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Ask the HORTICULTURISTS: GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION

Monday, April 21 | 11:00 AM

Celebrating
**NATIONAL
GARDEN MONTH**



Stephanie M. Elwood, M.S.
LDAF Licensed Horticulturalist

Stephanie Elwood is a Horticulture Specialist with the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and a Licensed Horticulturist through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. With nearly 15 years of dedicated service to the SU Ag Center, Stephanie coordinates impactful programs such as the SNAP-Ed Growing Healthy Gardening program and the USDA/NIFA-funded "Out the Mud" grant. Her work has led to the successful implementation of over 100 gardens across the state of Louisiana, reflecting her deep passion for empowering individuals to grow their own food and explore horticulture as a sustainable and rewarding career path.



Bryce Moore
*Contracted Farmer/Youth
Farming Instructor*

Bryce Moore is a Southern A&M University '23 Alumni with a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Sciences with a concentration in Plant & Soil Science. Bryce is a Licensed Horticulturist through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry with a broad range of field expertise in various different lines of work which include: Coastal Restoration, Urban Forestry, Entomology, Residential/Commercial Landscape, Commercial Nursery Work, Tree Service, Honeybee Research, Viticulture, Agronomy, Invasive Species Management and more!

As of right now, Bryce works as a Farmworker and Youth Farming Instructor at Baton Roots where he helps teach 9-12th grade students how to grow, maintain and sell their own specialty crops along a 4-acre plot at BREC's Howell Community Park. He is also a Certified Yoga Teacher where he teaches at several yoga studios in Baton Rouge including: MoveYourBodyYoga, Leela Yoga Lifestyle and Preservation Yoga.



Yasmyne Wells
LDAF Licensed Horticulturalist

Yasmyne Wells is a graduate of Southern University A&M College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Sciences and currently works with the SU Ag Center as an extension assistant with the Out the Mud program, empowering adjudicated youth through hands-on gardening experiences. Yasmyne is a licensed horticulturist through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. She specializes in starting and maintaining home and school gardens, landscape gardening, plant cultivation, and agricultural education. She is passionate about educating and inspiring both youth and marginalized communities with opportunities for growth through agriculture, emphasizing the importance of knowing how to grow your food, and ensuring that all aspects of agriculture are accessible to all. Yasmyne's work is deeply rooted in creativity, purpose, and a fond love of the outdoors.

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