Scientists Give Time, Effort to Support Biochemistry Research by Young Scientists at National Research Conference

Washington, D.C. (January 9, 2012) – The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) expresses sincere appreciation for the extraordinary contributions of 41 active-researcher educators at its 2011 conference, held November 9-12, in St. Louis, Missouri. As the largest professional event of its kind in the nation, ABRCMS is designed to encourage underrepresented minority students to pursue advanced training in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, including mathematics; it also provides faculty with resources for facilitating these students’ success.

The conference recorded its highest participation numbers ever in 2011. More than 3,300 people attended, including approximately 2,100 students, 750 faculty and program directors, and 500 recruiters for graduate and summer research programs. Nearly 1,500 of the attending students participated in poster and oral presentations in 12 subdisciplines of the biomedical and behavioral sciences. Each undergraduate or postbaccalaureate presentation was judged by three scientists, and 215 students with the highest scores in each scientific discipline and for each educational level received monetary awards. The ABRCMS judging program is rigorous, and the contributions of these scientists — all volunteers — toward encouraging student research and achievement helped make this year’s ABRCMS one of the best yet. The conference thanks the following researcher-educators for evaluating student presentations in the biochemistry discipline in 2011:

**ABRCMS 2011 Judges – Biochemistry**
Co-chair: Charles Bevins, University of California, Davis
Co-chair: Joseph Orban, Southern University at Shreveport

- Jamaal Allen, Hampton University
- Patrick Brandt, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Lesley R. Brown, Johns Hopkins University
- Al T. Burrs, Prairie View A&M University
- Ana Carneiro, Vanderbilt University
- Walter Chazin, Vanderbilt University
- Jessica Chery, Brown University
- Carolyn Dehner, Smith College
- Jeffry DeStefanl, University of Maryland
- Tamaria Dewdney, Wayne State University
- Jeffry Engler, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Ernesto Fuentes, University of Iowa
- Randolph Hampton, University of California, San Diego
- Nadia Herrera, California Institute of Technology
- Sarah Jenkins, University of Texas
- L'Aurelle Johnson, University of Minnesota
- John Karanicolas, University of Kansas
- Kendall Knight, University of Massachusetts
- Paul Laybourn, Colorado State University
- Lee-Cole Legette, Oregon State University
- Maurine Linder, Cornell University
- Edward Morgan, Emory University
- Ishita Mukerji, Wesleyan University
- Darryl Murray, National Institutes of Health
- Subir Nagdas, Fayetteville State University
- Robert Nakamoto, University of Virginia
- Phillip Ortiz, SUNY Empire State College
- Gabriela Perea-Alvarado, Southern Illinois University
- Colles Price, University of Chicago
- Mostafizur Rahman, Benedict College
- Elizabeth Ransey, Carnegie Mellon University
- Evan Reddick, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Gwen Sancar, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Marion Sewer, University of California, San Diego
- Juanita Sharpe, Chicago State University
- Brian Sosa, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Marc Tischler, University of Arizona
- Michelle Trevino, Eastern Virginia Medical School
- Ijeoma Uzoma, Johns Hopkins University

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