

1890 Research Directors (ARD)

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Shirley Hymon-Parker, a leader and trailblazer 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.

As Associate Dean for research of the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, she provides oversight for the research program, one-third of the university's \$62 million research and development funding. As interim dean, the CAES has established a strategic plan, Destination Excellence, to set the direction of the college for the next five years. Most recently, she is leading the effort to establish the college's first doctoral program.

Hymon-Parker served as chair of ESCOP for the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. She has also served in leadership positions for 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).

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. Hymon-Parker received a bachelor's degree from North Carolina Central University, a master's from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park.