

TESTIMONIALS

from former students and colleagues of Dr. Lafayette Frederick

APS Lafayette Frederick Diversity in Mentoring Award



Dr. Chinyere Knight

Assistant Professor Department of Biology
Tuskegee University, Tuskegee AL

Former PhD student Microbiology Howard
University, Washington, D.C.

"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."

Dr. Joseph Council White

Retired Senior Vice President, Cardinal Health, and
former Plant Pathologist Chevron Chemical R & D
Agricultural Pesticides

Former MS student (Mycology) Atlanta University,
Atlanta, GA

"Dr. Frederick was an outstanding professor, researcher, teacher and mentor to a diversity of students. I am an example of a student Dr. Frederick taught, provided research guidance for my master's degree, assisted me in attending his alma mater, Washington State University for my Ph.D. in plant pathology. He is personally responsible for having taught and/or advised more African Americans who obtained Ph.D.'s in the biological sciences than any other individuals during his tenures at Southern University A & M College, Atlanta University, Howard University and Tuskegee University."



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Dr. Daniel J. Collins

Professor of Plant Pathology, Department of Agriculture

Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS

"Dr. Frederick was my mentor and role model for over 25 years in various stages of my career as a plant pathologist. At Southern University I was tasked with establishing a PhD program in urban forestry. Dr. Frederick assisted me immensely in this awesome task. He also played a vital role in the development of the Global Food Security symposium series for students to meet and interact with diverse scientists in Plant Health Management. He served as the symposium keynote speaker and as a participant over the years. I felt it equally important for African American students from HBCU's and students from the 1862 universities to meet and interact with successful scientists like Dr. Lafayette Frederick. Dr. Frederick had a profound impact on k-12 students, undergraduate, as well as graduate students. His wisdom, experiences, intellect, knowledge, and encouragement profoundly affected those who accepted his challenge for them to excel in their chosen career path."



Dr. Ron Walcott

Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology

University of Georgia. Athens, GA

"As a Black undergraduate student at Iowa State University, I was very fortunate to find excellent mentors who nurtured my personal and academic interests and kept me engaged in plant pathology. So, I can personally attest that effective mentoring is essential for retaining and helping early career scientists, especially underrepresented minorities (URM), succeed in our discipline. Your donation to the APS Lafayette Frederick Fund is critically important to help the next "Ron Walcott" receive the mentoring needed to launch a successful career as a plant pathologist and add to the fabric of our wonderful and impactful discipline."