

1890 Research Directors (ARD)

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Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker, a leader and trail blazer in the fields of human sciences and agricultural sciences, has been instrumental in bringing visibility to and seeking solutions for the issues and challenges facing the food and agricultural system. She has been an outspoken advocate for the 1890 Land-grant system for over 25 years serving in various leadership positions in the Association of Research Directors, ESCOP, AAFCS and BoHS. Her colleagues praise her work and contributions to the field because she is a consummate professional who sets high expectations for herself and others.

As interim dean and research director of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, she provides oversight for the academic, research and extension programs, which have flourished under her leadership over the past three years. The research funding for the CAES represents one-third of the university's \$62 million in external research and development grant funding. Under her leadership, the CAES has established a strategic plan, *Destination Excellence*, to set the direction of the College for the next five years. Most recently, Hymon-Parker is leading the effort to establish the College's first doctoral program.

Dr Hymon-Parker is a nationally recognized leader and has served as chair of the ESCOP for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU). She has also served in leadership positions for the following: APLU's Policy Board of Directors of the Board on Agriculture Assembly Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources; the 1890 Association of Research Directors; and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

Dr. Hymon-Parker received her B.S. degree from North Carolina Central University; her M.S. degree from Cornell University; and her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has received a number of honors and awards including the AAFCS Distinguished Service Award and the ADEC Webb-Godfrey-Hill Distance Education Award of Excellence.