

George Washington Carver Day In Iowa
Feb. 1, 2023

Carver-Inspired Touches at Recognition Day Event

Food

Giving a nod to Carver's work with peanuts, sweet potatoes, cowpeas, pecans and plums

- Sweet potato and caramelized onion flatbread (sweet potato, onion, Ricotta, feta, pecans)
- Plum and prosciutto flatbread (plum, prosciutto, mozzarella)
- Chicken satay with Thai peanut sauce (a nod to Carver's work with the legume (gluten free, dairy free))
- Sweet potato and avocado bites (primary allergen-free: gluten free, dairy free, egg free, peanut free)
- Peanut butter and plum tea sandwich (take on peanut butter and jelly sliders)
- Cowpea salsa with tortilla chips (primary allergen-free item – gluten free, dairy free, egg free, peanut free)
- Fruit kabobs

The ISU Creamery will provide the ice cream for the end of event reception (served from 7-7:45 p.m.). They'll bring the following:

- Legacy – Carver-inspired peanut butter and chocolate covered rice crispies
- Campanile Kiss – Strawberry and vanilla swirl. The creamery confirms the pilot plant is peanut-free when strawberry ice cream is produced.
- Slizweski Swirl – vegan ice cream (coconut based) – for those with dairy or peanut allergies

Décor

- The podium floral sprays will have red amaryllis in them, a nod to Carver's thesis research on the plant. Plant breeding the flower was a [life-long hobby](#) of his.
- Speakers will be wearing red carnation boutonnieres – a nod to the traditional floral boutonniere that Carver typically wore. He's frequently pictured with a carnation. Ever the educator, it's been written that Carver used the boutonnieres as an opportunity to share the value and uses of plants.
- The large screen behind the speakers will include the GW Carver poster designed by Iowa State, and an image of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences-commissioned "[Do You Know What's Inside this Flower?](#)" – a painting that highlights Carver as an educator to a young Henry A. Wallace.
- The bronze casting of the Carver statue sculpted by Christian Petersen will be displayed near the podium. In the [Museums synopsis](#), Petersen created the sculpture of Carver as an older man holding a single peanut in his hand. Petersen's intentions were to emphasize Carver's vision for the future of agriculture and his passion for science, farmers and students. Iowa State has three castings of the sculpture:
 - On the plaza between Carver Hall and Bearshear Hall
 - Outside the entrance of the Seed Science Center
 - In the Dean's Suite of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Other

- Guests in the Great Hall will take home Carver-inspired buttons, posters and program as commemorative items.
- Carver Scholars will be hosting speakers during the event — students who are part of the George Washington Carver Scholars Program, which awards full-tuition scholarships to first-year, multicultural students.