



**Governor Dolph Briscoe Jr.,
Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership
(TALL) Program**

**Cohort XVII - Session 8
Washington DC & North Carolina
April 23-30, 2022**

“National Government: Issues and Policies”

**TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION**

Saturday, April 23, 2022

**Check into Holiday Inn Capitol | <http://www.hicapitoldc.com/>
Address: 550 C Street SW, Washington, D.C., 20024 | 202.479.4000**

Presiding:	Chaz Rutledge & Blair Krebs
Dress:	Casual, bring a jacket and dress warm
Transportation:	Bus

Hotel Check-In

8:15 p.m. Meet in lobby for tour bus pick up

8:30 p.m. **“Night on the National Mall” Tour - Bus will pick us up at the hotel**

A private night tour of Washington, DC, with Grand Atlas on the National Mall gives you a private guide who will show you into the beautiful memorials alit at night. You'll spend time at the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Reflecting Pool, plus the White House, Capitol, and more! With your personal guide, you will enjoy private transportation between these memorials and more, maximizing the time in the memorials! Visiting DC monuments at night is a completely unique and breathtaking experience—and it's one you shouldn't miss out on! Private night tours of Washington, DC, provide you with sights that one would not have seen in the daylight. It's the best way to tour Washington at night! Schedule a private night tour of Washington, DC, today to experience this beautiful city from a different perspective.

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

Sunday, April 24, 2022

FREE DAY for TALL

Suggestions: The National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, The National Zoo, Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, George Town, Union Station, The Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian, Monticello, or anything else you find interesting.

Monday, April 25, 2022

Presiding..... Stephen Loyd & Carmen Fenton
Dress: Business Attire
Transportation Metro / Walking
Breakfast On your own In Hotel (Eat a heavy breakfast, lunch @2pm)
NOTE..... Everyone will need a Photo ID for security clearance

7:00 a.m. Meet in Hotel lobby to depart for USDA offices

1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250

Metro Planner: HOTEL TO USDA

Walk - 4 min - 0.1 miles to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION Enter station at D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS entrance. ORANGE LINE - 3 mins Departs from L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION

7:23am - Board ORANGE LINE towards NEW CARROLLTON. 7:26am - Arrive at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION.

Walk - 8 min - 0.2 miles Exit station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION to destination

7:30 a.m. Arrive at USDA – Clear through security protocols

NEED A PHOTO ID & PROOF OF VACCINATION/NEGATIVE TEST FORM

Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 104A

8:00 a.m. **USDA ...Hubert Hamer, Administrator - National Agricultural Statistics Service**

Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary - Farm Production and Conservation

Kevin Shea, Administrator - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Bruce Summer, Administrator - Agricultural Marketing Service

Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Administrator - Agricultural Research Service

Presiding: Giovana Benitez & Joe Patranella

11:30 a.m. **EPA Overview & Discussion**

Rod Snyder, Agricultural Advisor to EPA Administrator Regan

Dr. Venus Welch-White, National Rural Energy Program Coordinator

12:15 p.m. Depart USDA for Rayburn House Office Building

45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

Metro Planner: USDA to Rayburn House

Walk - 8 min - 0.2 miles to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION. Enter station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION entrance. SILVER LINE - 2 mins Departs from CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION

12:24pm - Board SILVER LINE towards WIEHLE RESTON EAST 12:26pm - Arrive at FEDERAL CENTER METRO STATION

Walk - 14 min - 0.4 miles Exit station at FEDERAL CENTER METRO STATION to destination

12:45 pm Meet at Rayburn visitors entrance facing South Capitol Street

(Rayburn horseshoe) Go through security - **NEED A PHOTO ID**

Presiding: Chaz Rutledge & Katy Kemp

1:00 p.m. **The war in Ukraine and Its Impact on The Globe**

U.S. Representative Michael McCaul, Ranking Member

House Foreign Affairs Committee

2:00 p.m. Lunch on your own in the Longworth Cafeteria

2:30 p.m. Depart for Russell Senate Building

Group will walk together – 15 minute walk, will pass by the Capitol

Room 328A - Hearing Room

- 3:00 p.m. **U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Discussions**
Farm Bill, Cattle Price Discovery, Ag Research & Nutrition Programs
Committee Staff Members
 - 4:20 p.m. **Andrew Cooper**, Legislative Assistant
 - 5:00 p.m. ADJOURN
- Free Evening - Possible dinner with Ambassadors**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Presiding: Lance Gilliland & Brennen Johnson Dress Business Attire Transportation Metro Breakfast On your own In Hotel

- 7:30 a.m. Meet in Hotel lobby to depart for American Farm Bureau Federation
Group will walk together – 3 minute walk
- 8:00 a.m. **American Farm Bureau Discussion** **Dale Moore**, Executive Vice President
America Farm Bureau Federation
- 9:30 a.m. Group photo on the rooftop

Presiding: Christi Short & Travis Ward
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- 9:45 a.m. Depart for The Bush School of Government & Public Service, D.C. via Metro Rail
1620 L St NW, Washington, DC 20036

<p><u>Metro Planner: American Farm Bureau to The Bush School DC</u> Walk - 1 min to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION. Enter station at 7TH ST SW & MARYLAND AVE SW - DOT COURTYARD entrance. 9:55am - Board BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA-SPRINGFIELD 10:04am - Arrive at FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION. Exit station at 17TH & I (EYE) ST NW to Destination. Walk approx. 2 blocks N on 17th St NW. Turn right on L St NW. Walk approx. 1 block E on L St NW.</p>

- 10:30 a.m. Clearance Time and Break before tour
- 11:00 a.m. **Lt. Gen (retired) Jay Silveria**, Executive Director -The Bush School of Government & Public Service, D.C
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
Close by Lunch options:
Pot Belly Sandwich Shop 1660 L St NW, Washington, DC 20036
City Place Café 1101 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036
Sunrise Café 1102 17th St NW, Washington, DC 20036
Italian Gourmet Deli 1707 L St NW, Washington, DC 20036
- 12:50 p.m. Return to The Bush School of Government & Public Service, D.C
- 1:00 p.m. **Charles “Chuck” Conner**, President, and Chief Executive Officer
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (*invited*)

Chandler Goule, Executive Director - National Association of Wheat Growers

Sarah Gallo, Vice President - Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology
Innovation Organization (*invited*)

3:30 p.m. Depart for Longworth House Building

1 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

Metro Planner: The Bush School to Longworth House

Walk - 8 min - 0.2 miles to FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION. Enter station at 17TH & I (EYE) ST NW Entrance. SILVER LINE - 12 mins. Departs from FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION 3:41pm - Board SILVER LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER 3:53pm - Arrive at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION
Walk - 10 min - 0.3 miles Exit station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION to destination

**Need to be at Longworth 4:30pm to get in line for entry
Room 1302, Longworth House Building**

5:00 pm **U.S. Representative Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-PA)**, Ranking Member
House Committee on Agriculture

Josh Maxwell, Policy Director - House Committee on Agriculture

Committee Staff members

6:00 p.m. ADJOURN

Free Evening - Possible dinner with Ambassadors

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Dress	Business Casual
Breakfast	Breakfast on Your Own
Transportation	Bus

6:15 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby with luggage, **CHECK OUT** and load bus.

7:00a.m. Depart for **Fleming Brothers Farms**

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

Presiding:	Andrew Polk & Isaac Sulemana
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12:00 p.m. **Fleming Brothers Farms**
Tour, Speakers & Lunch
North Carolina's Ag Economy

1:30 p.m. **North Carolina's Ag Economy Dr. Blake Brown**, Hugh C. Kiger Professor
Agricultural and Resource Economics - North Carolina State University

2:30 p.m. Depart Scotland Neck for **Mother Earth Brewery**

4:00 p.m. Arrive at Mother Earth Brewery
Tour & Overview

5:00 p.m. Depart for Dinner at King's Restaurant

5:30 p.m. Dinner at Kings Restaurant (BBQ & Seafood)

8:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

Hampton Inn Kinston
1382 Highway 258 South, Kinston NC 28504

Thursday, April 28, 2022

Presiding: **Blair Krebs & Matt Clifton**
Dress: **Business Casual**
Breakfast **Breakfast on Your Own in hotel**
Transportation **Bus**

NOTE: MUST BRING PHOTO ID WITH YOU!!

- 6:00 a.m. Breakfast in hotel and Check Out, bring all luggage with you
- 7:30 a.m. Depart for North Carolina State Port Authority, Maritime Building
- 9:00 a.m. Arrive at NCSPA
TOUR NCSPA General Cargo Terminal
- 10:00 a.m. TOUR Port of Wilmington Cold Storage
Chuck McCarthy, President - Port of Wilmington Cold Storage
Chuck Schoniger, Founder - USA InvestCo
Board of Directors of the North Carolina Foreign Trade Promotion Council
- 11:15 a.m. Depart for Live Oak Bank

Presiding: **Kate Fred & Chris Looney**

- 11:30 p.m. Arrive at Live Oak Bank
Speakers & Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for Warren Farms

Presiding: **Sam Nesbitt & Stephen Tucker**

- 2:00 p.m. Arrive at Warren Farms
Tour Speakers
- 4:00 p.m. Depart for Ramada by Wyndham Raleigh
- 5:00 p.m. Arrive in Raleigh
Check into hotel & drop off luggage
- 5:15 p.m. Depart for Reception at North Carolina Farm Bureau
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Reception with Alumni
- 9:00 p.m. Depart for hotel

Friday, April 29, 2022

Presiding	Andrew Dusek & John Leifester
Dress	Business Casual
Breakfast	On Your Own
Transportation	Bus

****NOTE: Will be done by 6pm. Coordinators suggest making reservations for dinner! ****

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast in hotel
- 8:00 a.m. Depart for Troxler Center
- 8:30 a.m. Tour Troxler Center
- 9:15 a.m. Depart for University Club

Presiding: Tyler Cross & Giovana Benitez

- 9:30 a.m. Arrive at University Club
- 10:00 a.m. North Carolina Department of Agriculture
Dr. Sandy Stewart, Assistant Director of Agricultural Services
- 10:45 a.m. **Peter Daniel**, Chairman, NC Ag Partnership
- 11:00 a.m. **Andy Curliss**, National Director of Strategic Initiatives at SAS Institute
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at University Club

Presiding: Steven White & Kate Fred

- 1:15 p.m. Depart for Plant Science Initiative
- 1:30 p.m. Plant Sciences Building Tour
- 2:30 p.m. Plant Science Initiative **Dr. Adrian Percy** or **Geoff Bock**
- 3:30 p.m. **Dr. Rich Bonanno**, NC State CALS & Associate Dean & Director of Extension
- 4:15 p.m. Depart for NC State Dairy, Howling Cow Creamery
- 4:30 p.m. Howling Cow Creamery
Tour & Speakers
- 5:30 p.m. Depart for hotel

FREE EVENING

Saturday, April 30, 2022

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL ~Session Adjourned