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MEMORANDUM

TO: Prospective Students
High School Counselors
Agriculture and Human Science Teachers
Current College Freshmen and Sophomores
Alumni
Community Leaders
Clergy
Friends and Supporters

FROM: George C. Wright *GCW*
President

SUBJECT: USDA/1890 National Scholars Program

I would like to inform you of one of the most exciting and important scholarship programs in the nation, the USDA/1890 National Scholars Program.

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) is in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to encourage bright young people to study agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or related disciplines. USDA's Office of Advocacy and Outreach recently announced that applications are now being accepted for this prestigious program for the 2016/2017 school year. Aspiring high school students, as well as, current college freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to apply before the **April 11, 2016 deadline**.

"This program furthers the Obama Administration's goal of promoting and encouraging America's young men and women to consider careers in agriculture and public service," said Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "Under this terrific partnership College-bound and current students will benefit from an outstanding educational opportunity and USDA benefits from the knowledge, talent, diversity and skills that they one day will bring to our organization."

Each USDA/1890 scholarship award will provide funds to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board for recipients to earn a Bachelor's degree. USDA/1890 National Scholars are selected by participating USDA agencies based on recommendations of participating 1890 Land-Grant Universities. Currently there are 12 students attending PVAMU under this program.

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I encourage you to review the attached material and share it with students in your school, church and or community (particularly those that might have an interest in attending PVAMU). By applying for this scholarship students are competing for an opportunity that will propel them into a leadership position. The application may be completed on line at [Download the 2016 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program High School Application HERE](#) and [Download the 2016 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program College Application HERE](#), for high school and college freshmen and sophomores respectively. The application must be printed for submission to PVAMU. Submitted applications must be postmarked by **April 11, 2016**.

For further information, please contact Horace D. Hodge, USDA/1890 Program Manager by voice at (936) 281-2521; cell (202) 302-4712; fax (936) 261-9975; email: hdhodge@pvamu.edu. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2736, Prairie View, Texas 77446.

Thank you.