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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO



Aaron R. Andrews
President & CEO

Welcome back to The PORTAL! A lot has happened since the last issue that has not only impacted the nation and the world, but the way UNCFSP serves its constituents. From the historical 2008 presidential campaign to the choppy currents of the economic and housing situations, UNCFSP remains a stronghold for minority institutions of higher education, both domestic and international. For example, we have added new programs to our portfolio including a cultural, experiential exchange for U.S. and Nigerian young professionals to explore entrepreneurship and microbusiness; and a knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors study on Historically Black Colleges and Universities' faculty, students, and alumni to determine the best methods of teaching financial literacy to young adults aged 18 to 25. In addition, we announced the recent winning of the

Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP) Program re-competition. I am pleased to know that the dedicated staff of the IIPP is cutting-edge, professional, and results- and service-oriented. Congratulations for a job well-done!

September kicks off our 2010 recruitment season. Our first-rate programs offer faculty and students enriching workforce development experiences in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and international affairs, and also, opportunities for faculty to design focused and innovative programs using eHealth technology to promote health and wellness. Learn more about these exciting programs in the Funding Opportunities section and on the UNCFSP homepage at www.uncfsp.org. Register online by clicking on the "Pre-register" icons throughout the site.

Since the last issue we have also awarded over a hundred new interns and fellows for the following fellowships, internships, and other awards: the IIPP Fellowship Program; the NASA Motivating Undergraduates in Science and Technology; the NASA Administrator's Fellowship Project; the Harriett G. Jenkins Predoctoral Fellowship Project; the Department of Energy-funded Mentorship for Environmental Scholars Program (MES); the NASA Science and Technology Institute Summer Scholars, Summer Faculty Fellows, and the three Research Clusters—UNITE, UNIMET, and UNEEC; the Office of Minority Health-funded Screening, Testing, Outreach, and Prevention (STOP) HIV Summer Institute Internship; and the UNCFSP/NLM-HBCU ACCESS Project funded by the National Library of Medicine. Read more about each in the Grants & Awards section.

The PORTAL serves as an information hub and as we move forward into our tenth year of service, we rededicate to our constituents and stakeholders a commitment to keeping you informed about the ways in which UNCFSP continues to empower minority institutions to grow and compete for future success. You are the beneficiaries and UNCFSP is the "portal to opportunity." We hope you enjoy this end-of-summer edition.

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2009-2010 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



HARRIETT G. JENKINS PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (JPFP)



Dr. Sandra K. Geffert (l) and Dr. Miguel O. Roman-Colon (r), former JPFP Fellows, with Dr. Melissa C. Green, UNCFSP Division of Science & Technology Director, posing with a NASA astronaut

The Harriett G. Jenkins Predoctoral Fellowship Program (JPFP) increases the number of women, minorities, and persons with disabilities participating in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) workforce, thereby helping to eliminate the shortage of skilled workers in STEM-related disciplines. Sponsored by NASA, the JPFP facilitates the development of a more inclusive, multi-cultural and

sustainable workforce by providing access and opportunity to underrepresented students who want to earn advanced degrees. To date, 151 graduate students representing over 50 institutions have participated in the JPFP.

Annually, approximately 20 three-year fellowships are awarded to support graduate students in their pursuit of advanced degrees in the STEM disciplines. Annual stipends for students pursuing master's degrees start at \$18,000. Annual stipends for students pursuing doctoral degrees start at \$24,000. With stipends, travel allowances and tuition offsets included, JPFP award packages currently start at \$32,000 per year.

OPENING DATE:	September 2009
CONTACT:	hgjfellows@uncfsp.org
WEBSITE:	www.uncfsp.org/nasa/jenkins

"I cannot say enough great things about this program. I am truly impressed by the high caliber of the students selected each year and the efforts made to develop us into leaders in our respective fields..."
 — Christian Braneon, Cohort 6

MENTORSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (MES)



MES Interns observing an experiment

The Mentorship for Environmental Scholars (MES) program, sponsored by the Department of Energy (DOE), is a 10-week paid summer internship that provides traditionally underrepresented undergraduate students with exposure to laboratory research in the areas of biotechnology, computer science, environmental science, and engineering. MES actively trains and recruits qualified students from Minority Institutions (MIs) to create a pipeline that will pilot them towards DOE management and research positions.

"Once in a lifetime experiences are invaluable. Opportunity, experience, and knowledge are things that one cannot place any type of monetary value on. These three words and so much more are what the Mentorship for Environmental Scholars Program has meant to me."
 — Maria Draine, Argonne National Laboratory, MES Program Intern

OPENING DATE:	September 2009
CONTACT:	Clarence T. Brown at Clarence.Brown@uncfsp.org
WEBSITE:	www.uncfsp.org/mes

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NASA ADMINISTRATOR'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (NAFP)

The NASA Administrator's Fellowship Program (NAFP) increases the capability of Minority Institutions (MIs) to respond to NASA's overall research and development mission through enhancing the professional development of NASA employees and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) MI faculty. NASA employee fellows teach and/or conduct research at MIs while MI Faculty Fellows conduct research at NASA Centers. All NAFP Fellows engage in a comprehensive, integrated professional development curriculum to equip them with the skills to become progressive change agents in their organizations and institutions. Curriculum areas include leadership development, effective communication, strategic thinking and planning, STEM education policy and review, proposal writing, project management, and federal and state relations.

OPENING DATE:	September 2009
CONTACT:	Sondra Lancaster at Sondra.Lancaster@uncfsp.org
WEBSITE:	www.uncfsp.org/nafp



NAFP Cohort 10 receiving honors at 2008 NASA Symposium

"On behalf of the Agency, I commend you on a job well done. Your success highlights the important results that programs such as the NAFP are achieving at universities such as Alabama A&M University..."

— Sean O'Keefe, NASA Administrator, to Dr. Jonathan W. Campbell, NAFP Fellow

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY (IIPP) FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, the Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP) seeks to enhance U.S. national security, global competitiveness and leadership by promoting excellence, international service, and cultural competence among a broader, more diverse cross-section of the American citizenry. The IIPP is one of the most comprehensive and successful international training programs serving minority students, putting hundreds of young professionals into the international career pipeline.

UNCFSP is seeking undergraduates to participate in the IIPP Fellowship Program, which consists of a six-year sequence of specially designed education and training experiences critical to entry and advancement in international affairs careers. Program components include summer policy institutes, study abroad, intensive language training, internships, graduate study, and career counseling.

To be eligible, an applicant must be an underrepresented minority (African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Asian American, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander), a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, at least a sophomore student enrolled full-time at a four-year institution (or freshman with sophomore standing), a minimum 3.2 GPA, and demonstrable interest in international affairs.



IIPP Fellows at the U.S. Department of State attending a presentation

OPENING DATE:	October 2009
CONTACT:	Lily Lopez-McGee at Lily.Lopez@uncfsp.org
WEBSITE:	www.uncfsp.org/iipp

"Dubai was amazing! Many thanks to UNCFSP for all the support. . . I ended up representing the conference when we met the queen (Sheikha) of United Arab Emirates. I also got a chance to use my Arabic during the speech to her majesty!"

— Keisha Toms, IIPP Fellow

2009-2010 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NASA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (NSTI)

NASA has teamed with UNCFSP to jointly establish the national NASA Science and Technology Institute (NSTI). The NSTI, located at the NASA Ames Research Center (ARC) in San Jose, California, will bring together the talent and expertise of all Minority Institutions (MIs) through research-based fellowships, internships, co-ops and grants. This joint venture will create a dynamic environment for cutting-edge research by giving minority researchers unparalleled access to NASA facilities, scientists, and capabilities. The NSTI currently has multiple opportunities available for faculty, postdocs, and graduate and undergraduate students.

1. NSTI Research Clusters: The overarching goal of the Clusters is to promote translational investigation that will positively impact on the production of market-based technologies. The Clusters consist of:

- » UNCFSP-NSTI Information and Emerging Technologies Cluster (UNITE)
- » UNCFSP-NSTI Mission Enabling Technologies Cluster (UNIMET)
- » UNCFSP-NSTI Energy and Environmental Cluster (UNEEC)

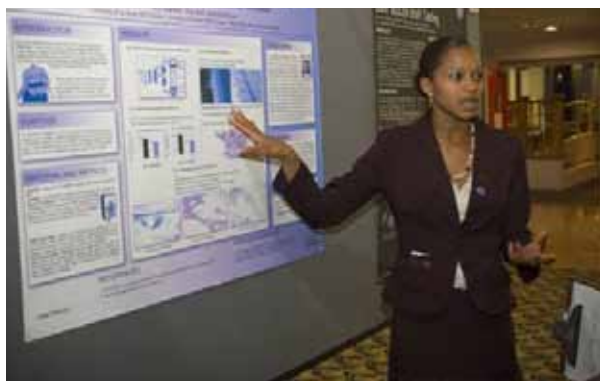
It is envisioned that teams for each research area will be developed to include a lead scientist, faculty fellows, a postdoctoral fellow, and several student assistants. Teams will collaborate with a NASA scientist while performing work via real-time virtual laboratories during the academic year and at the Ames facility during the summer. Each research cluster award will be a one-year award, renewable based on performance. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) professors from Minority Institutions (MIs) are encouraged to inquire to learn more about the application process.

2. NSTI Summer Scholars Program: Undergraduate and graduate students who wish to experience a ten-week internship at the NASA ARC are encouraged to apply at www.uncfsp.org/register. Research areas include:

Aeronautics/ Aerospace Engineering	Computer Science	Biology	Mathematics
Astronomy	Earth Sciences	Environmental Sciences	Meteorology
Bioengineering	Engineering	Physics	Physical Sciences
Robotics	Life Sciences	Chemistry	Materials Science

3. NSTI Summer Faculty Fellows Program: This newest component was designed to increase the number of research experiences available to research faculty at MIs. This ten-week hands-on research experience allows faculty to build collaborations, network, and garner professional development training that will further develop research interests and expertise. Participation in the SFF is intended to further enhance the basic research and management capability of MIs by allowing their faculty to become intricately involved in NASA-related areas of interest.

OPENING DATE:	September 2009
CONTACT:	Dr. Melissa Green at Melissa.Green@uncfsp.org
WEBSITE:	www.uncfsp.org/mes



SSP performance excellence resulted in a 2nd place poster symposium award for SSP Scholar, Monique Chambers (Cohort 2).

GRANTS & AWARDS

This section illustrates the most recent grantees from our portfolio of programs. The 2010 recruiting season will commence September 2009, with the exception of the IIPP, which will launch October 2009.

NASA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (NSTI) SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM (SSP)

2008 NSTI Summer Scholars at NASA Ames Research Center:

Lisa Antle	<i>University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee</i>
Jarren Baldwin	<i>University of Illinois at Chicago</i>
Estera Bogdan	<i>Arizona State University</i>
Ana Calle	<i>Polytechnic University</i>
Enid Contes-de-Jesus	<i>University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras Campus</i>
Dominique Davis	<i>Claflin University</i>
Mera F. Horne	<i>University of California - Berkeley</i>
Heather Makarewicz	<i>University of Kansas</i>
Stefan McAllister	<i>Nova Southeastern University</i>
Eduardo Nicolau	<i>University of Puerto Rico - Rio Pedras Campus</i>
Issa Ramirez	<i>University of South Florida</i>
Roger Riviere	<i>San Jose State University</i>
Shanita Wilburn	<i>Tuskegee University</i>



NSTI SSP Scholar conducting an experiment

2009 NSTI Summer Scholars at NASA Ames Research Center:

SCHOLAR	INSTITUTION
Jenaelle Coleman	<i>Mississippi Valley State</i>
Brandon Douglas	<i>Jarvis Christian College-Hawkins, TX</i>
Charlese Hawkins	<i>Hampton University</i>
Adrienne Haynes	<i>Norfolk State University</i>
Michael Tucker	<i>Virginia State University</i>

2009 NSTI Summer Scholars at NASA Glenn Research Center:

SCHOLAR	INSTITUTION
Jade Benjamin	<i>Indiana University- Purdue University</i>
Nikki Boston	<i>Johnson C. Smith University</i>
Sidney Jones	<i>Savannah State University</i>
Khrissaundra Journey	<i>Mississippi Valley State University</i>
Cleveland Savage	<i>Virginia State University</i>
Shanita Wilburn	<i>Tuskegee Institute</i>

2009 NSTI Summer Scholars at NASA Johnson Space Center:

SCHOLAR	INSTITUTION
Augustine Enongene	<i>Texas Southern University</i>
Michael Gallepie	<i>St. Augustine's College</i>
Katina Henson	<i>North Carolina A&T State University</i>
Evan Mitchell	<i>Hampton University</i>

NSTI Scholars and Fellows photo session at orientation

GRANTS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)



NASA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (NSTI) SUMMER FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SFFP)

NSTI Faculty Fellows:

Dr. Gregory Battle	<i>Grambling State University</i>
Dr. Eranna Guruvadoo	<i>Bethune Cookman University</i>
Dr. Carmen Lilley	<i>University of Illinois, Chicago</i>
Dr. Nicholas Madamopoulos	<i>City College of CUNY</i>
Dr. Edgardo Oliveros	<i>University of Puerto Rico, Baymon Campus</i>
Dr. Ehsan Sheybani	<i>Virginia State University</i>
Dr. Lakew Temeselew	<i>Trinity University</i>



2009 Summer Faculty Fellows and Summer Scholars at NASA Ames Research Park in CA

NASA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (NSTI) RESEARCH CLUSTERS

The UNCFSP-NSTI Information and Emerging Technologies Cluster (UNITE) Cluster.

San Francisco State University
Texas Southern University
University of California-Fullerton
Southern University
Tuskegee University

The UNCFSP-NSTI Mission Enabling Technologies Cluster (UNIMET).

Jackson State University
Texas Southern University
Savannah State University
Jarvis Christian College
Tougaloo College

The UNCFSP-NSTI Energy and Environmental Cluster (UNEEC).

Savannah State University
Texas Southern University
Wilberforce University
University of Texas at El Paso



JFPF Cohort 8 at 2008 NASA Programs Symposium

HARRIETT G. JENKINS PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (JFPF)

2008 Cohort 8 Fellows:

Christopher J. Arellano	<i>University of Houston</i>
Douglas A. Brooks	<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>
Erin E. Burke	<i>University of Washington</i>
Lillian Chang	<i>Carnegie-Mellon University</i>
Desiree Cotto-Figueroa	<i>Ohio University</i>
Nduka O. Enemchukwu	<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>
Shanna-Shaye S. Forbes	<i>University of California at Berkeley</i>
Jonathan E. Gaines	<i>Virginia Tech</i>
Athena R. Ganchorre	<i>University of Arizona</i>
Kayra M. Hopkins	<i>Michigan State University</i>
Briony H. N. Horgan	<i>Cornell University</i>
K. Renee Horton	<i>University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa</i>
Jennifer Kerekes	<i>University of California at Berkeley</i>
Calvin R. King Jr.	<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>
Kennda L. Lynch	<i>University of Colorado</i>
Dorian J. Perkins	<i>University of California at Riverside</i>
John L. Rigueur	<i>Vanderbilt University</i>
Levica M. Smith	<i>Texas A&M University</i>
José A. Torres	<i>Texas Southern University</i>
Shannon E. Tronick	<i>Princeton University</i>

2009 Cohort 9 Fellows:

Akibi Archer	<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>
Marsha Cole	<i>Louisiana State University</i>
Deidra Coleman	<i>North Carolina State University</i>
Hillary Davis	<i>University of California Davis</i>
Rebecca Deeds	<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>
Rachel Ellman	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Emily Hedges	<i>University of California-Berkeley</i>
Kimberly Hobbs	<i>University of Alabama in Huntsville</i>
Brandi Keene	<i>North Carolina State University</i>
Sherrisse Kelly	<i>Louisiana State University</i>
Lourdes Medina	<i>Pennsylvania State University</i>
Matthew Mickens	<i>North Carolina A&T State University</i>
Kristie Ruddick	<i>University of Memphis</i>
Christopher Skipwith	<i>University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine</i>
Matthew Smith	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
DaMaris Suazo	<i>University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras Campus</i>
Jami Tullius	<i>Rice University</i>
Vivian U	<i>University of Hawaii Manoa</i>
Patricia Voll	<i>Stanford University</i>

2008 MENTORSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARS (MES) INTERNS

Timothy Dean	<i>Clinton Junior College</i>
Anika Dobbs	<i>Clafin University</i>
Megan Gannaway	<i>Lincoln University</i>
Alvin McClerkin	<i>Mississippi Valley State University</i>
Andre McGregor	<i>Savannah State University</i>
Kaileine Najacque	<i>Norfolk State University</i>
Michael Peavy	<i>Tougaloo College</i>
Justin Price	<i>Savannah State University</i>
Jose Rugelio	<i>Lincoln University</i>



GRANTS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)

2009 MENTORSHIP FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARS (MES) INTERNS

2009 MES Scholars:

Justin Price	<i>Savannah State University</i>
Timothy Dean	<i>Winston Salem State University</i>
Alexis Alexander	<i>Hampton University</i>
Christal Peterson	<i>Elizabeth City State University</i>
Randy Arnold	<i>Concordia College</i>
Shannon Arellano	<i>Sinte Gleska University</i>
Lance Fisher	<i>Haskell Indian Nations University</i>
Gerri Mason	<i>University of Montana</i>



2009 MES Interns at Savannah State University and Savannah River Site with Mentor Dr. Kenneth Sajwan

NASA ADMINISTRATOR'S FELLOWSHIP PROJECT COHORT 12 FELLOWS

FACULTY FELLOWS	INSTITUTION	HOST NASA CENTER
Dr. Edgar Conley	<i>New Mexico State University</i>	<i>Stennis Space Center</i>
Dr. Shy-Sheng Liou	<i>San Francisco State University</i>	<i>NASA Ames Research Center</i>
Dr. Amir Mobasher	<i>Alabama A&M University</i>	<i>Marshall Space Flight Center</i>
Dr. Jamiu (Adé) Odotola	<i>Alabama A&M University</i>	<i>Marshall Space Flight Center</i>
Mr. Everett Roper	<i>Oakwood University</i>	<i>Marshall Space Flight Center</i>



NASA EMPLOYEE FELLOWS	NASA CENTER	HOST MINORITY INSTITUTION
Dr. Virginia Cook Tickle	<i>Marshall Space Flight Center</i>	<i>Tennessee State University Alabama A&M University</i>
Ms. Elaine Flowers Duncan	<i>Marshall Space Flight Center</i>	<i>Alabama A&M University Normal Alabama School of Engineering and Technology</i>
Ms. Grace K. Gregory	<i>Kennedy Space Center</i>	<i>Morgan State University</i>
Dr. Tracee Lynn Jamison	<i>Goddard Space Flight Center</i>	<i>Salish Kootenai Tribal College</i>
Ms. Kimberly F. Robinson	<i>Marshall Space Flight Center</i>	<i>Oakwood University</i>
Mr. Robert C. Trevino	<i>Johnson Space Center</i>	<i>University of Texas at San Antonio</i>

2009 NASA MOTIVATING UNDERGRADUATES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MUST) SCHOLARS

Adwoa Boakye	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Anika Petach	<i>University of Colorado at Boulder</i>
Arianna Moshary	<i>Princeton University</i>
Camille Everhart	<i>Harvard University</i>
Carolina Ragolta	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Christina Darcie	<i>Pennsylvania State University</i>
Haley Chittam	<i>Auburn University</i>
Kara Karpman	<i>Duke University</i>
Karina Alventosa	<i>Brown University</i>
Nathan Lakshmi	<i>Rice University</i>
Marina Parra	<i>Carnegie Mellon University</i>
Mary Lomas	<i>Rice University</i>
Maya Ortega	<i>Swarthmore College</i>
Melanie Adams	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Sohini Sengupta	<i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i>
Andrew Rodriguez	<i>California Institute of Technology</i>
Arturo Madrigal	<i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>
Darren Divecha	<i>University of Maryland, College Park</i>
Juan Lopez	<i>University of Texas at El Paso</i>
Julius Vazquez	<i>Stanford University</i>
Michael Jemison	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Michael Taberner	<i>California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo</i>
Nicholas Young	<i>New York University</i>

Ronald Alexander	<i>Southern University</i>
Scott Landers	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Travon Johnson	<i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Casey Burkhardt	<i>Villanova University</i>
Casie Clark	<i>University of Washington</i>
Cosmo Smith	<i>University of Washington</i>
Jaseft Canales	<i>University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez</i>
Jesica Holley	<i>Tuskegee University</i>
Juliana Vievering	<i>College of Saint Benedict</i>
Justin Satterfield	<i>University of Pittsburg</i>
Keilah Ebanks	<i>Clark Atlanta University</i>
Mariano Mumpower	<i>University of Maryland-Baltimore County</i>
Rigoberto Lopez Jr.	<i>University of North Texas</i>
Rodrigo Sanchez	<i>California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo</i>
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Gary Weber	<i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>
Ira Wheaton	<i>Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University</i>
Jazmyn Artis	<i>North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University</i>
Jessica Jones	<i>Hampton University</i>
Kaitlin Burlingame	<i>Washington University</i>
Kayla Comeaux	<i>Southwestern University</i>
Nneka Henry-Rich	<i>Fisk University</i>
Sergio Zaragoza	<i>California State Polytechnic University-Pomona</i>

MUST Interns Group Photo



GRANTS & AWARDS (CONTINUED)



2008 & 2009 SCREENING, TESTING, OUTREACH, AND PREVENTION (STOP) HIV INTERNS

The Screening, Testing, Outreach, and Prevention (STOP) HIV Program, funded by the Office of Minority Health (OMH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), aims to decrease the spread of HIV among college-aged African-American and other minority youth through HIV/AIDS education and outreach and the promotion of screening and testing. The STOP HIV Summer Institute Internship, an annual five-week experience, is a significant component of the STOP HIV Program with the purpose to increase student knowledge and skills, connect campus and community services, and build capacity.

2009 STOP HIV Interns (top left clockwise) Kamana Adhikari, Kersyne Andrews, Derric Carter, Karen Wilkerson, Dominique Thompson, Vijaya Bhattarai

2008 Interns:

Talia McGhee	<i>Elizabeth City State University</i>
Latizzia Giddens	<i>Elizabeth City State University</i>
Traci James	<i>Virginia Union University</i>
Shovana Cajas	<i>University of the District of Columbia</i>

2009 Interns:

Kersyne Andrews	<i>Elizabeth City State University</i>
Karen Wilkerson	<i>Elizabeth City State University</i>
Derric Carter	<i>Virginia Union University</i>
Dominique Thompson	<i>Virginia Union University</i>
Kamana Adhikari	<i>University of the District of Columbia</i>
Vijaya Bhattarai	<i>University of the District of Columbia</i>

2007 & 2008 UNCFSP/NLM-HBCU ACCESS PROJECT

The UNCFSP/NLM HBCU ACCESS Project, funded by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health (NIH), promotes disease prevention and wellness on HBCU campuses and in their surrounding communities through the collaborative implementation of innovative projects designed to increase awareness of, access to, and use of the NLM online health resources. Below are the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 awardees. The 2009-2010 awardees are still pending and will be announced in the next issue.



2008 STOP HIV Interns (l to r) Latizzia Giddens, Traci James, Shovana Cajas, and Talia McGhee

2007 Awardees:

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS	INSTITUTION
Ms. Betsy D. Simon	<i>Coppin State University</i>
Ms. Michelle Fisher, ARNP, BC	<i>Delaware State University</i>
Ms. Cynthia L. Henderson, MILS, AHIP	<i>Morehouse School of Medicine</i>
Dr. LaHoma Smith Romocki	<i>North Carolina Central University</i>

2008 Awardees:

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS	INSTITUTION
Dr. Melissa B. Littlefield	<i>Morgan State University</i>
Ms. Sheila Harvin, MSN, RN, CNS-P/MH Dr. Annette McClinton (Co-PI)	<i>Prairie View A&M University</i>
Ms. Regina McCoy-Davis	<i>Elizabeth City State University</i>
Dr. James Heimdel	<i>University of Maryland, Eastern Shore</i>



2008 Institute for International Public Policy Fellows, Cohort 14

2008 & 2009 INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY (IIPP) FELLOWS

2008 IIPP Cohort 14:

Adrian Assim	<i>Smith College</i>
Zubida Bakheit	<i>Johnson C. Smith University</i>
Claire Balani	<i>Austin College</i>
Cedric Blair	<i>Dillard University</i>
Timothy Booker	<i>Baldwin-Wallace College</i>
Kendra Brumfield	<i>Louisiana State University</i>
Duyen Bui	<i>Georgetown University</i>
Lean Bui	<i>University of Washington</i>
Denicia Cadena	<i>Amherst College</i>
Morgan Cassell	<i>University of Washington</i>
Han Chen	<i>American University</i>
John Choi	<i>Boston College</i>
Stephanie Erazo	<i>Spelman College</i>
Humberto Guerrero	<i>University of Colorado at Denver</i>
Michael Huggins	<i>Stanford University</i>
Justin Jefferson	<i>Wilberforce University</i>
Zishan Jiwani	<i>Seton Hall University</i>
Tamaro Kane	<i>New York University</i>
David Leaphart	<i>University of Michigan</i>
Kelsey Leonard	<i>Harvard University</i>
Kyra McDonald	<i>University of Mississippi</i>
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THE LATE DR. BETH A. BROWN, NAFP COHORT 10 FELLOW

The late Dr. Beth A. Brown, a NASA astrophysicist, was a 2006 NASA Administrator's Project (NAFP) Fellow (Cohort 10), a program administered by UNCF Special Programs Corporation. NAFP builds and strengthens the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) infrastructure at Minority Institutions (MIs) while enhancing the professional development of NASA employees and MI faculty. During Dr. Brown's tenure, she served as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Howard University, her alma mater, bringing a new research focus dealing with physical processes around black holes and helping to bolster the institution's astronomy program. In addition to teaching and conducting research, she worked with faculty and students to construct a plan to refurbish the rooftop observatory; there are plans to complete the refurbishment and discussions are circling to dedicate the observatory in her honor.



Dr. Beth A. Brown

Dr. Brown's love for science was inspired by Star Trek and Star Wars. She studied physics and astronomy at Howard University and balanced the rigorous coursework by participating in the Howard "Showtime" Marching Band. During the summers, she interned at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center where she eventually landed a position in the Astrophysics Science Division. After graduating summa cum laude from Howard, Dr. Brown continued her education at the University of Michigan and earned both a master's and doctorate degrees in Astronomy thus making her the first African-American woman to obtain a doctorate from the institution's Department of Astronomy. The title of her thesis is "X-ray Emission in Early-type Galaxies Surveyed by ROSAT" under the direction of Professor Joel Bregman. In addition and with a pioneer spirit, she co-developed an undergraduate course in astronomy, and supported a web version of an astronomy outreach project called "Image of the Month."

In 1998, Dr. Brown embarked on a career journey through NASA at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. She served as a research associate for the National Research Council (NRC). Following that appointment, she joined the NASA Goddard National Space Science Data Center (NSSDC) as a civil servant. In 2005, she moved over to the X-ray Astrophysics Laboratory, providing science support for the GSFC XMM Guest Observer Facility and continued science support and data acquisition for the NSSDC. Dr. Brown has conducted research on galaxies using data from various x-ray observatories, including NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory.

Dr. Brown developed a reputation for outstanding work in public outreach support. For instance, she traveled around the country sharing her excitement and experiences about astrophysics and participated in several live satellite news interviews through NASA Goddard TV on various astronomical events, such as solar eclipses. Also, while at the NRC as a research associate, she developed, implemented, and managed the "Multiwavelength Milky Way" outreach project's website.

Dr. Brown continued her involvement in science and community service. She held memberships in the American Astronomical Society, for which she previously served on the Committee on the Status of Minorities in Astronomy (CSMA), and the National Society of Black Physicists, for which she previously served on the Executive Board. She was honored as one of the "Women of NASA," an interactive project designed to encourage young women to pursue careers in math, science, and technology by providing as role models outstanding women within NASA.

This October 5th will mark the first-year anniversary of her untimely passing. Within what seems a short time, Dr. Beth A. Brown's contribution to the astronomical community and overall STEM community left an indelible mark that is respected by all and is now her legacy. UNCF Special Programs Corporation was honored to have her as a part of our family. She continues to be missed.

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