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Scientists Give Time, Effort to Support Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics Research by Young Scientists at National Research Conference

Washington, D.C. (January 18, 2012) – The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) expresses sincere appreciation for the extraordinary contributions of 26 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 engineering, physics, and mathematics discipline in 2011:

ABRCMS 2011 Judges – Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics

Co-chair: Mauricio Cabrera-Rios, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Co-chair: Rebecca Hubbard, University of Washington

- C.P. Abubucker, Paine College
- Chris Basse, Azusa Pacific University
- Gary Benson, Boston University
- Marilyn Brandt, University of the Virgin Islands
- Jerald Dumas, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Wynter Duncanson, Harvard University
- German Enciso, University of California, Irvine
- Odell Glenn, University of South Carolina
- Noel Goddard, Hunter College
- Marie-Michelle Kelley, University of Texas at San Antonio
- Broderick Oluyede, Georgia Southern University
- Raul Peters, Paine College
- Tennille Presley, Winston Salem State University
- Vincent Rodgers, University of Iowa
- Kenneth Rodriguez, California State University, Dominguez Hills
- Gregory Samsa, Duke University
- Jaime Seguel, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
- Lianne Sheppard, University of Washington
- Alisa Stephens, Harvard University
- Charles Thomas, Knight Cancer Institute/Oregon Health & Science University
- Tyrone Toland, University of South Carolina-Upstate
- William Tong, San Diego State University
- Mina Vora, East Georgia College
- Lixin Wang, Paine College

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