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We are elated to announce Johannah Hamilton has been elected to serve as the Graduate Student Vice President and is a MANRRS National Officer for the 2019-2020 year. MANRRS is a national leadership training organization representing over 2,000 members across the country. As a National Officer Johannah Hamilton will represent dozens of universities and members across the nation and serve as an ambassador of MANRRS Oregon State University with leaders in agriculture, agribusiness, local, state and federal government and other professional organizations. Most importantly Johannah Hamilton will serve as a leader of innovation and change making the future of American agriculture even brighter.

Strategic planning and strong leadership are vital to the success of any non-profit organization. The Graduate Student Vice President works with the Graduate Student President and President-Elect to ensure their objectives are carried out. Together, they set the agendas which are focused on key strategic matters. The Graduate Student Vice President is also expected to take the lead in developing new collegiate chapters and initiatives to keep Graduate members engaged. Additionally, the Graduate Student Vice President will develop relationships with appointed MANRRS National Sponsors. The Graduate Student Vice President attends or helps to organize social functions to maintain visibility on local chapter campuses.

With the world's population estimated to exceed 9 billion people by the year 2050, agricultural production will need to increase by 70 percent ([www.nifa.usda.gov/education](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/education)) to meet the growing demand for food. Addressing this need, MANRRS focuses on developing future leaders in the agricultural sector through training and providing employers with a highly skilled, diverse workforce that includes individuals from traditionally underrepresented and underserved groups.

MANRRS is committed to developing the next generation of agricultural leaders and looks forward to working with Oregon State University. Please join us in congratulating and recognizing Johannah Hamilton for this great accomplishment.

**About MANRRS:** MANRRS is a non-profit organization promoting academic and professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. MANRRS has a reach of over 8,000 students and professionals within six Regions, and 55 Collegiate Chapters across 38 states, and Puerto Rico.

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