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Lafayette Frederick Diversity in Mentoring Award

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The Lafayette Frederick Diversity in Mentoring Award provides mentored experiences in plant pathology for students and postdocs from underrepresented minority groups, with the goal of increasing diversity in APS and the plant health community at large.

A fundraising goal of \$100,000 has been set to endow this award and provide two \$1,000 awards yearly. The APS Foundation and APS Council have pledged \$20,000 each in matching funds.

Every penny will help – support the Lafayette Frederick Diversity in Mentoring Fund today



Lindsey du Toit

Professor, Washington State University Department of Plant Pathology

I had not heard of plant pathology when I started university, and I had no background in agriculture. I ventured into the field of plant pathology after receiving impactful, life-changing mentoring from gracious people who helped me understand the tremendous opportunities and fulfillment of this profession. Donating to the Lafayette Frederick Diversity in Mentoring Award is a wonderful opportunity to honor those who mentored me, and support others who mentor students and postdoctorates from underrepresented minority groups. All aspects of our profession and society truly are strengthened by diversity in our membership! I look forward to seeing the fruits of this award benefit our society and honor the legacy of Dr. Lafayette Frederick.

Dr. Chinyere Knight

Assistant Professor Department of Biology Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL

I cherish my years of training with Dr. Frederick. His life story and pedagogical beliefs are profound excellence and there is no one to compare. He provided a model of distinction, discipline and humility that is required to be successful in science.



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