

1890 Research Directors (ARD)

Dr. Mortimer H. Neufville
President & Chief Executive Officer
1890 Universities Foundation



A collaborative leader with a demonstrated record of creating and implementing mission-aligned academic, research and Extension programs, Mortimer H. Neufville (Mort) was named as the President & CEO of The 1890 Universities Foundation in February 2017. Mort thoroughly understands and appreciates the land-grant system, as it exists in both the 1890 and 1862 universities because of his visionary and contemporary leadership over the past 40 years in several administrative roles in higher education and international development. Mort has worked with intensity, passion and deliberate thought to create a strong food and agricultural system that motivates administrators, faculty and students.

Mort has served in a number of critical leadership positions including president of Coppin State University, interim president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, executive vice president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and vice president for academic affairs, and dean & research director of the School of Agricultural and Natural Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. In addition, Mort has served as the associate dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and Cooperative Extension and Research at Lincoln University, chair of the Association of Research Directors (ARD), chair of the Council of 1890 Deans of Agriculture, and chair of the Board of the International Adult and Continuing Education.

In addition, Mort currently serves as a consultant for ACDI/VOCA, as a member of the Maryland Governor's Intergovernmental Commission on Agriculture and is a commissioner of the Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI).

Mort has received a number of awards and honors—APLU 1890 Universities Leadership Award; Caribbean American Heritage Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award; 52nd Annual Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, Claude C. Marion Memorial Lecture Award; Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Florida and was inducted into the IACE Hall of Fame.

Mort earned a bachelor of science in animal science from Tuskegee University and the master's in science and doctorate in animal science from the University of Florida in Gainesville.