

## **1890 RESEARCH DIRECTORS (ARD)**

### **Jewel Bronaugh, Ph.D.**

*President and CEO of the 1890 Universities Foundation*

*Former Dean of the College of Agriculture*

*Virginia State University*

Dr. Jewel Bronaugh currently serves as the 2<sup>nd</sup> President and CEO of the 1890 Universities Foundation. In January 2021, President Joe Biden nominated Dr. Jewel Bronaugh as the 14<sup>th</sup> United States Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. She was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on May 13, 2021 and sworn in on May 17, 2021.

In 2018, Dr. Bronaugh was appointed the 16th Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Governor Ralph Northam. She previously served as the Virginia State Executive Director for the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), appointed by Governor Terry McAuliffe and then-U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, in July 2015. Prior to her FSA appointment, she served as Dean of the College of Agriculture at Virginia State University (VSU) with oversight of Extension, Research and Academic Programs. Previously she was the Associate Administrator for Extension Programs and a 4-H Extension Specialist.

In spring 2019, Dr. Bronaugh launched the Virginia Farmer Stress Task Force to raise awareness and coordinate resources to address farmer stress and mental health challenges in Virginia. In the fall of 2020, she helped establish the Virginia Food Access Investment Fund and Program, the first statewide program of its kind to address food access within historically marginalized communities.

Dr. Bronaugh earned her B.S. degree in Education from James Madison University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Career and Technical Education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.