Texas Agricultural
Lifetime Leadership Program

Class XIV - Session 4
Washington, DC, Maryland and New York
April 18 - 25, 2015

“National Government: Issues and Policies”
Saturday, April 18, 2015
Check into Holiday Inn Capitol | http://www.hicapitoldc.com/
Address: 550 C Street SW, Washington, D.C., 20024 | 202.479.4000
Contact: Stephen Balthrop, Tour & Travel Sales Manager | 202.378.1164

8:15 p.m.  Meet in lobby for bus.

8:30 p.m.  **“Washington After Dark” Tour - Bus will pick us up at the hotel.**  
Step off to visit: Jefferson Memorial, Kennedy Center, Marine Corps Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam and Korean Veterans Memorial. View from Coach: Capitol, Library of Congress, House & Senate, White House, etc.

11:00 p.m.  Return to hotel and adjourn for evening

Sunday, April 19, 2015

**FREE DAY for TALL XIV!**
Monday, April 20, 2015

Presiding: Steven Akers & Chad Wetzel
Dress: Business Attire
Transportation: Metro
Breakfast: Breakfast on Your Own

NOTE: Everyone will need a Photo ID for security

7:45 a.m. Depart for Ronald Reagan Building
Address: 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Location: Directly in front of the Federal Triangle Metro stop. Facing the Reagan Bldg. from there, enter to the right of the red canopies (a former restaurant), and you’ll be very close to the EPA guard desk. Have them call 202-564-6620, and someone will come down to escort you.

“EPA Regulations” Too Much, Too Little, or On Track”

8:30-8:45 am
Ron Carleton
Counselor to the Administrator for Agricultural Policy
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

8:45-9:30 am
Tom Burke
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, Office of Research and Development, and EPA Science Advisor

9:30 am Depart for the Pentagon via Metro
Address: 1400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Ronald Reagan Building (approx 4 min transit)
Walk 0.16 mile SW from 550 C ST SW to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION
7:45am: RAIL DEPARTS FROM L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION. BOARD ORANGE LINE
Rail towards VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU. ARRIVE FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION at 7:49am.
Walk 0.18 mile NW to 1300 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW

Metro Planner: Ronald Reagan Building to Pentagon (approx 13 min transit)
Walk 0.18 mile SE from 1300 PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW to FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION.
9:33am: RAIL DEPARTS FROM FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION. BOARD SILVER LINE
Rail towards LARGO TOWN CENTER. ARRIVE L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION at 9:37am.
9:37am. RAIL DEPARTS FROM L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION at 9:41am. BOARD YELLOW LINE
Rail towards FRANCONIA SPRINGFIELD. ARRIVE PENTAGON METRO STATION at 9:46am.
Monday, April 20, 2015 continued

9:50-10:00 a.m. Check into Pentagon Security
10:00–11:00 am Pentagon Tour
11:00-11:15 a.m. Welcome……………………………………Admiral James A. Winnefeld, Jr.
                  Vice Chairman, Joints Chiefs of Staff

11:30-12:00 pm Depart for USDA Briefing and lunch in the Jamie L. Whitten Building
              Address: 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. | Room 104-A

Metro Planner: Pentagon to Jamie L. Whitten Building: (approx 15 min transit)
              11:36am: RAIL DEPARTS FROM PENTAGON METRO STATION, BOARD BLUE LINE Rail
towards LARGO TOWN CENTER,, ARRIVE SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION at 11:51am
Walk 0.21 mile W to 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVE SW.

NOTE: ● Enter USDA through the Jefferson Drive (Smithsonian / National Mall) side of
       the USDA Whitten Building.
       List of participants will be with Security at this entrance.
       ● Everyone must have a Photo ID in order to enter the building.
       ● Security check-in at USDA , Jamie L. Whitten Building.
       ● Jennifer Yezak will meet you at security and escort you to
         Whitten Dining Room on 3rd floor and Meeting Room 104-A.
       ● No eating or drinking in Room 104-A.

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch ...USDA Lincoln Room, People’s Buffet, 3rd floor Whitten Building

Presiding:………………………………………………..Leah Wilkinson & Zane Nicholson

1:00 pm Welcome to USDA……………………………………………… Jennifer Yezak
         Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (TALL II Alumni)

1:05 pm ................................................................. .......................Tom Vilsack
        Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture

1:30 pm ................................................................. .......................Michael Scuse
        Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS)
        FFAS oversees Foreign Agricultural Service,
        Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency

2:00 pm ................................................................. .......................Lillian Salerno
        Administrator, Rural Business and Cooperative Services
Dr. Warren Preston
Acting Deputy Chief Economist, USDA

Concluding Remarks

3:00 p.m. Depart to American Farm Bureau Federation
Address: Gallery Plaza Building, 600 Maryland Ave SW, Washington DC 20024
Location: 10th floor, Suite 1000W. Office is located on the west side of the building (on the corner of 7th and Maryland Ave. SW) right next to the L’Enfant metro Station exit.

NOTE: Walk OR take the Metro, depends if there is inclement weather.
METRO - Take the Yellow, Green, Blue, or Orange Line to L’Enfant Plaza station. Look for the Smithsonian and 7th Street/Maryland Ave. exit. Take the escalators to street level. There will be a Wells Fargo Bank in front as you come up from Metro. On your right, there will be a tall glass building, the Gallery Plaza. Enter through the glass doors and turn right. Enter through a second set of glass doors and pass the security guard station. Take the elevator to AFBF Headquarters on the 10th floor. If you pass Starbucks, you’ve passed the entrance.

Metro Planner: Jamie L. Whitten Building to American Farm Bureau (approx 2 min transit)
Walk 0.21 mile E from 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVE SW to SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION.
3:11pm: RAIL DEPARTS FROM SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION, BOARD ORANGE LINE ⬇️Rail towards NEW CARROLLTON, ARRIVE L’ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION at 3:13pm.
Walk 0.11 mile NE to 600 MARYLAND AVE SW.

Meeting Room: Washington AB Conference Room

3:30-4:30 pm “Issues Facing US Agriculture Domestically and Globally”
Dale Moore
Executive Director, Public Policy, American Farm Bureau Federation
Bob Young
Chief Economist & Deputy Executive Director, Public Policy
American Farm Bureau Federation

Break

Presiding: Jorge Luis Alvarez & Colin Chopelas

4:40-5:40 pm “Update on International Markets” Kurt Shultz
Director of Global Strategies, U.S. Grains Council

“US Grains Council Programs” Erick Erickson
Vice President, U.S. Grains Council
Monday, April 20, 2015 continued

5:40 pm  Walk to Holiday Inn Capitol

6:30 p.m.  Depart to **Trattoria Alberto of Capitol Hill**
Address:  506 8th Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003 | (202) 544-2007

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**Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Trattoria Alberto of Capitol Hill** *(approx 6 min transit)*

Walk 0.16 mile **SW** from 550 C ST SW to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION
6:39pm: **RAIL DEPARTS FROM** L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION, **BOARD ORANGE LINE**
Rail **towards** NEW CARROLLTON, **ARRIVE** EASTERN MARKET METRO STATION at 6:45pm,
**Walk 0.18** mile **SE** to 506 8TH ST SE

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7:00 p.m.  **Dinner Speaker:**
“Working with Congress and the New Farm Bill”……….…….. Jeff Harrison
Combest, Sell & Associates

Adjourn  Metro back to **Holiday Inn Capitol**

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**Metro Planner: Trattoria Alberto to Holiday Inn Capitol** *(approx 6 min transit)*

Walk 0.18 mile **NW** from 506 8TH ST SE to EASTERN MARKET METRO STATION.
9:09pm: **RAIL DEPARTS FROM** EASTERN MARKET METRO STATION, **BOARD SILVER LINE**
Rail **towards** WIEHLE RESTON EAST, **ARRIVE** L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION at 9:15pm,
**Walk 0.16** mile **NE** to 550 C ST SW

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Tuesday, April 21, 2015

**Presiding:** ………………………………………………………………Lee Chastain & Dustin Cleavinger
**Dress** ………………………………………………………………………Business Attire
**Transportation** ………………………………………………………………………. Metro
**Breakfast** ……………………………………………………………………………Breakfast on Your Own

8:00 a.m.  Meet in hotel lobby and depart to **Eisenhower Executive Office Building**
Address:  17th St NW & Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

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**METRO Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to Eisenhower Executive Office Building** *(approx 7 min transit)*

Walk 0.16 mile **SW** from 550 C ST SW to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION.
8:09am: **RAIL DEPARTS FROM** L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION, **BOARD ORANGE LINE**
Rail **towards** VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU, **ARRIVE** FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION at 8:16am.
**Walk 0.23** mile **S** to 17TH ST NW & PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 continued:

8:30 a.m. Arrive at White House for security clearance.

NOTE: All attendees are asked to use the Southwest entrance of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) at 17th Street, NW and State Place NW (near New York Avenue, NW). Each person will need a government-issued ID to present to Security there. Then they will take steps up to the EEOB entrance and again show their government-issued ID and go through security. White House staffer will welcome and escort folks to the Indian Treaty Room after they enter the building.

9:00-11:00 am White House Briefing in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) - Indian Treaty Room

11:00-11:30 Travel to Rayburn House Office Building
Address: 45 Independence Ave Sw, Washington, DC 20237
Meeting Room: Room 2262, Rayburn House Office Building

### METRO Planner: Eisenhower Executive Office Building to Rayburn House Office Building

(approx 9 min transit) Walk 0.23 mile N from 17TH ST NW & PENNSYLVANIA AVE NW to FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION.
11:06am: RAIL DEPARTS FROM FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION, BOARD ORANGE LINE
Orange Line towards NEW CARROLLTON, ARRIVE FEDERAL CENTER METRO STATION at 11:15am.
Walk 0.39 mile NE to 45 INDEPENDENCE AVE SW

11:30-12:30 “Immigration, Homeland Security, and Responsibilities of Finance House Committee”……………………………………………………Connie Humphrey
Chief of Staff to Congressman Ruben Hinojosa
United States House of Representatives

12:30 p.m. Walk to the Longworth House Office Building.
Address: 240 S Capitol St Se, Washington, DC 20003

12:30-1:30 pm Lunch in the Longworth House Office Building cafeteria.

 Meeting Room: 1302 Ag Committee Hearing Room, Longworth House Office Building
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 continued:

1:30-2:15 pm ..........................................................Michael Horder
Professional Staff to Congressman Michael Conaway
United States House of Representatives

..........................................................Matt Schertz
Policy Director, House Agriculture Committee

2:15 pm Walk to the U.S. Capitol
Meeting Room: Room S-120.
Instructions: Enter from the north entrance of the capitol (Constitution Avenue) through the outside security checkpoint, from there you will head straight to the first desk on the left (Senate Appointments Desk) and they will direct you to Room S-120.

2:45 -3:05 pm. “National and Global Issues Effecting Economic Stability”
..........................................................Senator John Cornyn
United States Senator – Texas

Walk to the Longworth House Office Building, Room1539

3:45-4:45 pm “Congressional Issues and Priorities”..........Representative Bill Flores
United States Representative - Texas

| Presiding: ..........................................................Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz |
| Transportation..........................................................Metro |
| Dinner..................................................................Meal is Self-Directed and On Your Own |

5:30 pm Depart for Ford’s Theater
Address: 511 Tenth St, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Dinner: Self-directed and on your own – there are several dining places near Ford’s Theatre. (Selections are included in your packet)

7:00 pm Arrive no later than 7:00 p.m. at Ford’s Theatre
Address: 511 Tenth Street, NW | Group Sales: (202) 638-2367 | Box Office: (202) 347-4833
NOTE: Show Name: “Freedom’s Song”
Group Name: TALL 4/21/15E; Account #1018577

7:00 pm Dr. Jim will pick up tickets and distribute to participants.
(Tickets held at Ford’s Theatre Box Office. Present copy of confirmation letter)

7:15 pm Seating begins – Do not be late!
7:30 pm Performance (brief intermission - light snack/drink - on your own)
Tuesday, April 21, 2015 continued:

10:30 pm  Metro back to Holiday Inn Capitol.

**METRO Planner: Ford’s Theatre to Holiday Inn Capitol (approx. 5 min transit)**

Walk 0.19 mile NW from 511 10TH ST NW to METRO CENTER METRO STATION.

10:37pm: RAIL DEPARTS FROM METRO CENTER METRO STATION. BOARD ORANGE LINE 🚄

Rail towards NEW CARROLLTON. ARRIVE L’ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION at 10:42pm.

Walk 0.16 mile NE to 550 C ST SW.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

**PLEASE ALLOW YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME TO CHECK OUT OF HOTEL***

7:15 a.m.  Meet in hotel lobby with luggage and load bus.

7:30 a.m.  Depart for Maryland tours.

7:45 a.m.  Homework assignments, talks, news releases, etc. presented on the bus.

9:15 a.m.  Arrive and tour Bonita Farm - Breeding, foaling, breaking, training, racing farm

Address: 3745 Harmony Church Road; Darlington MD 21034; (410) 734-6906

**Tour Host** ……………………………………………………………………………………………...J. William Boniface

General Manager, Bonita Farm

“County Land Preservation Program……………………………William Amoss

Chief, Agricultural and Historic Preservation for Harford County Government

LEAD Alumnus

10:30 a.m.  Depart for Holloway Brothers Farm

Address: 1161 Stafford Road, Darlington, MD   21034

10:45 a.m.  Arrive and tour Holloway Brothers Farm – beef cattle, grain and hay operation, also sell retail beef.

**Tour Hosts** ……………………………..Henry & Richard Holloway, Jeff & Rick Holloway

Owners
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 continued:

“Ag Retail Sales and Commercial Ag Agronomy Center”……Karen Holloway
Manager, Mill of Bel Air | LEAD Alumna

Presiding:………………………………………………….. Mariano Lerma & Brad Lubbers

12:15 p.m. Depart for Broom’s Bloom Dairy
Address: 1700 S Fountain Green Road (MD 543), Bel Air, MD 21015;
(410) 399-2697
Tour Host…………………………………………………..David and Kate Dallam
Owners, Broom’s Bloom Dairy

12:30 p.m. Lunch and tour at Broom’s Bloom Dairy - dairy operation

“Industry outlook from a corporate perspective”………Dr. Andy Holloway
Elanco | LEAD Alumnus

“Ag lending issues in the area……………………………………John Stump
Farm Credit | LEAD Alumnus

2:30 p.m. Depart for Riehl Farm (Amish Farm)
NOTE: (No cameras please)

4:00 p.m. Arrive and tour Riehl Farm (dairy farm),
Address: 247 East Eby Road, Leola, PA 17540
Tour Hosts…………………………………………………….Sam and Susie Riehl
Owners

5:30 p.m. Depart for hotel in New York City

8:30 p.m. Arrive and check into the ROW NYC Hotel
700 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10036 | 888.352.3650 | http://rownyc.com/
Contact: Alfreda “Ronny” Simmons, Group Sales Coordinator | 212.642.4628
NOTE: You are required to give the Manager on Duty a courtesy call 10 minutes
prior to arrival. Number is 646-629-8716.
Front Office Manager will meet & greet the group on the BUS with Keys.

NOTE: Free evening for TALL XIV!

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Presiding:…………………………………………………..Mary Luedeker & Michelle Moore
Dress:……………………………………………………………………………………………..Business Casual
NOTE…………………………..Wear a jacket, closed-toe, water proof rubber shoes/boots
Breakfast …………………………………………………………………………………Breakfast On Your Own
NOTE: ……………………A McDonald’s may be located across the street from the hotel.
…………………………………………………The address is 688 8th Ave, New York, NY 10036.
Transportation ……………………………………………………………………………Bus
Thursday, April 23, 2015 continued

5:15 a.m. Assemble in hotel lobby

5:30 a.m. Bus departs for New Fulton Fish Market – America’s oldest fish market
Address: 800 Food Center Dr., Unit 65B, Bronx, NY 10474

NOTE: Toll plaza personnel will be expecting you and will direct you to a location where Victor Seguinot will be waiting.

6:00 a.m. Observe fish market operation...............................Victor Seguinot
Security Director, New Fulton Fish Market

7:15 a.m. Bus departs for Mosner Family Brands – wholesale meat company
Address: 355 Food Center Drive, Building E-8, Bronx, NY 10474

7:30 a.m. Observe meat packing operation.................................Benjamin Mosner
Vice President of Sales, Mosner Family Brands

9:00 a.m. Bus departs for Hunts’ Point Produce Market – largest wholesale produce market in the world
Address: Halleck and Spofford Streets, Bronx, NY 10474
(Across the street from the meat market)

9:05 a.m. Tour of two packing houses......................... Hunts’ Point Produce Market
Meet in the Board Room
“Overview of the Market”..........................Myra Gordon
Executive Admin Director, Hunts’ Point Produce Market

11:15 a.m. Bus departs for Community Kitchen in West Harlem
(soup kitchen and food training program)
Address: 252 W 116 Street, New York, NY 10026 | (212) 566-7855

The tour will include a discussion with the celebrated chef and Food Bank’s consultant Chef Max Hardy about the feeding programs, an orientation by the Food Bank’s Benefit Access program about its SNAP service, culminating with lunch..................................................Sheree Quiles
Administrative Manager, Food Bank For New York City Community Kitchen and Food Pantry of West Harlem

12:00 Noon Lunch at Community Kitchen
Thursday, April 23, 2015 continued:

Presiding Members:.............................................Jonah Parker & Rebecca Rivers
NOTE:.................................................................. Lunch to be paid by your individual donation.

1:15 p.m.  Bus departs to Cornell Financial Engineering Manhattan
            Address: 55 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004
            Contact: Devon Henry, CFEM Administrative Assistant, (212) 363-2979

1:40 p.m.  Bus arrives at Cornell Financial Engineering Manhattan – (Bus is released)

NOTE:  Check-in at the lobby security desk and then proceed to the 3rd floor.
        Turn left as you exit the elevator and then go straight ahead.

2:00-2:45 p.m.  “Funding American Agriculture through the Farm Credit System”
                  .............................................................................. Susan Bilotta
                  Vice President, Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

3:00-3:45 p.m.  “Three Decades of Commodity Market Evolution”
                  ....................................................................................... Sal Gilbertie
                  President, Chief Investment Officer and co-founder of Teucrium Trading, LLC

4:00 p.m.  Class photo at the Merrill Lynch Bull
            Address: Broadway & Morris St, New York, NY (2 blocks from Cornell)

4:15 p.m.  Free evening for TALL XIII!
            Suggestions: Ground Zero, Fraunces Tavern - served as one of George
            Washington’s headquarters during the revolution.

NOTE:  Take cabs or the subway back to the hotel.
NOTE:  Larry Van De Valk, Executive Director, LEAD New York, will arrive in
        NYC and check in to hotel. Larry will accompany the group tomorrow.

Friday, April 24, 2015

Presiding:.............................................Cuatro Strack & Travis Thorne
Dress:...........................................................................................................Business Casual
Breakfast .................................................................................................... Breakfast On Your Own
Transportation .............................................................................................. Bus

Bus Company:...................................... Hampton Jitney Inc. | Charter #'s 7343, 4342, 4344
Contact:.......................................... Susan Williams, Charter Manager | 631.283.4600 ext. 341
Friday, April 24, 2015 continued:

6:30 a.m.  Breakfast on your own.

7:15 a.m.  Meet in hotel lobby.

7:30 a.m.  Bus departs hotel for Pine Island (1 hr. 15 min.)

8:45 a.m.  Visit DeBuck’s Sod Farm
            Address: 120 DeBuck’s Dr., Pine Island

10:00 a.m.  Visit Ruszkiewicz Onion Farm
            Address: next to DeBuck’s Sod Farm

11:15 a.m.  Travel to Cheryl Rogowski’s Farm
            Address: 327-329 Glenwood Rd., Pine Island (5 min.)

11:30 a.m.  Brief tour and discussion at Rogowski Farm

12:00 p.m.  Lunch at Rogowski Farm with guests

            Lunch Speaker……………………………………………………..Phil Giltner
            Deputy Commissioner, NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets

1:00 p.m.  Depart for Montgomery (45 min.)

1:45 p.m.  Visit Martin Nop Dairy
            Address: 97 Zylstra Ln, Montgomery, NY  12549

3:15 p.m.  Travel to Walden
            Address: 65 Crist Lane, Walden, NY (15 min.)

3:30 p.m.  Visit Jenny Crist, Crist Orchards – orchard, packing house and cold storage

5:00 p.m.  Depart for Manhattan (1 hr. 15 min.)

7:00 p.m.  TALL XIV attend Yankee/Mets game with Mosner family.
            Mosner family tickets sponsored by Scott’s Miracle Gro.

            Dinner on your own.

Presiding:……………………………………………………………………..Eric Turpen & Cody White
Saturday, April 25, 2015

Session Adjourned.

*Have a safe trip home!*