

Atwood

DAY ASSEMBLY

FROM DREAMS TO REALITY: THE CROSSROADS OF ATWOOD'S MISSION AND 1890 LAND GRANT INSTITUTIONS

MARCH 24, 2022

**DAVID H. BRADFORD HALL
CARL H. SMITH AUDITORIUM**

PRESIDING

Dr. TaKeia N. Anthony
Associate Professor of History

PRELUDE

Dr. Keith McCutchen, Organist
Associate Professor of Music

WELCOME

Mr. Christian X. White
28th Mister Kentucky State University

SELECTION

Mr. Michael Tabb
Music Major (Vocal Performance)
Sophomore
"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
(by James and J. Rosamond Johnson)

REMARKS

Mr. Jason Robinson
President, 2021 - 2022
Student Government Association

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Keturah C. Nix
Assistant Professor of English
Acting Chair of the Division of
Literature, Languages, and Philosophy

2022 ATWOOD DAY ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Dr. Nancy J. Dawson
Director, Russellville Urban
Gardening Project, Inc.

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr.
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

ALMA MATER

Mr. Michael Tabb



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. NANCY J. DAWSON

Dr. Nancy J. Dawson has worked for more than 20 years in higher education as both a professor and director of an African American studies program. Her career includes full-time faculty positions at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Austin Peay State University. In addition, Dawson has been a consultant for the Center for Community Engagement at Albany State University and the National Park Service. A published writer, Dawson edited the Frederick Douglas Encyclopedia and has contributed to various scholarly journals. Dawson has been recognized by Kentucky State University as an upcoming minority small farmer and she serves on the Cooperative Extension board and the Council for Research, Teaching and Education for Kentucky State. Dawson directs the Russellville Urban Gardening Project Inc. (RUGP), where she operates a small urban farm in western Kentucky. In this capacity, Dawson manages two farming education programs; one program teaches elder women farming and the other is a 4-H program. RUGP also organizes farm-to-table dinners and other cultural educational programs. Dawson serves on the board of AgFirst Community Cooperative in Georgia where she assists large-scale peanut and cotton farmers. She is also the owner of Music is Spirit, a cultural educational performance company. Lastly, Dawson is a professional textile quilt artist, having exhibited throughout the United States.

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