

OSU MANRRS 2018 National Conference

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, a team of faculty, graduate, undergraduate and high school students representing OSU Oregon State University Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) caught their flight to the **33rd Annual MANRRS Career Fair and Training Conference** in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Participants attended the **3rd Annual Diversity Summit**, (where Tiffany Harper OSU Alum, now with Kentucky Department of Agriculture served as a panelist in the It's Time to Talk Forum), **and a variety of Mobil Tours**: Syngenta RTP Tour, Civil Rights Center and Museum, The Cotton Inc. and NC State College of Veterinary Medicine. Students attended the US Forest Service OnSite Hiring Event and the **Career Fair** with over 75 industry employers, government, academic, or non-profit organizations represented, including Oregon State University Graduate School and College of Agricultural Sciences.



Tiffany Harper, Kentucky Dept of Ag, Fabian Leon, UK, Ann McLay, Land O'Lakes



Smokey and Wanda Crannell



Students attended a variety of **professional development workshops with over 32 choices**, i.e. Are you Clean or Dirty?; The Pathway to Graduate School: What You Need to do Now to Succeed Later; Does Your Money Make \$ense?; Racial and Gender Microaggressions: Impacts on Personal Growth and Leadership Self-Efficacy; Navigating Corporate America- Preparation, Pitfalls, and Progression; Diversity, Cultural Awareness, and Human Relations, as well as Do People Get What Your Research Is Really About?, presented by Dr. Hams and Johannah Hamilton.

Having submitted their abstracts and/or previously selected for presentation:

Undergraduate Research Poster – Ananiya Demessie, Title: Biosynthesis of Trestatin in *Streptomyces dimorphogenes* – Certificate of Excellence

Oral Undergraduate Research – Trisha Chau. Title: Type A Dissection Patients Experiencing Post-Operative CVA.
National 3rd place award



Oral Graduate Research – Smit Vasquez-Caballero, Title: Ecological-Economic Model of a Mixed Stock Fishery.
National 1st place Award



Impromptu Speaking – Angel Torres – Certificate of Excellence

Elevator Speech – Johannah Hamilton – Certificate of Excellence

OSU Group competitions included a team for MANRRS Bowl Competition, Bunge International Agricultural Economics Case Study Competition, as well as the Regional and National Chapter of the Year!



OSU MANRRS received **2nd place in the Bunge International Agricultural Economics Case Study Competition**, with Purdue receiving first and University of Illinois, third.

OSU MANRRS as the Region VI Outstanding Chapter award winner, moved on to the finals with the following:

Region 1: University of Maryland-Eastern Shore

Region 2: North Carolina A&T State University

Region 3: University of Kentucky

Region 4: Lincoln University

Region 5: Purdue University

Region 6: Oregon State University



Each chapter presenting their Chapter's work in professional development, leadership, community service, and promotion of the National Society, the results were tabulated by the panel of 6 judges.

For the seventh consecutive year, **Oregon State University received National 2nd place in the COYA**. Congratulations to UK for their 6th consecutive 1st place Chapter of the Year award recognition.



Front Row: Cindy Zurita Cruz, Trisha Chau, Karina Heredia, Cecilia Morales Barajas, Gloria Ruiz Orozco, Marie Thompson and Wanda Crannell. Second Row: Ruben Lopez, Smit Vasquez-Caballero, Angel Torres, Johannah Hamilton, and Ananiya Demessie. Missing from photo: Jasmine Brown, Adan Avila, Nicole Hams.

Finally yet importantly, Ms. Marie Thompson and Ms. Johannah Hamilton elected to serve as Region VI undergraduate and graduate (respectively) national officers.

Faculty

- Wanda Crannell, MANRRS Chapter Advisor
- Amas Aduviri, CAMP/HEP Director
- Nicole Hams, Ph.D., MB Post-Doc
- Leigh Rappaport, JR MANRRS Advisor
- Onesty, Jasmine, Izzy, and Angelica – HS Jr. MANRRS

Graduate Students

- Johannah Hamilton, GTA Co-Advisor
- Jasmine Brown, Exec. Board Officer
- Smit Vasquez-Caballero

Undergraduates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angel Torres, Chapter President, past CAMP Cecilia Morales Barajas, Chapter VP, past CAMP Karina Heredia, Secretary, past CAMP Trisha Chau, Treasurer Cindy Zurita Cruz, Community Rep, past CAMP, MSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adan Avila, Community Rep, past CAMP Marie Thompson, Publicity Chair, MSP Gloria Ruiz Orozco, MSP Ananiya Demessie Ruben Lopez, current CAMP |
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