The SUAREC team including Joyce Tubbs and Decobea Butler concluded the school year at THRIVE with a Taste Test Field Day. During the Taste Test Field Day the students were able to visit five different stations; giving them the opportunity to taste fresh vegetables and fruit, make their own trail mix and fruit smoothies. This experience allowed the students to try new things and see the advantage of planting and growing their own garden.

After experiencing the field day and learning the joys of gardening, the students were worried about their garden over the summer. There will be several workshops held at the garden site over the summer for the THRIVE students to attend and nurture the garden planted on campus and in their hearts.

The SU Ag Center "Ag Fast Track USDA Grant" team consists of Christie Monroe, Dr. Owusu Bandede, Stephanie Elwood, Kelli Hollins and Mila Berhane,

For more information about this program or to volunteer contact, Christie G. Monroe at (225) 771-4350 or via email at christie_monroe@suagcenter.com. Interested in becoming a volunteer at THRIVE visit their website at www.thrivebr.org

Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives Hosts Summer Program

The Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, a subsidiary of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, wrapped up its fourth week of the Food, Agricultural, and Science Summer Academy and took participants on its second educational tour to Avery Island on June 27. The group toured the Visitors' Center and the pepper sauce factory that is just one part of the Avery Island experience. In addition to seeing how they age TABASCO® Sauce in white oak barrels and ship it all over the world, they visited Avery Island's 170-acre Jungle Gardens and saw, in season, a variety of azaleas, camellias and bamboo.

SCRI wrapped up its third week of the Academy by taking the students on an educational tour of the [Louisiana 4-H museum](#). Over 45 campers traveled to Mansura, Louisiana on Friday, June 20th to get a taste of leadership, citizenship, and life skills. These skills will be beneficial to their communities, which include surrounding areas like Lawtell, Washington, Church Point, Palmetto, and Lafayette. 4-H has a long history of

helping youth "learn by doing." When youth are thoughtfully guided through the "do-reflect-apply" process, there is tremendous potential for positive youth development and growth. 4-H focuses on teaching new topics and life skills development.

Trained 4-H volunteers facilitated learning in non-formal settings, which included 4-H club meetings and other fun, but educational, activities. The campers were greeted by Nutrition Educator Melody Coco, who gave a seminar about consuming the correct portions of food. She also talked about the importance of exercising to help maintain a healthy life style. Extension Agent Justin Dufour used hands-on approach to teach the students how to control certain types of pest, the use of pesticides, and their effects on the trees that are found in our area.

The Louisiana 4-H museum provided the students a fun, yet fulfilling, learning experience. They returned from the tour eager to share the experience with their peers and community.



Students receive practical lessons from extension agent



Goldie Jordan, E-Learning Specialist, Southwest Center for Rural Initiatives, coordinated the activities and can be reached at (337) 943-2410 or goldie.jordan@suagcenter.com

Second Chance 2 Recovery Program Reunites Inmates with Families

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, through its Second Chance 2 Recovery program brought inmates at East Baton Rouge Parish Prison and their families together to enjoy a relaxing day on June 3, 2014 as part of the prison's "One Day With Kids" event.

"It's a very special feeling, I cherish the moment being with them and just spending time with them," Tameka Johnson said as she kissed her son on the cheek. Prison officials say the ladies earned the special extended visits by graduating from Southern University Agriculture Center's "Second Chance 2 Recovery" program.

The Second Chance 2 Recovery program, which teaches inmates job and parenting skills gave the inmates eight hours to visit with their children in a carnival setting, motivating them to do better when they return to society.

It was fun for children and mothers to play and eat together, giving them a chance to reconnect and make memories that can last forever.

The event was featured by [Fox 44 news](#) and is available online under the heading "Female inmates enjoy special day with their kids." The video clip is available at: <http://www.fox44.com/news/female-inmates-enjoy-special-day-their-kids>

For more information about this program contact, Tiffany Franklin at 225-771-2775 or tiffanyfranklin@suagcenter.com

Southwest Center Shows Opelousas Youth How to Make Biofuel

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center continues to grow in scope beyond agriculture and Baton Rouge to the Southwest Center for Rural Initiative. This summer, youth in St. Landry Parish are learning about making biofuels from SU Ag Center staff.

On June 17, 2014 the [Daily World](#) newspaper published an article entitled "From grease to green energy, kids learn science hands-on," in which Mr. Antonio Harris, research associate and instructor, shows youth ways to turn grease into fuel from restaurant grease.

The full article is available online at the [Daily World](#) website.

SU Ag Center Partners with Ville Platte on Swamp Pop Museum Community Garden

Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center staff, De'Shoin York, Nutrition Specialist; Stephanie Elwood, Extension associate and Melody Coco, nutrition educator, have partnered with Mayor Jennifer Vidrine of Ville Platte to build a town-wide community garden.



Community working in garden

The community garden has been planted by youth and adult residents of Ville Platte. The garden is located adjacent to the Swamp Pop Museum. The garden is an outdoor classroom this summer for Ville Platte Boys and Girls Club members to learn and participate.

Successful Cooking School Held in Madison Parish

Madison Parish held its second C.H.E.F. Youth Cooking School for 28 participants ranging in age from 9 to 17. Instructors were Sarah Sims, SU AgCenter FCS; Brittany Seay, LSU Nutrition Specialist; and Grace Siggers, LSU Nutrition Educator. The graduation ceremony attracted about 75 attendees including parents and family members of the participants.



Graduation ceremony



Youth serving parents

Faculty and staff activities and accomplishments

Sebhatu Gebrelul, professor, animal science and Shonta Manuel, Laboratory Technician of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, attended a symposium entitled “Goats: The Culture of Urban Agriculture,” held Saturday May 1-3, 2014 and co-sponsored by the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, New Orleans, the Guerilla Garden in the Lower Ninth Ward, New Orleans and the Tekrema Center for Art and Culture Center co-sponsored by Jenga Mwendu, founder of the Back Yard Gardeners and Greer E. Mendy, Founder of the Tekrema Center.

Other sponsors included the Sustainable Engagement and Development (CSED) under the direction of Arthur Johnson <http://www.sustainthenine.org/> and LSU College of Agriculture, Carl Motsenbocker. The event was designed to bring together grass root urban agriculture groups, educators and individuals in Haiti, New Orleans and Baton Rouge to share information on urban agriculture techniques and strategies, using goats as a beginning for a discussion about many aspects of urban agriculture.

Haitian guests included Reginald Cean, an EARTH University alumnus www.earth.ac.cr who is currently operating an agricultural institute in Mirabelle, Haiti and Justin Jean-Toussaint, Unity of Action for the Development of Cayes-Jacmel (UDADCAJ), who has designed seed-bank and reforestation projects for the Southeast region of the island for the past two decades. Also in attendance were Jacques Morial and Dr. Austin Allen, LSU School of Landscape Architecture.

Faculty and staff activities and accomplishments contd.

Fatemeh Malekian, professor in nutrition, conducted a cooking/snack-making demonstration at the Scotlandville library as part of grand opening of Mobile market on June 4th. Malekian made a parfait using plain nonfat yogurt, blueberry and honey. All ingredients came from local farmers. Children from surrounding schools who are attending summer school stopped by and tasted it and reported that the parfait was delicious. The recipe cards were distributed to visitors to the booth. The picture was posted on the official [BREADA](#) Facebook page. Red Stick mobile Market comes to Scotlandville library parking lot every Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Malekian also gave a presentation on healthy eating to 20 special needs students from schools around town on Tuesday June 17 at SU Ag Center Metabolic Kitchen. The students were very engaged and afterwards they expressed their appreciation for a great learning experience.

Dr. Malekian attended the [Institute of Food Technologists](#) (IFT) Annual Conference and Food Expo in New Orleans June 20-24. IFT is a nonprofit scientific society of individual members working in food science, food technology, and related professions.

She was a member of general arrangement host committee and this capacity ensured that everything went smoothly during the meeting and also participated in the discussions, attended forums, seminars, and presentations and shared experiences with other scientists from around the world.

Malekian was also chosen as the co-chair for education/extension division for the 2015-2016 award committees for Phi Tau, Sigma (honor Society of food scientists) and was acknowledged as one of the inaugural Certified Food Scientists (CFS). Two SUBR students, Hailey Hudson and Tanyatta Mayo, from Family Consumer Sciences also attended and assisted in the speaker room and wherever needed. They received great exposure to over 6000 food companies from around the world and attended presentations and other student activities.

More than 15,000 members attended the IFT meeting this year.

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<http://thescipub.com/abstract/10.3844/ajavsp.2014.110.115>.

Faculty and staff activities and accomplishments contd.

SU Ag Center Welcomes New Employees



Hendrix Broussard

Southern University Ag Center's Communities of Color Network is pleased to officially announce the appointment of Hendrix Broussard as Regional Coordinator for Regions 1 and 3.

Mr. Broussard is responsible for issues regarding tobacco use, prevention, and control in designated areas. He will plan, coordinate, and implement outreach activities, disseminate educational materials and resources, respond to the needs of the community and coalitions as he targets the African-American community to improve the quality of life for the

constituents in his area. He will additionally work cooperatively with the SU System task force to aid in implementation and policy compliance of the 100% Tobacco policy at Southern University in New Orleans.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Sciences from Southern University, Baton Rouge, and a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from Southern University New Orleans. Hendrix has been affiliated with Southern University Ag Center since 2007. Hendrix is married to Tiona, and has two children, Benjamin & Alexander.

He has served as a youth development/agriculture agent in Orleans Parish impacting the after-school

programs, 4-H Clubs and community development programs. He also participated in community health programs such as diabetes management, and has developed several community gardens. His level of expertise will be immeasurable as he forges a path in the area of tobacco education and influencing policy.

He can be reached at hendrix.broussard@suagcenter.com.

Linda Early Brown is the Director of Communities of Color Network at Southern University Ag Center.



Mac Goita

M f a m a r a Goita "Mac" joined us as Research Associate on July 1, 2014 with 100% research responsibilities. In this

capacity, he will assist Dr. Malekian in providing leadership in the design and implementation of research projects pertaining to human nutrition and health, such as adult and childhood obesity and collaborating with projects involving other health related research

topics. Goita will oversee recruitment of human subjects, screening, collecting, analyzing and interpreting the data. He will also assist in writing grant proposals manuscripts and publications; maintain a database of research results that can be accessed by scientists.

Mac was born in Baton Rouge, LA, and raised in Mali, West Africa. He returned to Louisiana and attended LSU where he received a BS degree in Chemistry, in 2008. He also holds a Master's degree in Food Science. Some of his past

major projects include: Development of high fiber chocolate bar, vitamin candies and High Protein bites.

Prior to coming to Southern University Ag Center, Goita worked as research associate at LSU Ag Center. His experiences include analyzing the health benefits of cocoa powder and sorghum. His works were presented at American Chemical Society, Experimental Biology and Institute of Food Technologists' conferences.

Event Schedule



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 8: FCP Class on Family Stress at La JET, Baton Rouge. Contact Delores Johnson, (225) 771-2242 ext. 237 or delores_johnson@suagcenter.com

August 8: Second Chance Class at the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. Contact Tiffany Franklin at (225) 771-2775 or tiffany_franklin@suagcenter.com

August 9: Wisteria Alliance training series; Handling Livestock. Contact Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin at (225)-771-2242