

National Teach Ag Campaign

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THE MINORITIES IN AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND RELATED SCIENCES ORGANIZATION SELECTED AS A 2019 NATIONAL TEACH AG CHAMPION

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK – As part of the annual National Teach Ag Day celebration, the National Teach Ag Campaign recognizes those who play an important role in agricultural education as Teach Ag Champions. Those recognized play an integral part in the recruitment and retention efforts of the National Teach Ag Campaign, in order to address the national demand for agriculture teachers.

The 2019 Teach Ag Champions were selected based upon their commitment to agriculture teacher recruitment and retention and their unwavering willingness to promote the National Teach Ag Campaign's message of ensuring a quality and diverse supply of agriculture teachers. This year, the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences Organization, was named one of the four 2019 National Teach Ag Champions.

The Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences Organization promotes academic and professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, this organization has hosted Teach Ag workshops at multiple conferences, with a reach of over 100 members in the last five years. In 2019, MANRRS also hosted a Future Agriscience Teacher Symposium for 12 participants at its national conference. It also has representation on the Inclusion, Equity, and Diversity Task Force – a joint initiative of the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) and the National FFA Organization.

The Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences Organization will be recognized for its outstanding accomplishments during the National Teach Ag Day live celebration on Thursday, September 19th, at the BASF headquarters, in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

National Teach Ag Day is a nationwide celebration that encourages others to consider a career teaching agriculture, while recognizing the contributions that agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities. Agriculture teachers are key to developing essential career and life skills in students, so that they will be successful problem solvers, leaders, entrepreneurs and agriculturalists. To log on to the live webcast, or for resources to help you plan your local Teach Ag Day celebration, visit naae.org/teachag.

The National Teach Ag Campaign is a project of the National Council for Agricultural Education, led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators. Funding for the National Teach Ag Campaign is provided by the CHS Foundation, Corteva Agriscience™, Growth Energy, and BASF as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the need to recruit and retain high quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture, and celebrate the positive contributions that agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities. For more information about the National Teach Ag Campaign, visit www.naae.org/teachag.

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