



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

**Class XVIII - Session 4
Washington, DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania
and New York
April 15-22, 2023**

“National Government: Issues and Policies”

**TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION**

Saturday, April 15, 2023

**Check into Holiday Inn Capitol
550 C Street SW, Washington, D.C., 20024 | 202.479.4000**

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

Presiding:	Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Dress:	Casual, bring a jacket and dress warm
Transportation:	Bus

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 16, 2023

FREE DAY for TALL

****Get Metro cards from Dr. Mazurkiewicz****

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.

***** MUST make speaker gift bags before you leave hotel *****

CANNOT take OLGA inside buildings.

Monday, April 17, 2023

Presiding.....	Tillery Sims & Jayci Bishop
Dress:.....	Business Attire
Transportation	Metro
Breakfast.....	On Your Own
NOTE.....	Everyone will need a <u>Photo ID</u>

7:30 a.m. Meet in Hotel lobby

8:00 a.m. Depart for U.S. Department of Agriculture: Metro (13 min) / Walk (13 min)
USDA Whitten building
Henry Wallace Room 108-A
1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250

Metro Planner: Hotel to USDA Whitten Building
L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Enter station at D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS
ORANGE LINE - 2 mins | Departs from L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION
8:07am - Board ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU
8:09am - Arrive at SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION
Exit station at 12TH ST SW & INDEPENDENCE AVE SW to destination

8:30 a.m. Arrive at USDA and go through security

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview of USDA Priorities
Jon Hurst, Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

9:20 a.m. Agricultural Research Service **Dr. Simon Liu**, Administrator
Michael Arnold, Director, Budget & Program Management Staff
Benjamin Bell, Legislative Affairs Officer

9:50 a.m. Office of the Chief Economist **Dr. Cindy Nickerson**, Deputy Chief Economist

10:20 a.m. Marketing and Regulatory Programs **Deputy Under Secretary Katie Zenk**
Dr. Rosemary Sifford, APHIS Deputy Administrator Veterinary Services
Dr. Jessica Fantinato, APHIS Associate Deputy Administrator Wildlife Services
Erin Morris, AMS Associate Administrator

11:00 a.m. Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs
Jeanne Bailey, Foreign Agricultural Service Deputy Administrator

11:30 a.m. Farm Production and Conservation **Under Secretary Robert Bonnie**

12:00 p.m. Depart for Capitol Hill: Metro (30 min) / Walk (18 min)

Metro Planner: USDA Whitten Building to Longworth Building
Walk - 6 min - 0.2 miles to SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION | Enter station at 12TH ST SW & INDEPENDENCE AVE SW entrance | ORANGE LINE - 5 mins | Departs from SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION 12:08pm - Board ORANGE LINE towards NEW CARROLLTON 12:13pm - Arrive at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Walk - 10 min - 0.3 miles | Exit station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION to destination

12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own in Longworth cafeteria

Presiding: Trent Tyson & Jon Cluck

2255 Rayburn House Office Building

1:15 pm- Meet with Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX-District 10) – Serves as Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and on the House Committee on Homeland Security

2204 Rayburn House Office Building

1:35 p.m. Meet with Congressman Pete Sessions (R-McLennan County)- Serves on the House Committee on Financial Services and House Committee on Oversight and Reform

4:00 p.m. Meet with Congressman Jake Ellzey (R-Ellis County)- Serves on the House Appropriations Committee and House Small Business Committee

4:30 p.m. **TBA**

5:30 p.m. **Depart for dinner at Brasserie Liberté: Uber (15-20min)**

3251 Prospect St. NW | Washington, DC 20007 | 202-878-8437

Presiding: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz

6:00 pm **Dinner & Speaker**

Mr. Adam Krzywosądzki, Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington DC

Mr. Bartosz Folusiak, First Counselor, Head of Economic Section
Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington DC

8:00 p.m. Depart for South steps of US Capitol - **Uber**

Presiding: Daniel Alders

9:00 pm Night Tour of U.S. Capitol with **Congressman Nathaniel Moran**

11:00 pm Depart for hotel

Metro Planner: U.S. Capitol to Hotel

Walk - 16 min - 0.5 miles to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Enter station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION entrance | 10:46pm - Board ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU
10:49pm - Arrive at L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION | Exit station at D ST SW BETWEEN 6TH & 7TH STS to destination

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Presiding: Addie Stone & Courtney Schmidt
Dress Business Attire
Transportation Metro
Breakfast On Your Own

8:00 a.m. **Meet in lobby and depart for EPA building**

Metro Planner: Holiday Inn Capitol to EPA: William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building
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 - 4 mins | Departs from L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION |
8:07am - Board ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU | 8:11am - Arrive at FEDERAL
TRIANGLE METRO STATION | Walk - 2 min - 0.1 miles
Exit station at FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION to destination

9:00 a.m. Arrive at EPA and go through security

10:00 a.m. **EPA**
Rod Snyder, Senior Advisor for Agriculture- Office of the Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Venus Welch-White, PhD, Senior Advisor to the Ag Advisor, Ag Advisor
Office Career Lead, Designated Federal Officer, Farm,
Ranch, & Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee
Office of the Administrator- Environmental Protection Agency

11:00 a.m. Depart for Russell Senate Office Building
224 1ST ST. NE | Washington, DC 20002

Metro Planner: EPA: Federal Building to Russell Senate Office Building
Walk - 2 min - 0.1 miles to FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION | Enter station at FEDERAL TRIANGLE
METRO STATION entrance | ORANGE LINE - 7 mins | Departs from FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO
STATION 11:06am - Board ORANGE LINE towards NEW CARROLLTON | 11:13am - Arrive at CAPITOL
SOUTH METRO STATION | Walk - 18 min - 0.5 miles
Exit station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION to destination

Senator Cruz' office Russell 167

Presiding: Daniel Alders

12:30 p.m. Meet with **Senator Ted Cruz**

1:15 p.m. Depart for Longworth Building Cafeteria

Metro Planner: Russell Senate Office Building to Longworth Building
Walk - 18 min - 0.5 miles | to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Enter station at CAPITOL SOUTH
METRO STATION entrance | ORANGE LINE - 2 mins | Departs from CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION
1:35pm - Board ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU | 1:37pm - Arrive at FEDERAL CENTER
METRO STATION | BLUE LINE - 2 mins Departs from FEDERAL CENTER METRO STATION
1:44pm - Board BLUE LINE towards LARGO | 1:46pm - Arrive at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION
Walk - 10 min - 0.3 miles | Exit station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION to destination

2:00 p.m. **Lunch**

3:10 p.m. Depart for U.S. Capitol Steps - House side

Presiding: Jake Troutt & Tyler Randolph

- 3:30 p.m. Meet with **Congressman Jodey Arrington** and take group photo
- 4:00 p.m. **TBA**
- 6:00 p.m. Depart Texas Farm Bureau Event
Grand Hyatt Washington– Independence Ballroom
1000 H St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Metro Planner: EPA: Longworth to Grand Hyatt Washington
 Walk - 10 min - 0.3 miles to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION | Enter station at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION entrance | BLUE LINE - 8 mins Departs from CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION
 6:13pm - Board BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA-SPRINGFIELD | 6:21pm - Arrive at METRO CENTER METRO STATION | Walk - 7 min - 0.2 miles | Exit station at 12TH ST NW & G ST NW to destination

Presiding: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz

- 7:00 p.m. Dinner & Speaker with Texas Farm Bureau
- 9:30 p.m. Depart for Hotel

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Dress.....Business Casual
Breakfast On Your Own
Transportation Bus

- 7:00 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby with luggage, **CHECK OUT** and load bus.

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Coordinated by William Amoss, Administrator,
Harford County MD Land Preservation Programs (LEAD ALUMNUS)

- 7:15a.m. Depart for **Maryland tours**
- 7:45 a.m. Homework assignments, talks, news releases, etc. presented on the bus

Presiding: Reina Lewis & Kodie Sageser

- 9:15 a.m. Arrive and tour **Holloway Brothers Farm**
Grain & Cattle operation tour/discussion

Jeff & Rick Holloway - Owners
Harford County’s Land Preservation Program
Bill Amoss, Administrator
 Harford County, MD Land Preservation Programs
 (LEAD ALUMNUS)

- 10:30 a.m. Depart for **Hopkins Farm Brewery**

Presiding:..... Zane Thornton & Mark Limon

10:50 a.m. Grain, produce & farm brewery operation tour/discussion.
Aaron, David, Dan Hopkins & Alice Puckett - owners

12:15 p.m. Depart for Broom’s Bloom Dairy

12:30 p.m. Lunch and tour at Broom’s Bloom Dairy
David and Kate Dallam, Owners, Broom’s Bloom Dairy

2:30 p.m. Depart for Riehl Farm (Amish Farm) - (NO CAMERAS!)

Presiding: Thomas McNutt & Rhett Rabenaldt

4:00 p.m. Arrive and tour Riehl Farm
Tour Hosts.....Sam and Susie Riehl, Owners
Pennsylvania Welcome.....Russell C. Redding, Secretary of Agriculture
for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Ag

6:30 p.m. Depart for hotel in New York City

Stop on the way for break and food

9:00 p.m. Arrive and check into Hotel
FREE EVENING

What's nearby:

5th Avenue South: 1.50 miles | 9/11 Memorial Museum: 5.30 miles
American Museum of Natural History: 2.10 miles | Bryant Park: 0.50 miles
Central Park: 2.80 miles

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Presiding: Lance Barnett & James Dangelmayr
Dress: Business Casual
Breakfast..... On Your Own
Transportation..... Bus

7:00 a.m. Bus departs for GrowNYC

8:00 a.m. Overview & Guided Tour GrowNYC
Sofia Degtyar, Lead Procurement Manager
Tevon McNair, Warehouse and Facilities Manager

9:30 a.m. Depart for Baldor Specialty Food, Inc.

Presiding: Jaclyn Roberts & Courtney Schmidt

10:00 a.m. Baldor Foods
Presentation & Warehouse tour Michael Muzyk, President
Jared Walton, Director, National Accounts & Sales Operations

Lunch

12:30 p.m. Depart for Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation

When you arrive, you will check in with security at the desk in the lobby. They will have your names registered and everyone will be asked for ID. After everyone is registered and bags scanned (this may take about 10-15 minutes), you will proceed to the 35th floor. Once you arrive at our office, there is a phone outside our main door.

You can dial extension (8016) and Dee Riccio will come out and meet you.

Presiding: Trent Tyson & Jessup Yeaman

1:30 p.m. Funding Corporation Overview **Tracey McCabe**, President & CEO
Dan Spencer, Vice President
Regina Gill, Managing Director - Investor Relations

5:00 p.m. Return to Hotel

FREE EVENING

Friday, April 21, 2023

Presiding Jon Cluck & Tillery Sims
Dress.....Business Casual
Breakfast..... On Your Own
Transportation..... Bus

***Coordinated by Larry Van De Valk, Executive Director
Empire State Food and Agricultural Leadership Institute (LEAD New York)***

7:00 a.m. Assemble in Lobby

7:30 a.m. Bus departs hotel for Bayport Flower Houses
940 Montauk Hwy, Bayport, NY 11705

New York Ag Overview Larry Van De Valk, Executive Director,
LEAD NY – Cornell University

9:30 a.m. **Bayport Flower Houses Tour & Overview**
John Auwaerter and family

11:00 a.m. Depart for Lunch at Pulaski Street Grille

Presiding: Tyler Randolph & Mark Limon

11:30 a.m. **Lunch & Speaker Panel**
LI Ag IssuesRob Carpenter, LI Farm Bureau Executive Director
PDRs and Farmland Protection Jessie Marcus, Peconic Land Trust

1:30 p.m. Depart for Suffolk County Marine Environmental Learning Center

Presiding: Jayci Bishop & Zane Thornton

2:00 p.m. CCE Cornell Shellfish hatchery Overview & Tour
Gregg Rivara- Aquaculture Specialist / SCMELC Site Director

3:00 p.m. Depart for Pindar Vineyards

3:30 p.m. Tour, Overview & Wine tasting & light hors d'oeuvres

6:00 p.m. Depart for NYC

8:00 p.m. Arrive at hotel

FREE EVENING

Saturday, April 22, 2023

CHECK OUT OF HOTEL ~Session Adjourned