

### **Addressing the Leaky Pipeline: Increasing Underrepresented Students In Higher Education**

Participants will learn about the importance of addressing the "Leaky Pipeline" by increasing the underrepresented students (secondary, postsecondary) in the food, agricultural, natural resources and human sciences, and STEM fields. The agricultural industry is struggling to fill positions by attracting high-caliber individuals to degree programs and careers. Participants will be asked to share their experiences in addressing DEI in their respective fields. We will discuss what we are doing to recruit, mentor, retain and graduate students in Colleges and Schools of Agriculture. We are using a federal grant to collaborate with other HBCUs to provide programs to meet this challenge.

#### **Presentation Target:**

Higher Education

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