

Closing General Session: Closing Gala Dinner

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Date: Saturday March 26, 2022

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m.

Session Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Officer Report Time: 6:00 pm

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Diarra Blue	BURNETT	Dr. Diarra Blue	7:39	20:00
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Scholarship Presentation:				
John Deere	SIMPSON	Madlyn Zambrano	8:00	3:00
ZinPro	SIMPSON	LaToya Burrell, Executive Director of Anderson Foundation	8:03	3:00
National Grain + Feed	SIMPSON	Ebony Webber / Marcus Bernard	8:06	3:00
Cargill <i>thrive</i>	FARRELL	Will announce awards: Lauren Schroeder, Cargill	8:09	3:00
Junior MANRRS AFT	FARRELL	Will announce award: Ian Smith, Jr. MANRRS Coordinator	8:12	3:00
IMPACT STORY	FARRELL	Imani Durant		
JR. MANRRS AWARD Introduction	TIMMONS		8:15	1:00
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Award: Foster Spirit of Excellence - invite Dr. Foster to come up	BERNARD		8:44	3:00
Recognition: 2021-2022 Retiring National Officers & Ambassadors	BOLDEN - TILLER		8:47	3:00
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6:30

PRE-SESSION

7:00

WELCOME VIDEO

7:02

WELCOME & INVOCATION

M. JONES FROM PODIUM:

Good evening and welcome to the Closing Gala Dinner at the MANRRS 36th Annual Training Conference and Career Expo!

Tonight we gather for an exciting evening of celebration to reflect on our victories and lay the path ahead for a strong and enduring future for MANRRS. Throughout this week, we have been challenged to consider how we can individually and collectively broaden horizons and change the narrative for minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. To expand your horizon means to widen your perspective, to increase the possibilities through visibility, skills, and knowledge. Simply put, the horizon is a boundary beyond which one can see, and, in turn, gives us the ability to change the narrative.

But what does it take to truly broaden horizons? What does it take to have the ability to step back and see the bigger picture, that enables us to think beyond what we know is apparently possible, and step into a better world of opportunity and change? It requires us to be bold, be curious, be open, and be committed to the change we wish to see and to bring others along the way with us.

Were there moments this week that you were able to begin to broaden your horizon?

As you reflect on your time here in Jacksonville, were there opportunities for you to be open, to be bold, and to be curious? Did an event or conversation this week inspire you to be committed once you leave here and head back home? What future do you see for the national MANRRS organization? What perspectives need to shift as we head into our 37th year as a national society focused on increasing capacity and visibility for the most vital industry in our world—agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences?

Tonight, we celebrate. We celebrate the tenacious, intelligent scholars of this organization: the **bold**, and even the quiet students that work behind the scenes with data analytics and are still leading in their own way. We celebrate the **open** and **curious** students who are attending their very first national MANRRS conference. And we celebrate all of those who are **committed** to not only the organization we are today, but to the organization we will be tomorrow, and the tremendous impact that we'll continue to have in our industry.

We celebrate the academic, industry, and government professionals within this organization. Thank you for your time and devotion to developing a strong and diverse future for agriculture and natural resources. As we broaden our horizons, let's all press forward to see MANRRS continue to transform lives and make all of us better, stronger, and greater leaders.

MANRRS members and guests, welcome to our final

moments of the MANRRS 36th Annual Training
Conference and Career Expo!

Let's get this party started!

[INVOCATION]

M. JONES FROM PODIUM:

Before we begin, let's first break bread and enjoy
meaningful conversations.

Please assume an attitude of reflection and gratitude.

Tonight we are thankful for the many blessings and
opportunities we have been able to take part in. Thank you
for this week that was set aside for us to come together,
grow, encourage each other, and spur us on to continue to
build a better future for agriculture. Thank you for this meal
we are about to partake in, and the farmers and the

countless hands that transported and prepared this meal. May it nourish our bodies, and may we deeply engage with those we are sharing it with. Let us be blessed as we celebrate with those around us tonight, and may the lessons, inspirations, and relationships from this week be imprinted on our minds and hearts as we go back to our homes, campuses, and offices tomorrow.

Please continue enjoying your salads as our program continues. The main course will be served shortly.

7:04

SPONSOR REMARKS: ALLISON FLINN

FRANCIS FROM PODIUM:

As we finish out our conference this evening we would like to give another big thank you to our sponsors . BASF, Cargill, John Deere, Merck Animal Health, and Zoetis are all Diamond level sponsors, and the sponsors of this evening's session. Join me in thanking our sponsors for making the conference events possible!

This evening we are pleased to be joined by one of those Diamond level sponsors, Merck. Merck Animal Health is a research-driven company that develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of veterinary medicines and services.

They offer one of the industry's most innovative portfolios, spanning products for the prevention, treatment and

control of disease in all major farm and companion animal species..

They are a great partner of MANRRS and we are thankful to have the Director of Public Policy and Government Relations at Merck Animal Health, **Allison Flinn**, here with us today.

Please welcome **Ms. Allison Flinn**.

<<SPONSOR SPEAKS>>>

FRANCIS FROM PODIUM:

Allison, thank you so much for your partnership and support of the MANRRS organization. The work of you and Merck is an inspiration to our future leaders in agriculture and related sciences. MANRRS members and guests, **Allison Flinn**.

7:08

GUEST REMARKS: PRESIDENT ZIPPY DUVALL

FRANCIS FROM PODIUM:

Our next guest speaker for tonight has served as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation since 2016. He is a third-generation farmer from Georgia, where he and his son operate a beef cow herd, raise broiler chickens, and grow their own hay, all while continuing to restore the farmland that has been in the family for more than 90 years. Through his leadership as AFBF president, he has helped to shape a new farm bill, defeat misguided regulations, shepherd new trade agreements, and ensure farmers and ranchers are supported through natural disasters and the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please give a warm MANRRS welcome to the President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, **Mr. Zippy Duvall!**

[ZIPPY DUVALL SPEAKS]

[THANK ZIPPY DUVALL]

FRANCIS FROM PODIUM:

Mr. Duvall, thank you so much for being here with us tonight and providing remarks on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation. From your century-old family farm in rural Georgia, to your office on the Washington Mall, your devotion to American agriculture is seen and felt across the nation. Thank you for the work you do in order for the United States to continue to produce safe and affordable food to feed the world.

Help me in showing our gratitude for **President Duvall** one last time!

7:14 DINNER - IMPACT STORIES and SPONSOR VIDEOS

FRANCIS FROM PODIUM:

Tonight, we will hear some more MANRRS impact stories, beginning with **LOGAN QUINN** from Oregon State University. We invite you to please enjoy your meal during these presentations, but ask that you keep noise to a minimum while our MANRRS impact stories are shared. The impact stories will then be followed by videos from our sponsors. Thank you and enjoy.

[VIDEO PLAYS]

[Play for the following videos:

- **Impact Story - Logan Quinn**
- **Merck Animal Health**
- **Zoetis**
- **Cargill**

<<DINNER IS SERVED>>

7:36

INTRODUCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

BURNETT FROM PODIUM:

The next guest to join our stage also comes to us from our MANRRS Advisory Board. To help introduce this evening's keynote speaker, please welcome a longtime supporter of the MANRRS organization, and the head of human resources at BASF Agricultural Solutions North America, **Mr. Courtney J. White.**

WHITE FROM PODIUM:

Hello MANRRS! I am excited to welcome our keynote speaker to your national conference tonight. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Blue gained a passion for animals during his early adolescence by becoming the neighborhood veterinarian for household pets. He later attended Tuskegee University where he earned a

Bachelor of Animal Science and a Doctor of Veterinary medicine.

In 2015, Dr. Blue along with partners Dr. Michael Lavigne and Dr. Aubrey Ross, Jr. opened the doors to Cy-Fair Animal Hospital, a full service medical facility in Houston, Texas that specializes in today's leading veterinarian techniques.

The journey of planning and building their hospital ultimately gave way for the hit Animal Planet reality series "The Vet Life". The series captures Dr. Blue and his partners' lives as they juggle running a business while managing their family life filled with spouses, parents, in-laws, children, pets and friends.

It is a privilege to welcome Dr. Blue who has helped broaden horizons and change the narrative as an African American in veterinary science.

Please welcome to the stage, Dr. Diarra Blue.

7:39

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. DIARRA BLUE

[KEYNOTE SPEAKER DELIVERS]

[THANK KEYNOTE SPEAKER]

BURNETT FROM PODIUM:

Dr. Blue, thank you so much for being here with us tonight as we celebrate another year of minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. Thank you for sharing your story and perspective with us all, and may we continue to hold on to your message as we return to our respective homes and continue to lead a prosperous and vital organization.

MANRRS members and guests, let's give it up for **Dr. Blue** one more time!

8:00

DINNER TO BE CLEARED

<<DINNER TO BE CLEARED>>

8:00 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION: JOHN DEERE

SIMPSON FROM PODIUM:

John Deere awards one scholarship per region to students who have excelled in academics, extracurricular activities, MANRRS, and community involvements valued at \$1,150.

Onstage to help present the awards on behalf of John Deere, we have Product and System Specialist **Madalyn Zambrano.**

This years John Deere scholarship recipients are:

- Region One: Amjatu Mansaray from Rutgers University
- Region Two: Kayla Braggs from Florida A&M University

- Region Three: Maya Horvath from the University of Kentucky
- Region Four: William J. Gaspard Jr. from Louisiana State University
- Region Five: Amirah Haweit from Purdue University
- Region Six: Adriana Arias from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Thank you John Deere for continuing to support MANRRS students and congratulations to the recipients.

8:00

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION: ZINPRO

SIMPSON FROM PODIUM:

As part of the MANRRS Gold Scholarship Program, Zinpro has helped support high performing students with funding to travel and participate in the MANRRS Annual National Conference. Selected students are leaders in their local chapters. This support will allow continual development of the student's leadership and STEM skills.

Onstage to help present these scholarships from Zinpro is Executive Director of the Anderson Foundation, **LaToya Burrell**.

Help me in recognizing the following ZinPro Scholarship recipients:

- Eleanor Aro, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
- Thomas Lewis, University of Kentucky
- Meredith Maynard, Mississippi State University
- Tatum Simms, University of Arkansas

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SIMPSON FROM PODIUM:

Join me in thanking ZinPro for the contributions to our
MANRRS students!

8:06

**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION:
NATIONAL GRAIN + FEED**

SIMPSON FROM PODIUM:

The National Grain and Feed Foundation supported MANRRS student members by awarding three \$5,000 competitive scholarships, each of which are renewable for one additional year. The Foundation also provides the opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet with hundreds of agribusiness leaders at the National Grain and Feed Association's annual convention.

Please welcome the following National Grain and Feed Foundation scholarship recipients to the stage:

- Kayla Braggs of Florida A&M University
- Ernest Dixon of Alcorn State University
- Catherine Fremaux of North Carolina A&T State University

SIMPSON FROM PODIUM:

Thank you once again to the National Grain and Feed Foundation for their efforts in supporting the academic success of our MANRRS members!

8:09

**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION:
CARGILL THRIVE**

DR. FARRELL FROM PODIUM:

Cargill looks to make college access more equitable, investing in the next generation of food and agriculture leaders through college scholarships and career readiness initiatives.

Joining us tonight to share more about Cargill Thrive and present the scholarship, please welcome the Diversity, Recruiting, University Program & Partnerships Lead Ms. **Lauren Schroeder.**

Please welcome to the stage **Lauren Schroeder!**

LAUREN SCHROEDER:

Please welcome the following Cargill THRIVE program participants to the stage:

1. Akua Adu-Gyamfi of Auburn University
2. Ekene Aguegboh of Auburn University
3. Morgan Banks of Tuskegee University
4. Kenndall Bennett of Southern University and A&M College (will not be present)
5. Kayla Braggs of Florida A&M University
6. Stephon Fitzpatrick of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore
7. Catherine Fremaux of North Carolina A&T State University
8. Nira Grynheim of Purdue University
9. Anjel Iriaghomo of Clemson University
10. Saniya Keeton of Tuskegee University
11. Jacinda Leopard of Mississippi State University
12. Jocelyn Marables of Kentucky State University
13. Zoe McGowan of Langston University
14. Victoria Parker of Purdue University

15. Henal Patel of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
16. Sommer Stephens of North Carolina A&T State University
17. Ivan Trujillo of California State University, Fresno
18. Mary Vandebosch of Houghton College
19. Justin Walker of Tennessee State University
20. Jieli Wegerif of University of Florida

Thank you to Cargill for their continued support of our MANRRS members and Ms. Schroeder for taking the time to present the award tonight!

8:12 Scholarship: Jr. MANRRS American Farmlands Trust

DR.FARRELL FROM PODIUM:

MANRRS Gold Scholarship Program will identify high performing high school students and provide a funding stipend valued at \$1,000 to travel and participate in the Annual National Conference. Students are leaders in their local chapters and participating in one of the MANRRS student competitions.

1. Micah Cole, Tallasee High School
2. Maya Gudderra, Gwynn Park High School
3. Nithin Gudderra, Oxon Hill High School
4. Jonathan Wright, Tallasse High School

DR. FARRELL FROM PODIUM:

Congratulations to the Jr. MANRRS American Farmland Trust Scholarship recipients and thank you to American Farmland Trust for your support.

8:12

MANRRS IMPACT STORY VIDEO

DR. FARELL FROM PODIUM:

Our final MANRRS impact story is shared by **Imani Durant** from **Florida A&M University**. MANRRS chapter. Let's check out Imani's story on the screen.

[PLAY VIDEO]

8:15

JR. MANRRS AWARD INTRODUCTION

TIMMONS FROM PODIUM:

Let's give Imani and all of our MANRRS Impact Video volunteers a big round of applause for sharing their stories and helping us all broaden our horizons this week.

This evening, we are excited to announce winners from our Jr. MANRRS contests that took place at the conference this week. Our Jr. MANRRS members have worked hard leading up to the conference and have spent the last couple of days competing to become national champions. Please join me in congratulating all of our Jr. MANRRS members for their perseverance and hard work.

Let's meet our winners!

8:18

AWARD: JR. MANRRS WRITTEN ESSAY

[AWARD VIDEO INTRODUCTION PLAYS]

TIMMONS FROM PODIUM:

Your Jr. MANRRS Written Essay Finalists are:

ELIJAH BRUNSON from TUSKEGEE Jr MANRRS

HANNAH PADGETT from AUBURN Jr MANRRS

MONICA SIMMONS from TUSKEGEE Jr MANRRS

And the winners are:

In third place:

ELIJAH BRUNSON from **TUSKEGEE** Jr MANRRS

In second place:

MONICA SIMMONS from **TUSKEGEE** Jr MANRRS

And the winner is:

HANNAH PADGETT from **AUBURN** Jr MANRRS

Congratulations!

**8:21 AWARD: JR. MANRRS IMPROMPTU
SPEAKING**

[AWARD VIDEO INTRODUCTION PLAYS]

TIMMONS FROM PODIUM:

Your Jr. MANRRS Impromptu Speaking Finalist are:

CLARISSA HUNT from PURDUE Jr MANRRS

TACORA MOORE from TUSKEGEE Jr MANRRS

MALEK STAFFORD from TUSKEGEE Jr MANRRS

And the winners are:

In third place:

CLARISSA HUNT from **PURDUE** Jr MANRRS

In second place:

TACORA MOORE from **TUSKEGEE** Jr MANRRS

And the winner is:

MALEK STAFFORD from **TUSKEGEE** Jr MANRRS

Congratulations!

8:24

**AWARD: JR. MANRRS PUBLIC
SPEAKING**

[AWARD VIDEO INTRODUCTION PLAYS]

TIMMONS FROM PODIUM:

Your Jr. MANRRS Public Speaking Finalists are:

JAMES JOHNSON III from **PURDUE** Jr MANRRS

AMARI PARKER from **AUBURN** Jr MANRRS

DERRIONA SWANSON from **TUSKEGEE** Jr MANRRS

And the winners are

In third place:

JAMES JOHNSON III from **PURDUE** Jr MANRRS

In second place:

AMARI PARKER from **AUBURN** Jr MANRRS

And the winner is:

DERRIONA SWANSON from **TUSKEGEE** Jr MANRRS

Congratulations!

8:29

RECOGNITION: ALL CONTEST WINNERS

TIMMONS FROM PODIUM:

Over the last several days, participants from chapters all over the nation competed in more than 20 contests. We know that all of our contestants have worked hard leading up to the conference, and have dedicated themselves to learning and persevering in the hopes of becoming national champions. Please join me in congratulating all of our competitors for their hard work and dedication!

This morning, all of our contest winners were announced at the Awards Lunch. Tonight we would like to recognize their achievement. Would the first, second, and third place winners of all contests please stand?

Put your hands together for all of our national contest winners!

Congratulations on your achievement!

8:37

**PRESENTATION: UNDERGRADUATE
PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNER**

FITZPATRICK FROM PODIUM:

One particular individual we want to highlight tonight is our prepared public speaking winner, **Jazmine Faulkner** from **University of Kentucky**. This evening we all get the opportunity to enjoy hearing **Jazmine's** speech.

MANRRS members and guests, please welcome **Jazmine Faulkner** as they present their national award-winning prepared public speech!

<<WINNER GIVES SPEECH PRESENTATION>>

FITZPATRICK FROM PODIUM:

Thank you, and congratulations! MANRRS members and guests, **Ms. Jazmine Faulkner!**

8:42

AWARD: MANRRS LEGEND

[VIDEO PLAY OF MANRRS LEGEND OVERVIEW]

DR. FARRELL FROM PODIUM:

Dr. Quentin R. Tyler serves as the Associate Dean and Director for the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Acting Associate Dean for Administration and Faculty Affairs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University.

Dr. Tyler provides leadership for infusing diversity, equity and inclusion principles in all areas. He focuses on creating a more multicultural-centered environment for faculty, staff and students, and networks with partners across MSU, the state of Michigan and the country.

Dr. Tyler received a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics

and a Doctorate in Sociology, with an emphasis on Social Inequalities from the University of Kentucky. He spent over 13 years in the area of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion serving as the Assistant Dean and Director for Diversity in the College of Agriculture at UK.

Notably, Dr. Tyler was the 2015-2016 National Professional President of MANRRS and has served as the National Advisory Board Chair since 2016. He served as the University of Kentucky MANRRS advisor for over a decade. He has been recognized for his work in diversity and inclusion by receiving the National MANRRS Advisor of the Year, a Tri-State Diversity Champion, University of Kentucky Inclusive Excellence Awardee and as a Game Changer by Workforce Magazine.

Everyone, please stand up and show your appreciation to our MANRRS Legend Award recipient, **Dr. Quentin Tyler!**

[WINNER PROVIDES BRIEF REMARKS]

DR. FARRELL FROM PODIUM:

Dr. Tyler, thank you for your dedicated service to the National Society of MANRRS. You are an example of what it looks like to broaden horizons and change the narrative for agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences industries. Thank you for serving and inspiring us.

The 2022 MANRRS Legend, **Dr. Quentin Tyler**__!

8:49

**AWARD: FOSTER SPIRIT OF
EXCELLENCE**

[PLAY SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE VIDEO]

BERNARD FROM PODIUM:

MANRRS members and guests, I have the distinct honor of bringing to the stage, one of the Founding Members and First President of MANRRS. She's a Georgia Peach, raised in the Buckeye State and is a maverick of a Professor at Michigan State University in Crop Physiology. She devotes much of her time to diversifying the agricultural sciences.

MANRRS, to present the FOSTER SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP AWARD, GET ON YOUR FEET AND WELCOME TO THE STAGE DR. EUNICE FOSTER

[Dr. Foster Speaks]

[FLIP TO NEXT PAGE TO READ WINNER INFO]

FOSTER FROM PODIUM:

Here is how this year's recipient is described by their teammates:

- They are known as Communicative, Thought-provoking, Selfless, and Dedicated
- They have been one of the key contributors in keeping the team locked in together and on track. Without them a lot of the tasks would not have gotten done.
- They were a guiding voice for the student officer and ambassador team. They made sure everyone knew what was going on and relayed information promptly, giving us the ability to perform/execute tasks to the best of our ability.

MANRRS members and guests, it is my distinct honor to present the 2022 Foster Spirit of Excellence Student Leadership Award to Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick!

Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick is the current Executive Director of Pennsylvania's Commission for Agriculture Education and a 3rd Year Organizational Leadership Doctoral student at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. He studied Agriculture and Natural Resources at Tuskegee University and Delaware State University. He then went on to complete his Masters in Management at Wilmington University. Stephon uses his role in higher education to connect with students throughout his state to share international and domestic scholarship, internship, educational and career opportunities within the agricultural industry. He currently serves as the National MANRRS Graduate Student President. He provides leadership and professional development to his students and serves as a counselor, mentor, and servant leader to all that cross his path.

Everyone, please give it up one more time for the winner of the 2022 Foster Spirit of Excellence Student Leadership Award, Mr. Stephon Fitzpatrick!

8:52

RECOGNITION: 2021-2022

RETIRING NATIONAL OFFICERS

BOLDEN-TILLER FROM PODIUM:

[DR. BOLDEN-TILLER THANKS RETIRING OFFICER]

BOLDEN-TILLER FROM PODIUM:

There are a lot of folks who have worked hard to make this conference a success. One group in particular works year-round focusing their energy on helping support the day-to-day functions of our organization. Please help me in welcoming the following people that are devoted to the success and the future of the MANRRS National Society.

- University Relations Coordinator, Dr. Tina Wu
- Jr. MANRRS Coordinator, Mr. Ian Smith
- Program Manager, Mr. Dwane Matthews
- Business Manager, Ms. Ashantae Smith

**8:58 RECOGNIZING PAST NATIONAL
OFFICERS & INSTALLATION: 2022-2023 NATIONAL
OFFICER TEAM**

BOLDEN-TILLER FROM PODIUM:

And now, I have the joy of introducing you to the officers who will serve the MANRRS National Society for the coming year. They will carry on the legacy of our National Theme this year—**Collaborate, Cultivate, Motivate.**

As the new officer team joins me on stage, I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor ALL of our past national officers. If you have served as a MANRRS National Officer, please stand. Thank you for your service and leadership.

Let's give a round of applause for ALL of our past national officers.

MANRRS members and guests, please join me in welcoming your 2022-2023 MANRRS National Officer Team!

[INTRODUCE OFFICERS INDIVIDUALLY]

- **Professional Officer Team**
- **2022-2023 President:** Dr. Marcus Bernard
- **President- Elect:** Dr. Derris Burnett
- **National Secretary:** Zachary Brown
- **National Treasurer:** Tommeron D. Timmons
- **National Historian:** Dr. Chantel Simpson
- **National Parliamentarian:** Denneta Bradford
- **Advisory Board Chair:** Dr. Quentin Tyler
- **Past President:** (myself, Dr. Bolden-Tiller)

National Undergraduate Officer Team

- **Past Undergraduate President:** Kayla Braggs
- **Region 1 Vice-president:** Mary Vandenbasch,
Houghton College

- **Region 2 Vice-president:** Lailaih Hall, FAMU
- **Region 3 Vice-president:** Olivia Holliman, Tuskegee
- **Region 4 Vice-president:** Robert Thomas, Prairie View A&M University
- **Region 5 Vice-president:** Emmanuel Wallace, Tennessee State University
- **Region 6:** Tahira Jones, North Carolina A&T State University
- **Parliamentarian:** Mikiyah Baldwin, FAMU

National Graduate Officer Team

- **Past Graduate President:** Stephon Fitzpatrick
- **President:** Jaqethea Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- **Region 1 Vice-president:** Keia Jones, Pennsylvania State University
- **Region 2 Vice-president:** Alice Mukunzi, North Carolina A&T State University
- **Region 3 Vice-president:** Veronica Alston, Auburn University

- **Region 4 Vice-president:** Kenisha Gordon, Mississippi State University
- **Region 5 Vice-president:** Victoria Parker, Purdue University
- **Region 6 Vice-president:** Jeffrey Anderson, Virginia Tech
- **Parliamentarian:** Dallas Cooks, University of Kentucky

Newly elected national officers: you have been selected to represent and serve MANRRS members for the coming year. This is an honor. I challenge you to link hands with others around the world to change the face of agriculture, and I hope your year of service will be marked by supporting, serving, and empowering others.

Do you accept the challenge and responsibility of being a MANRRS national officer and will you do your best to live out the values and principles of our society? If so, answer “we do.”

Officers: “We do.”

Thank you for answering the call to serve MANRRS. I wish you GREAT SUCCESS in the coming year!

MANRRS members and guests, please give a warm welcome to your 2022-2023 MANRRS National Officer Team!

9:01

CLOSING REMARKS - CALL TO ACTION

BOLDEN-TILLER FROM PODIUM:

And now, to close out the 36th Annual MANRRS Conference, please join me in welcoming to the podium, your 2022-2023 National MANRRS President, **Dr. Marcus Bernard!**

BERNARD FROM PODIUM:

Thank you, Olga, and thank you to all of the 2021-2022 national officers. We appreciate your dedication and year of service.

**[BERNARD PROVIDES CLOSING
COMMENTS/CALL-TO-ACTION]**

Before we adjourn, let's take a peek at what we have to look forward to next year.

<<PLAY VIDEO>>

Next year we are going to Atlanta, Georgia! It's going to be an amazing event and we can't wait to see you there!

Thank you for making the time to be here this week. I hope that the energy, excitement, and new relationships formed this week will pave the way as we Collaborate, Cultivate, Motivate in the coming year and the years ahead.

We can't do it alone. We must do it together. I am MANRRS. You are MANRRS. But most importantly, WE are MANRRS.

The 36th Annual MANRRS Training Conference and Career Expo is now adjourned.

Now join us for the Dance Party.

9:10

SESSION ENDS
