



## September 2010 Update

- Four students — Brielle Wright, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; Gabrielle Washington, Prairie View A&M University; Daja Menefee, Fort Valley State University; and Candace Rodgers, a graduate of the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff — participated in the 2010 Multicultural Fellows program sponsored by K-State Research and Extension. They participated in research projects with faculty mentors and presented their research to K-State faculty.
- DropINs, a collaborative organization committed to seeing all Kansas children graduate, comprises more than 25 public and private agencies around the state. K-State's representative is Elaine Johannes, youth development specialist and faculty member in the School of Family Studies and Human Services. The state's highest numbers of dropouts are reported in Wichita, Kansas City, Shawnee Mission, Topeka, Lawrence, and Salina.
- Laura Flory, an Atchison County 4-H member, is helping to feed thousands of families through her senior leadership project. Flory chose Kids Against Hunger as her active leadership project and made 42,024 vitamin-fortified casseroles, serving both international hunger relief efforts and local food banks. She raised the money for ingredients and organized volunteers.
- The Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership (KARL) program recently celebrated its 20th anniversary at an Old West Fest KARL Benefit in Garden City. Attending were program alumni, current participants, donors, and special guests. The two-year program, funded by donations, offers intensive study, training, and travel for future leaders in agriculture and rural communities.
- In mid-August, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) awarded Deb Sellers and Jane Garcia \$142,830 to continue their project — Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI): Promoting Public Knowledge. Sellers is a specialist in adult development and aging for K-State Research and Extension, and Garcia is a professor of communication sciences and disorders in the School of Family Studies and Human Services.

## Faculty Awards

Dennis Carlson, district forester with the Kansas Forest Service, was selected to receive the District 9 Presidential Field Forester Award from the Society of American Foresters.

The Extension Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association awarded the Outstanding Electronic Media Education Award to a K-State team. Rich Llewelyn, Kevin Dhuyvetter, Art Barnaby, Dan O'Brien, Troy Dumler, Michael Langemeier, Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Ted Schroeder, and Alicia Goheen were named for their use of electronic media to deliver outreach information — including the AgManager website, timely webinars, and the MAST learning program — to users around the world.