MANRRS stands for minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences. Our mission is to promote academic and professional advancement by linking hands and excelling to greater heights. MANRRS is open to all students, regardless of major, race, or gender. The beauty of MANRRS is the lifelong connections we share.

“Great leaders don’t set out to be a leader… they set out to make a difference. It’s never about the role, but always about the goal!”

MANRRS helps shape the leaders of the future. Fortunately, we have a number of individuals apart of our organization that serve as great examples and resources for our general body members. Each member of our executive board is highly qualified for their position and extremely eager about the upcoming year!
September Fundraising

“All roads that lead to SUCCESS have to pass through HARD WORK Boulevard at some point.”

On September 10th, 2015 UK MANRRS held a bake sale on campus from 11am – 1pm. The bake sale had two different locations, one in Ag North and the other in the HES lobby in Erikson Hall. MANRRS Executive board members and new general body worked together to bake and donate all the goods that were provided. We then sold items solely based on donations. Any donation resulted in any treat. This fundraising event was successful because we had an average of ten members participating at each location. The Ag North location generated $98, and the Erikson hall location produced $117. In total we raised $215. As far as general body participation and end sales, we exceeded our goals, as well as informing people on the organization.

On September 5th, the Executive Board members hosted our first car wash in the parking lot of O’Charley’s on Nicholasville Rd. from 10 am to 12:30. The purpose of this event was to fundraise money to help those members interested in attending regionals. There were ten members total in attendance (not including our advisor) and we all contributed in bringing supplies and preparation thirty minutes before the allotted start time. Members split into jobs from holding signs, to controlling traffic into the lot, and actually washing the cars. This fundraiser was strictly donation based, and our highest donation was $20. This fundraising event was successful because we surpassed our goal of $100, bringing in $106 with a total of ten cars. As a result, each participant received $10 off their cost to the regional cluster.
September Community Service

“The best way to find yourself... is to lose yourself in the service of other.”
-M. Gandhi

On Friday, August 21st, we had about 15 volunteers assist with Freshmen Move-In Day on South campus in the Woodland Glen dorm area. We came in to contact with about 20-30 families and new students on campus. We assisted with check-in, unloading, getting the students into their new dorm, and helping parents find parking for the day. In addition to giving info to new students about the University, we also got to inform many of them what MANRRS stood for. After participating in the event, we were invited by campus housing to attend a “Move-In Appreciation” breakfast. Our group was also posted on the social media account of one of the Move-In Volunteer Coordinators.

As a part of continuing MANRRS community service traditional events, 16 members participated in serving the families living in the Ronald McDonald House dinner. This event requires that the volunteers prepare and purchase whatever’s deemed necessary in order to make the meal. About 40 families reside in the house. Each one of them eats the meals prepared by volunteers throughout the week. Therefore, volunteers are an essential part to keeping the heart of the house, the kitchen, lively. The meal of choice was spaghetti. Each participant was to bring items such as ground beef, spaghetti noodles, and spaghetti sauce. Multiple items were donated from other members who were unable to participate (as the kitchen only permits 2-12 people). A few members were in charge of bringing garlic bread. Solomon Alleyne decided to make his own garlic bread by using butter and other seasonings. This event was very enjoyable for those who participated. Not only did we gain an experience in service, we also got to enjoy the meal ourselves.
The fall 2015 MANRRS Kickback was held on September 12th at our advisor, Antomia Farrell’s, clubhouse. The primary purpose of the event was to create a sense of community amongst our old and new members. The actual participation was much greater than projected, with over 50+ students coming out to fraternize. The dinner provided was potluck style and games were also provided by those in attendance.

Sydney Baker
Sydney is a Sophomore Integrated Strategic Communication major with a concentration in Public Relations and a Community Leadership and Development minor. This semester, Sydney has the opportunity to intern at Congressman Andy Barr’s District office. As an intern, Sydney is required to work Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-5. Her responsibilities include answering the phone, entering legislative mail, entering casework mail, reviewing local county newspapers, filing casework, and preparing outgoing mail. Some perks include going to county events with field representatives and sitting in on different casework meetings.

Congratulations Sydney! Your MANRRS family is extremely proud of you!