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Introduction

A request went out January 3, 2020, from Dr. Arthur James Hicks, National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Project Director of the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program, to LSAMP Principal Investigators across the country, for information on the academic and career successes of the funded LSAMP students in their alliances. He had envisioned publishing a magazine about LSAMP students who were currently experiencing or in the past experienced outstanding success in either or both their academic or professional careers. Those students would be characterized as “trailblazers” or “innovators” and their accomplishments would be featured in a magazine for nationwide distribution.

The request included the following: – “Note: the majority of the graduates, for this new document, must have acquired the terminal degree (s), i.e., PhD/MD., etc. Exceptions, however, must truly meet the highest standard impacting their career fields (i.e., inventors, engineers, explorers, etc.), or have demonstrated professional traits and habits befitting very high performers—"ones to watch." Such exceptions should not exceed 2 or 3 in number”.

The coronavirus impacted the country in late January and many colleges and universities closed. However, this did not deter the LSAMP community from responding to the Director’s request. Over 1,000 LSAMP students’ names with their impressive accomplishments were received - a thousand points of light for the LSAMP program and the nation - the project director’s vision became a reality with the publication of this magazine. To those who collaborated with us to share their LSAMP students’ photos, academic and career accomplishments in the compiling of this magazine, many thanks! As never before, the LSAMP story is told!

Please enjoy reading this fascinating and inspiring publication that looks back and forward to the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation.

Please note that the alliances are listed in the publication in descending order according to the number of trailblazers/innovators, but the table of contents is listed in alphabetical order.

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Dr. Irisbel Guzmán graduated with a B.S. in Industrial Chemistry from UPR Humacao in May 2009; obtained a Ph. D. in Biochemistry in 2015 from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign; was a CPLC Fellow, a NSF GRC Fellow, and an NIH CBI trainee; served as a Health Sciences Specialist at the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Massachusetts and then a Presidential Management Fellow for one year. She has ten publications in her field.

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Clinical Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Washington State University Tri-Cities.

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Silva graduated with a B. S. in Industrial Chemistry in May 2006. In 2012 she completed a Ph. D. in Chemistry from the University of Washington and then pursued post-doctoral training at Wake Forest School of Medicine, as a PRIME Scholar. Elsa is an author in six papers and was an instructor at Washington State University. Currently she is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Washington State University Tri-Cities.

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Clinical Research Coordinator for Duke University Health System.

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Melissa Babilonia graduated from UPR-Humacao with a B. S. in Industrial Chemistry then joined the Post Baccalaureate program in Biochemistry at Case Western Research University. She finished her PhD. in 2016 at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and completed postdoctoral studies at North Carolina State University. She has authored four papers and received a dissertation fellowship for her final year (ImPACT award). Currently she is a Clinical Research Coordinator for Duke University Health System.
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Senior Engineer at Lockheed Martin

Accomplishments:
Dr. Rut Rivera graduated with a B. S. in Physics from UPR-Humacao in August 2010. She then completed a Ph. D. at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick in 2014 in Materials Science and Engineering. She has been a member of the Engineering Staff at Lockheed Martin since January 2015, and a Senior Engineer since 2018.

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Accomplishments: First recipient of a dual international PhD. degree in Chemistry and Electrochemistry, Science and Technology in joint supervision with the University of Alicante, Spain; recipient of Puerto Rico NASA Space Grant Fellowship; NIH RISE Fellowship; Santiago Grisolía Fellowship; Sloan Research Fellowship; 3 publications - one published in Microgravity Science and Technology and participant in the European program ‘Erasmus in the University of Alicante, Spain.

Enid J. Contés-de Jesús, Ph.D., Scientist
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Accomplishments: Puerto Rico NASA Space Grant Fellowship, NSTI Internship, University Affiliated Research Center-System (UARC-STI) Internship, NASA GSRP Fellowship. NASA-University Space Research Association-Educational Associates Program, Research Scientist, NASA – Ames Research Center / University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC), mentoring and coaching undergraduate and graduate minority students, author and co-author of 8 publications, including a chapter in the book “Syntheses and Applications of Carbon Nanotubes and Their Composites”.

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Juan Corchado García, Ph.D., Analytical Chemistry
(Puerto Rico) PR-LSAMP (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus)

Research Scientist at nference, Cambridge MA. Biomedical Partnerships Lead

Accomplishments: Winner of the College of Chemistry Award, Faculty Award and Ex-Alumni Award upon graduation. Published seven peer reviewed papers.

Liz M. Díaz, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry at University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras

Director of the Department of Chemistry at UPR-RP, Co-Director of NSF CREST CIRE2N

Accomplishments: Completed a PhD. in Chemistry at UPR-Río Piedras; Co-PI of the Co-Director of the NSF CREST Center for Innovation, Research and Education Environmental Nanotechnology (CIRE2N) and Director of the Department of Chemistry.

Mitk’El Santiago Berrios, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry at Universidad Ana G. Méndez

President of the American Chemical Society-Puerto Rico Chapter


Vanessa Rivera-Quiñones, Ph.D., Mathematics

Co-Editor of the Blog of Math American Mathematical Society

Accomplishments: Developed a content-based book recommendation system based using a tf-idf model; built an automatic credit card approval predictor using a logistic regression model to find optimal hyper parameter values; implemented the Gillespie algorithm in MATLAB; received the Brahana TA Instructional Award; a Graduate Tea Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship; and the Dr. Francisco Garriga Award: Most Distinguished Mathematics Student (Fall 2013).
Accomplishments:
- Received in 2009 the Presidents’ Award by the Committee of Presidents of Statistical Societies (COPSS) and the Mortimer Spiegelman Award; in 2001 the American Statistical Association (ASA) Noether Young Scholar Award and recipient of the ASA Youden Award in Interlaboratory Testing; named a fellow of the ASA in 2009. According to ESI’s Scientist Rankings, he is one of the most highly cited researchers in Mathematics and Computer Science. One publication won the 2004 ASA Outstanding Statistical Application Award. Co-edited Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Solutions using R and Bioconductors.

Elvia Melendez, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Science Department at University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

Co-Principal Investigator of the San Juan ULTRA (Urban Long-Term Research Areas)

Accomplishments:
- Served as PI or Co-PI of funded grants of state (Department of Natural Resources), federal agencies (NSF, USDA, USFW) and NGOs (Ford, Ciudadanos del Karso) and Co-PI on several collaborative proposals including the NSF-funded project leading to the creation of San Juan ULTRA (Urban Long-Term Research Areas).

Rafael A. Irizarry Quintero, Ph.D.
Professor of Biostatistics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Chair of Biostatistics and Computational Biology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Accomplishments:

Nelson A. Colón Vargas, Ph.D.

White House Presidential Innovation Fellows, First Puerto Rican to receive the title of Presidential Innovation Fellow

Accomplishments:
- Technology Officer at the Department of Veterans Affairs; has publications in the field of Quantum Topology and was part of Microsoft’s Intellectual Property Products & Solutions team where he was the Data Scientist.

Dalice M. Piñero Cruz, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.

Director of the University of Puerto Rico’s X-ray Diffraction Facility.

Accomplishments:
- Completed a PhD. in Chemistry at UPR-Río Piedras; recipient of the NIH Supplement; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship and the NIH Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Program. Senior Personnel of the NSF CREST Center for Innovation Research and Education in Environmental Nanotechnology; Director of the University of Puerto Rico’s X-ray Diffraction Facility; Liaison officer of the PR-LSAMP at UPR-Río Piedras and author of 18 publications.
Vilmali López-Mejías, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.

Accomplishments: Recipient of several awards and grants: Rackham Science Award, NIH Supplement; National Need (GAANN) Fellowship; Sloan Scholar Fellowship and the Carl Storm (CSURM) Fellowship. Serves as Co-Pi and in the PREM-Center for Energy Materials; the Wisconsin-Puerto Rico Partnerships for Research and Education and the NSF EPScoR RII Track-1 Center. Author of 14 publications and an inventor in two patents.

Cindy Figueroa, Ph.D. Chemistry

Accomplishments: Recipient of several highly competitive fellowships such as PRLSAMP, RISE, IFN, HHMI, and various travel awards. Dr. Figueroa completed her doctoral degree in Chemistry with 8 published scientific articles. She was an Associate Professor at the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico. She was the spokesperson of WaterStep at the United Nations Forum of the Women and Girls in Science Day in 2018, the Trinidad and Tobago Women in Science Conference, and in local media outlets. In 2019, she transitioned to the Industry Sector as an Analytical Development Investigator at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Leyda Lugo Morales, Ph.D.

Forensic Scientist
North Carolina State Crime Laboratory

Accomplishments: Earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico (PCUPR) with honors Suma Cum Laude in May 2008; obtained a doctoral degree in chemistry at North Carolina State University (NCSU) and earned her PhD. in Chemistry in summer 2013. Her research work focused on electrochemical detection of neurotransmitters and development of biosensors. Currently employed as a forensic scientist assigned to the Toxicology Unit of the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory. She is now an Analytical Chemist between two worlds: Neuroscience and Forensic Science.

Carol M. Galvis, Ph.D.

Lead Pharmacologist
Division of Pharmacology/Toxicology and Immunology and Inflammation
Office of Immunology and Inflammation
ODN/FDA/CDER

Accomplishments: Obtained her B.S. in Chemistry from Pontifical Catholic University; obtained her Ph.D. in Pharmacology in 2008 at University of Virginia; received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Training Award (2005 – 2008); the CDER Team Excellence Award for participation of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis drugs, and the FDA Excellence in Communication Award (2018). Currently she is Lead Pharmacologist for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), FDA, Maryland.
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree (PharmD) from The Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine and a B.S. degree in Chemistry with a Radiochemistry minor from SC State. She oversees several programs to assist the community with the most common health disparities including hypertension, diabetes, Hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS. She also manages control substance inventory and implements and enforces all new action plans for pharmacy operations and pharmacy preceptor responsibilities.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Received a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and a BS in Chemistry degree from SC State University. Completed post-graduate training in Pediatric Dentistry at Howard University in Washington, DC. He is the CEO of Kids by the Bay Dentistry and an active member of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, and Maryland State Dental Association.</td>
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### Shanora Gymph Brown, Ph.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)**

**Accomplishments:** Received a Ph.D. in Cancer Biology from Clark Atlanta University and a B.S Degree in Biology from SC State University. She has been awarded more than $1.3 million in federal research funding from the NIH and USDA/NIFA. She won the DRP Target Faculty award from the South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC INBRE) and has 4 peer-reviewed research papers. Current research focus includes prostate cancer health disparities. She has mentored over 50 underrepresented minority undergraduates and is the co-founder of the S.I.S. (Sisters in STEM) Network, an organization that promotes sisterhood, mentorship and networking for STEM undergraduate females.

### Ryan Brown, M.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)**

**Accomplishments:** Received a M.D. from the University of Louisville School of Medicine and a BS degree in Biology from SC State. He is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine and as a specialist oversees cases involving cardiac distress, trauma, fractures, lacerations and other acute conditions.

### Tiffany Camp, Ph.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson)**

**Accomplishments:** Earned Ph.D., M.S. and B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson University. Dr. Camp completed Postdoctoral training at John Hopkins University. As an engineer she designs accessory systems for upgrades of GE fleet gas turbines and coordinates project assignments to 4 globally located engineering centers.

### Tamuka Chidyausiku, Ph.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Claflin University)**

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Washington and a BS in Biology from Claflin University. He is a Computational Biologist with postdoctoral training in translational Biochemistry techniques in agriculture and biomedical applications Recipient of Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research Gap Year Scholar.
### Bradley Childs, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Radiochemistry from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and is currently completing a Postdoctoral research fellowship in Radiochemistry at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA. He received a BS degree in Chemistry/Radiochemistry from SC State. Research interests include the synthesis, application, analysis, and characterization of radioactive compounds and materials, as well as experimental and method development. Dissertation work centered on volatile technetium oxides that stemmed from the vitrification process of nuclear waste.

### Mildred Carson, M.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

**Accomplishments:** Earned the M.D. from University of Louisville and B.S. degree in Biology from South Carolina State University. She completed her residency and an internship at Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems in the field of pediatrics. She received further training at The Reach Institute and the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, both in New York, New York. She is board-certified with over 15 years of clinical practice, an author, speaker, consultant, health coach and expert on children’s health and behavioral health issues. She holds professional membership in the American Academy of Pediatrics (Fellow) and the National Medical Association. She has one publication and three Press Mentions.

### Brandyce Coes Smith, PharmD.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Claflin University)

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and a B.S. in Biochemistry from Claflin. She is certified by the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) in Diabetes training, and Immunization Delivery. She is a member of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), and the South Carolina College of Pharmacy (SCCP) as a member of the Diversity Committee.

### Willette Crawford, Ph.D./MPH
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Food Science at Purdue University, a Master of Public Health from East Tennessee State University and two B.S. degrees in Biology and Chemistry from SC State. Invited speaker for global public health and food safety conferences including Harvard University Medical School. Served as a European Union Visitors Program Participant 1 of 16 selected from the US to participate in European Parliament and European Commission, authored numerous guidance documents for the FDA, white papers, research abstracts, and book chapters. Multiple citations include: FDA Commissioner Special Citation Awards, Agency Cross-cutting FDA Honor Awards, FDA CFSAN exceptional achievement award.
### Angela Dapremont, Ph.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (College of Charleston)**

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. degree in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the BS degree in Geology, College of Charleston. Recipient of the McNair Scholarship, National Science Foundation Graduate Research award and the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Interned at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD. Her dissertation focus was on mud volcanism on Mars. Professional Memberships include American Geophysical Union, American Astronomical Society Division for Planetary Sciences.

### Samuel Morgan Davis, M.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)**

**Accomplishments:** Earned a MD degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine and graduated in the top 10% of his class. He received a B.S in Biology (Summa Cum Laude) from SC State. He has completed an Orthopedic Surgery residency at Duke University and completed a fellowship in Spinal Surgery at Emory University. He has authored several book chapters and scholarly articles, and given numerous presentations related to his specialty in spinal surgery.

### Deon Doxie, Ph.D.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (University of South Carolina)**

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Oncology and Cancer Biology from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a B.S degree in Polymer Chemistry from the University of South Carolina. He was a Dean’s list Scholar and the recipient of the USC Magellan Scholar’s award. His Ph.D. training was supported by NIH/NCI T32 CA009592 training grant entitled “Micro-environmental Influences in Cancer” and by an R25 GM062459 grant entitled “The Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD). Research interests include tumor immunology and cancer therapy resistance. He has five publications.

### Delphine Felder, PharmD.

**South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Voorhees College)**

**Accomplishments:** Earned Doctor of Pharmacy degree from The Medical University of South Carolina B.S. in Biology, Magna Cum Laude graduate, Voorhees College. Twelve years as a lead pharmacist and manager in the Walmart Corporation. She participated in the Health Careers Opportunity Program and is a Motivational Speaker.
Cody-Aaron Gathers, M.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)
Pediatrics Clinical Fellow, Boston Children’s Hospital, MA [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Received a MD degree, Medical University of South Carolina, completed Pediatric Residency training at Boston Children’s Hospital (the nation’s top ranked Children’s Hospital)/Boston Medical Center in the Urban Health and Advocacy Track. Graduated from Clemson Magna Cum Laude as a distinguished military graduate. Recipient of the James B. Edwards Scholarship, member of the Gold Humanism Honors Society and former Class President at MUSC. Received the Darryl Powell Jr. Social Justice Award. He is a Captain in the Medical Corps of the United States Army National Guard. Research interests include pediatric healthcare disparities and health equity.

Whitney Gibbs, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (College of Charleston)
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, LaVoie Lab, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. from Harvard University and the BS Degree in Biology from the College of Charleston. She is a Post-Doctoral research fellow at the LaVoie Lab which is a part of the Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases in the Department of Neurology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School. The lab currently focuses on understanding the earliest molecular events responsible for Parkinson’s disease, a neurologic disorder affecting more than 1 million Americans today. She is the recipient of the McNair Scholarship and has eight publications in genomic diversity.

James Gibert, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)
Assistant Professor, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. [ENG]

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. and BS degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Clemson University. He was honored with the Highly Commended Emerald Engineering Outstanding Doctoral Award from the Emerald Literati Network and Outstanding Paper and Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence. He has earned a Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fellowship from the National Science Foundation and an Endowed Teaching Fellowship from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Clemson University.

Terrell Gibson, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Morris College)
General Manager/ Technical Director, National Labs Hayward, CA [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology from Texas Southern University and a BS degree in Chemistry from Morris College. Recent recipient of the National Labs Manager of the Year Award. Served as Associate Technical Director and Analytical Chemist at Sagenex. Member of American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Managed and trained various graduate level summer research projects for graduate student mentors, undergraduate interns, and high school interns in the field of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
Portia Gifford-Moss, PharmD.  
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)  
Pharmacist, BlueCross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Nashville, TN [CHEM].  

Accomplishments: Earned Pharm.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC and a BS degree in Chemistry with a concentration in Radiochemistry from SC State. She was one of the first Radiochemistry graduates at the University. At BCBS of Tennessee, she developed and modified policies and procedures in accordance with NCQA, URAC, and CMS guidance. The former Miss SC State University serves on the YMCA Board of Advisors.

Latonya Gillespie-Johnson, Ph.D.  
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Voorhees College)  
Owner and CEO, Southern Pearl Dentistry Atlanta, Georgia [BIO]  

Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. in Dental Surgery from the Marquette University School of Dentistry, and a B.S. in Biology/Chemistry from Voorhees. Her passion for serving others and educating the community on maintaining excellent oral health, led her to establish the Southern Pearl Dental Practice in Atlanta, GA. She is a full range General Dentist who also serves as an Oral Cancer Awareness Advocate. She is an active member of the American Dental Association, Georgia Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and National Dental Association.

Stacey Gilliam, PharmD.  
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)  
Pharmacist, Five Points Cooperative Health, Columbia, SC. [MPS]  

Accomplishments: Earned Pharm.D. degree from Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy (member of the inaugural class) and a BS degree in Biology with a concentration in Radiochemistry from South Carolina State. One of the first Radiochemistry graduates at the University. Currently, she is a pharmacy manager for a nonprofit organization that provides services for the uninsured, under-insured and migrant/refugees.

Devin Gordon, Ph.D.  
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)  
Senior Analytical Chemist, 3M, Greenville, SC [MPS]  

Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. in Macromolecular Science and Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and the B.S degree in Materials Science and Engineering, Clemson. Recipient of the following awards: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the South Carolina Textile Education Foundation Award of Merit, Willie J. Heggins, II Scholastics Award, Intercultural Achievement Award and the Personal Academic Achievement Award. His specialties include: Chemometrics, Optical Spectroscopy, Polymer Degradation, and Data-Driven Modeling. He has four publications.
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**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the top ranked nuclear engineering department in the country along with a certification in Medical Physics. Recipient of the following awards: SMART Rackham Merit Fellowship, Michigan Woman of Color Student Leadership Award, American College of Radiology’s Richard L. Morin Medical Physics Fellowship, BEYA Student Leadership Award, Great Lakes AAPM Chapter Distinguished Leadership Award. She has four publications.

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**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from The University of South Carolina (USC) College of Pharmacy in the Department of Drug Discovery and Biomedical Sciences and a B.S degree in Biology from Allen. Recipient of the following awards: Two academic scholarships, the Daniel Li-Ching Wang Scholarship Fund and the Charles R. Yandell Fund Award. She is recognized as an outstanding mentor to undergraduate underrepresented students, many of whom have successfully presented at state, regional and national conferences. She has one paper published and two currently under review.

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**Accomplishments:** Earned a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree from Temple University and is Board Certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine. He has a BS degree in Biology from South Carolina State University. He serves as an educational consultant for Cellularity Cellular Technologies and Versea Pharmaceuticals and as a spokesman for the SC Compassionate Care Act. He was nominated for the “Best Foot and Ankle Surgeon in the Pee Dee” award.

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<td><strong>Senior Scientist, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Aiken, SC. [CHEM]</strong></td>
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**Accomplishments:** Earned both the Ph.D. and BS degrees in Chemistry from Clemson University. As a senior scientist at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) her research focuses on Europium valence control in the hydrothermal synthesis of apatites and borosilicates and the hydrothermal synthesis and structural analysis of new mixed oxyanion borates: Ba11B26O44(PO4) 2(OH)6, Li9BaB15O27(CO3) and Ba3Si2B6O16.
### Drena Howard, MPH

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) *(South Carolina State University)*

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Master’s in Public Health from Yale University and a BS degree in Biology from South Carolina State University. She leads environmental health and safety training education, communication and sustainability initiatives for the global retail channel at Estee Lauder. She is the recipient of the National Safety Council Rising Star award, The Network Journal "40 Under Forty" Dynamic Achievers award and is a member of NOBLE (The Network of Black Leaders and Executives) @ The Estee Lauder Companies.

![Drena Howard, MPH](image)

### Shiree Hughes, Ph.D.

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) *(Clemson University)*

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Florida Atlantic University, a M.S. degree in Computer Engineering from University of Florida and a BS degree in Mathematics from Clemson. She specializes in embedded network systems and on projects that require an interdisciplinary team.

![Shiree Hughes, Ph.D.](image)

### Kemar Hunter, PharmD.

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) *(Voorhees College)*

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and the B.S. degree in Biology, Summa Cum Laude graduate, Voorhees College. Previous experience as a Pharmacy Intern, CVS, Manchester. Honors at Voorhees College include Student Government Association President, Presidential Scholar, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

![Kemar Hunter, PharmD.](image)

### Deja Jackson, Ph.D.

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) *(South Carolina State University)*

**Accomplishments:** Earned both a Ph.D. and M.S. degree in Transportation and Highway Engineering from the University of Florida. She received a BS degree in Civil Engineering Technology from South Carolina State University. She is one of the first certified Road Safety Professionals in the U.S. and Canada.

![Deja Jackson, Ph.D.](image)
**France Jackson, Ph.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

UX Researcher, Intel, Human-Centered Computing [BSIE]

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Human-Centered Computing, from The University of Florida. M.S. and B.S. degrees in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University. She was recognized as a Young Adult Council- Roaring 10, SREB Scholar, Gates Millennium Scholar, Coca-Cola Scholar. Recipient of the University of Florida Graduate School Fellowship Award, Intel Scholar and GEM Fellow. She holds Six Sigma Green Belt certification.

**Lesley Joseph, PE**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (University of South Carolina)

Principal Engineer, Hazen and Sawyer, Columbia, SC [ENG].

**Accomplishments:** Professional Engineer and Ph.D. Candidate in Civil Engineering, University of South Carolina (USC). He has a M.S. degree in Engineering (concentration in Environmental Health Engineering) from John Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering, and both the M.S. and B.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from USC. He is the recipient of the Water Environment Association of SC Fellowship, NSF Fellowship, Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program Fellow, Udall Scholar, Magellan Scholar. He serves as First Lieutenant in the South Carolina State Guard, Engineering Division. He is the founding President of the USC Student Chapter of “Engineers Without Borders.” He has 9 scientific publications.

**Sarina Kaye Sinclair, Ph.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

Asst. Research Professor, Department of Orthopedics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah [BIOE]

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Bioengineering from Clemson University, the Masters of Engineering degree (ME) in Biomedical Engineering from Tulane University and BS degree in Biotechnology, Clemson University. She completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Utah Department of Orthopedics in the Bone and Joint Research Laboratory. She has conducted one clinical trial on Advanced Prosthetic Devices Screening and has one publication in the Journal of Stem Cells.

**Ashley Knowell, Ph.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Asst. Professor of Biology, Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Cancer Biology from Clark Atlanta University and a BS degree in Biology from SC State. She has been awarded over $1.4 million in federally funded grants (NIH-NCI and USDA-NIFA) to study cancer health disparities to include breast cancer and childhood obesity and nutrition and has 10 scientific publications. She currently serves as the SC State LS-SCAMP Campus PI, has mentored more than 60 minority undergraduate students and is the co-founder of the S.I.S. (Sisters in STEM) Network, a national organization for young women majoring in STEM.
Walter Lee, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

Accomplishments: Earned a Ph.D. in Engineering Education from Virginia Tech and a BS degree in Industrial Engineering, Clemson. He was named Outstanding New Assistant Professor by Virginia Tech College of Engineering, Outstanding Young Alumni, Clemson University, and 20 High-achieving Researchers and Educators under 40 by PRISM Magazine.

Litany Lineberry, Ph.D. Candidate
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Voorhees College)

Accomplishments: A 2020 Ph.D. candidate at Mississippi State University majoring in Engineering Education. She earned a BS degree in Computer Science, Voorhees College. Recipient of a GenCyber Grant. She was highlighted in a MSU “Our People” article for being a triple minority (AA, female and a person with disabilities) pursuing a terminal degree. Professional memberships include: Order of Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, National Society of Black Engineers, Women of Cyber Security, and Association for Computing Machinery.

Ayana Martin, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Benedict College)

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Molecular Medicine and Translational Science from Wake Forest and a BS degree in Biology, Benedict College. Employed as a Clinical Educator Liaison servicing the following territories, DC, MD, VA, and WV. She is the recipient of the following awards: Omnicom Health Group Fellow, Co-Founder EncepHeal Therapeutics, Wake Forest Best Health Marketing and Health Promotion Intern, Alumni Convocation speaker, Benedict College. She has 3 publications.

Brooks McPhail, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. in Toxicology, with a concentration in pharmacokinetics, from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy Department of Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences and a BS in Biology from SC State University. Completed Postdoctoral training in Computational Pharmacokinetics from the Center for Disease Control & Prevention Agency of Toxic Substance & Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) and the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center Division of Clinical Pharmacology. She has 8 publications.
### Jade Nelson, DNP, FNP-C

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

**Doctor of Nursing Practice / Family Nurse Practitioner, Carolinas Healthcare Systems, Charlotte, NC [BIO].**

**Accomplishments:** Earned Doctor of Nurse Practitioner degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in Family Medicine, Charleston, SC, a BS degree in Nursing (BSN) from Winston Salem State and a BS degree in Biology from SC State. She is credentialed as Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-C) certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing and recipient of the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship Grant. She completed an advanced Clinical Practitioner Fellowship in Family Medicine at Carolinas Healthcare System.

### Whitney Miranda, OD

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

**Optometrist, Eye Specialists of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree from Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University and a BS degree in Biology from SC State University. She received multiple clinical honors for specializing in eye health in pediatrics and vision therapy. They include: SEE Clearly in McLean, VA, Seidenberg Protzko Eye Associates in Havre de Grace, MD and Eye Specialists of Longwood, Longwood, Fl. She is an active member in the following professional organizations: American Optometry Association, College of Optometrists in Vision Development, Florida Optometric Association and Central Florida Society of Optometric Physicians.

### Frederick Paige, Ph.D.

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

**Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering, Virginia Tech [ENG].**

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. M.S., and B.S. degrees in Civil Engineering, Clemson University. Previous work with a variety of utility companies, sustainability non-profits, and educational institutions has provided him with a versatile toolkit needed to address a diverse range of civil engineering issues. He has spent time in Genoa, Italy conducting an independent study investigating the connection between the use of operational shutters and the user’s understanding of energy. He is the recipient of: GAANN Fellow Award, NSF GRFP Honorable Mention, W.E.B. Du Bois Talented Tenth Pinnacle Award (Clemson), BMEN Faculty Member of the Year (Virginia Tech). He recently published “flEECe” in Nature Scientific Data.

### Tiffany Richburg Morris, M.D.

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

**Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, TN [BIO].**

**Accomplishments:** Earned the MD degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN and a BS degree in Biology from SC State University. She completed residency training at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA and completed an Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship at Duke University, Durham, NC. She currently serves as the Associate Fellowship Program Director for Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology.
Harold Rickenbacker, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Accomplishments: Earned a Ph.D. in Civil & Environmental Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh and a BS degree in Civil Engineering Technology from South Carolina State University. Recipient of the following awards, Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement’s Partnerships of Distinction Award, Carnegie Science College/University Student Award, and National Science Foundation (NSF) Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation (EFRI) Scholar Grant Supplement Award.

Clean Air and Innovation Manager
Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Washington, DC. [ENG]

William Sago, M.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Accomplishments: Earned the MD degree from Meharry Medical College and the BS degree in Biology from South Carolina State University. He completed a Residency at University of Tennessee, Memphis and specialized in anatomic pathology. Currently employed as a Forensic Pathologist at West TN Regional Forensic Center in Memphis, TN.

Forensic Pathologist, West TN Regional Forensic Center, Memphis, TN. [BIO]

Colin-Jamal Smith, MD/Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (University of South Carolina)

Accomplishments: A 2020 MD/Ph.D. degree in Microbiology and Immunology and MD degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Medicine. He earned a BS degree in Biology from University of South Carolina. Recipient of NIH NINDS MD/Ph.D. fellowship grant. Has 1 publication. Recently matched for Residency at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC.

MD/Ph.D. Fellow University North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC [BIO]

Bethany Smith, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Accomplishments: Earned a Ph.D. degree in Cancer Biology from Clark Atlanta University, a M.S. degree in Genetics from Delaware State University and a B.S. in Biology from SC State. She is the Principal Investigator of a Department of Defense (DOD/PCRP) Research grant focusing on targeting Endoglin Signaling to Antagonize Androgen Receptor Splice Variants in Castrate-Resistant Prostate Cancer. She has also received a T32 Postdoctoral Trainee Department of Defense Research Grant, the DOD Early Investigator Research Award, and 2017 Patent: Sensitization of Tumors to Therapies Through Endoglin Antagonism. She has seven published research articles.

Project Scientist, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. [BIO]
**Michael A. Smith, M.D./Ph.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Voorhees College)

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Howard University and a M.D. degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Voorhees College with a BS degree in Biology. Member of the Voorhees College Board of Trustees, National Medical Association, American Medical Association, American Society of Microbiology, and numerous other medical boards and committees.

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**Chavis Stackhouse, Ph.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (University of South Carolina)

**Accomplishments:** Earned a Ph.D. in Materials Chemistry from University of South Florida and a B.S. in Chemistry from University of South Carolina. He is currently completing postdoctoral training at Stony Brook University as a National Institutes of Health IRACDA Scholar. The three year mentored fellowship advances teaching and research skills at a Minority Serving NY – Caps Partnership Institution.

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**Jeremy Sullivan, M.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

**Accomplishments:** Earned the MD degree from the Medical University of South Carolina and the BS Degree in Biological Sciences from Clemson University. He is a current Internal Medicine Resident at New York University Lagone’s Department of Medicine.

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**Brandon Tompkins, Ph.D.**

South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

**Accomplishments:** Earned the Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, Texas A&M and BS degree, Mechanical Engineering, Clemson. Recipient of: GEM Fellowship, and a Graduate Diversity Fellow. His Licenses and certifications include: Engine Failure Investigation and Analysis, Project Management Lite, 6 Sigma Green Belt. He is a member of ASME, ASM International and SAE and volunteers with The Boy Scouts of America. He has four publications.
Candice Ulmer, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (College of Charleston)

Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. from University of Florida. NIST NRC Post-Doctoral Research Associate. She was involved with multi-omic UHPLC-HRMS method development which is one of the first lipid omics inter-laboratory studies that monitored the effects of environmental exposures on human/marine life. She has 34 publications in the Journal of Lipid Research, Journal of the America Society for Mass Spectrometry, Journal of Proteomics and Bioinformatics, and many others.

Deidra Walls, MS-EEN
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Benedict College)

Accomplishments: M.S. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Norfolk State University and a BS degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Benedict College. Serves as the Co-Programs’ Chair for National Society of Black Engineers, Baltimore Metropolitan Area Chapter (NBSE-BMAC) and was selected as a guest speaker for the recently held “Emerging Researchers National Conference.” She is currently pursuing an Engineering Juris Doctorate (EJD) in technology law at Purdue Global Concord School of Law. She has two publications on Rectenna Arrays (used for wireless power transmission) and Biosensors.

Ethell Vereen, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Accomplishments: Earned a Ph.D. in Ecology, University of Georgia, M.S. in Environmental Health University of Georgia College of Public Health and a BS degree in Biology, SC State. Recent recipient of the Vulcan Excellence in Teaching Award, Morehouse College. Honored as an outstanding professor for his unique blend of professional expertise and engaging pedagogy in the classroom. Recipient of a National Science Foundation Research Initiation Award for $300,000 entitled "Metagenomic Approach to Assess Water Quality and Microbial Load Variability of an Urban Watershed." Recipient of the E. Broadus Browne Research Award. He is an honorary Member of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Courtney Ward, OD
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Clemson University)

Accomplishments: Received the Doctor of Optometry (OD) from University of Alabama, Birmingham and B.S. in Biological Sciences, Clemson University. Residency training was in Primary Care and Ocular Disease at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, NC. She gained extensive knowledge and training in diagnosing and treating ocular diseases including glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetes and other vascular diseases. Member of the Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society and served as the President of the National Optometric Student Association.
Lindsey Walker, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Staff Developmental Scientist, Beckman Coulter, Sacramento CA [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. degree in Cellular Biology from Clark Atlanta University, and a B.S degree in Biology from South Carolina State University. She was a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellow (T-32) in the Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism training program at Emory University. In her current position as a Staff Developmental Scientist she serves as project leader and technical expert on projects totaling more than $4 million in cost savings. She has seven publications.

David Williams, M.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Vascular Surgeon, Bon Secours St Francis Downtown, Greenville, SC [BIO]

Accomplishments: Received the MD degree from The University of Louisville School of Medicine and a BS in Biology from South Carolina State University. Completed Residency Training in Surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University Health System and a Vascular Surgery fellowship at Wake Forest Baptist Health Center. He was the recipient of the University of Louisville School of Medicine student “Diversity Award” for his commitment to the educational and societal needs of underrepresented minorities through mentorship and service. He is Board Certified in Vascular Surgery and has 11 scientific publications.

Curtis White II, Ph.D.
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (Morris College)

Materials and Process, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. in Materials Engineering, M.S. degree in Optical Engineering from Norfolk State University and received a BS degree in Mathematics from Morris College. Currently, he is a Spark Challenge Innovator to support medical response to the COVID-19 virus. He is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers and contributor to the Innovation Exchange and Tech Fest as a presenter. He is co-author of nine publications.

Matthew Wooten, DO
South Carolina Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-SCAMP) (South Carolina State University)

Infectious Diseases-Critical Care Fellow, The Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Received the Doctor of Osteopathic (D.O.) degree from Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and BS in Biology from South Carolina State University. Completed Residency training at Mount Carmel Health System, Columbus, Ohio and St. John Medical Center, Westlake, Ohio. Served as Chief Resident Physician for Internal Medicine, Mount Carmel Heath Systems. He is a Teach Society Inductee and member of the Lambda chapter of Sigma Sigma Phi National Osteopathic Honors Fraternity. He was featured in an NBC Documentary on Osteopathic Healthcare describing the full recovery of a patient not expected to live.
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**Montray C. Leavy, Ph.D. – Deputy Chief Technology Officer**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Montray C. Leavy is Deputy Chief Technology Officer of Entegris, based in Singapore. He is current leading the Advanced Technology Engagement team responsible for working across the company’s business divisions to plan and execute technical collaborative customer engagements for the most challenging applications while ensuring alignment to the company’s product portfolio. Prior to this role, Dr. Leavy served as Vice President of the Strategic Account Technology Management team. In this position, he led a team responsible for strategic new product development and customer technical engagements.

**Toyin Alli, Ph.D., Lecturer**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Math PhD. Lecturer at the University of Georgia

**Accomplishments:** Creator of Academic Society - creates videos and blogs for graduate students and faculty members in the Math and STEM. Bridge to Doctorate Program – University of Mississippi

**Brittany Rogers, O.D.**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Brittany N Rogers is a therapeutic optometrist practicing at Rogers Family Eye Care, LLC in Ridgeland, MS. She earned her Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Houston College Of Optometry and her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Mississippi in Biochemistry. During her early academic career Dr. Rogers spent many hours as a dedicated member and officer of the LSAMP IMAGE Program on the campus of UM. She contributes the foundation of her academic and professional success to the challenges and opportunities that IMAGE offered. "I believe that I accepted the challenge to pursue excellence and I have been all the more blessed for it."

**Dr. Kendrick Savage, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor of Mathematics**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Georgia Gwinnett College. **Accomplishments:** Dr. Kendrick has a passion for teaching mathematics. He believes and tells his students that all problems in life revolve around mathematics. He is a member of Kappi Delta Pi, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators, Mathematical Association of American, Outstanding teaching credentials.
Accomplishments: Gerald Stinson, Jr., O.D., Owner/Manager of Lexington Eye Care Clinic in Lexington, MS. The only eye care provider in Holmes County, MS. Dr. Stinson serves the citizens of Holmes County by providing effective management of refractive error and various diseases of the anterior or posterior eye such as conjunctivitis, glaucoma, and diabetic eye disease.

Dr. Ebony J. Adams, PharmD, MS, MHA
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

Accomplishments: Currently, an administrative pharmacist practicing within the Houston Methodist Healthcare System at Houston Methodist Baytown Community Hospital located in Baytown, Texas. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy, her Master of Healthcare Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina and her Bachelor of Art degree from the University of Mississippi (UM) in Biochemistry. Following the completion of pharmacy training, she completed a rigorous 24-month pharmacy residency training in Health System Pharmacy Administration (HSPA) at University of North Carolina Health along with a Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration from the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy.

Angela Fortner McKoy, Ph.D. Visiting Assistant Professor
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Accomplishments: Dr. Fortner-McKoy graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Chemistry in 2005 and her master’s degree in Chemistry in 2006. She received her doctoral degree from Princeton University in Biochemistry in 2011. Currently, she is a Visiting Professor at Wheaton College since 2014. Dr. McKoy came to Wheaton College in 2014 as a visiting professor in Biochemistry. Her post-doctoral work is in X-ray crystallographic structure determination and expression and purification of polypeptides. While at Princeton University she worked on the discovery of compounds that rescue Alzheimer’s peptide toxicity through E. coli protein expression screening.

Dr. Patrina Thompson, Chemistry Instructor
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Accomplishments: Dr. Thompson received a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry in 2004 from Alcorn State University. She also received a master’s degree in 2006 and a doctorate degree in 2012, both in Chemistry, from Jackson State University. Thompson is a licensed teacher for the State of Mississippi. She joined CCC’s faculty in August 2013. Currently, she is a Chemistry Instructor at Coahoma Community College.
**Dr. Jelani Griffin-Parker, Administrator**
*Mississippi Health Systems*

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Mathematics & Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Griffin-Parker graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Chemistry. She received her doctoral degree from Jackson State University in Chemistry. She worked as a Pathology Technician at Baptist Health System from 2010 to 2011. Currently she is a supervisor at Mississippi Health System since 2011.

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**Dr. Eric McClendon, M.D., Cardiologist**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. McClendon graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Chemistry in 2003. He received his doctoral degree from Jackson State University in Chemistry in 2008 and his Doctor of Medicine (MD) from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 2008. He was an Internal Medicine Resident at Wake Forest Baptist Health from 2012 to 2015. Currently, he is Cardiology Fellow at the University of Mississippi Medical Center since 2015.

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**Dr. William Hardy, Chemist**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. William Hardy graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Chemistry in 2008. His Master’s Degree in Analytical Chemistry from University of Florida in 2011. He received his doctoral degree from University of Florida in Analytical Chemistry in 2014. He is a chemist with several years of material development, synthesis and characterization experience. My graduate study research focused on developing nanostructured porous materials for an array of different applications including biosensors, battery separators for lithium ion batteries, and long-term storage systems for radio-active waste.

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**Glake Hill, Ph.D., Professor**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Tougaloo College)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Hill is a computational chemist. His research interests is in theoretical chemistry: The Hill group focuses on developing tools that will provide accurate information about relatively large systems. Using Quantum Monte Carlo methods, Localization methods, basis set extrapolation methods and other innovative techniques, and accurate calculations performed on systems that are computationally difficult.
**Kristen Lewis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Tougaloo College)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Kristen Lewis is an assistant professor at Bloomsburg University. She is also a group leader at USGS and also worked on the Geophysical Analysis of Energy Resources Project (also called the Geophysical Analysis Project) meets the need within the USGS and the Energy Resources Program to conduct advanced theoretical and applied research in reflection seismology to improve the delineation and characterization of both conventional and unconventional hydrocarbon resources.

**Marshala Lee, M.D., MPH**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Tougaloo College)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Marshala attended Tougaloo College where she received her BS degree in Chemistry. She completed her residency in the department of family medicine at the University of Maryland Med. Center, Baltimore MD.

**Jasmine Collins, Ph.D.**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Tougaloo College)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Jasmine graduated with her BS at Tougaloo College, her masters at Jackson State University, and her Doctorate degree from JSU’s College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET). She is the bridge between a student failing chemistry and passing. She is a profound chemistry teacher who makes chemistry problems simple.

**Tomekia Simeon, Ph.D.**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Tougaloo College)

**Mathematics and Physical Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Tomekia Simeon is an Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Tomekia received her bachelor’s degree in Chemistry at Tougaloo College before earning her a Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Jackson State University. During her doctoral studies, she interned at NASA, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and with the 1985 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, Jerome Karle, at the Office of Naval Research. After receiving her doctorate, she aspired to continue her studies in computational chemistry by working with the pioneers in quantum chemistry at Northwestern University.
Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Accomplishment: Currently, she is working for (USDA) United States Department of Agriculture as a Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian in the field of (FSIS) Food Safety and Inspection Services. Her job is to protect the public’s health by preventing foodborne illnesses among consumers who purchase meat, egg, and poultry products that goes out into commerce. As a veterinarian, I monitor, analyze, and gather laboratory data of all food prospects (food animals) and monitor all operational processes before production. My research involved developing a biomarker panel that could detect the epigenetic factors of childhood leukemia.

Marquita Watkins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Tougaloo College)

Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Marquita R. Watkins Graduate from Tougaloo College in Chemistry in 2010. She received her doctoral degree from Jackson state University in chemistry in 2017. She worked as an Administrative Coordinator at Tougaloo College from 2016 -2018. Currently she is an Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie since 2018. She serves as an assistant professor delivering education in General Chemistry, Fundamental Chemistry, and Introductory Chemistry courses. Collaborate with colleagues in instruction and interdisciplinary research.

Brianna Bingham, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Mississippi)

Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Brianna Bingham attended Tougaloo College and received her bachelor’s in mathematics, and a master’s degree from Jackson State University in mathematics. She received her doctoral degree in mathematics at the University of Southern Mississippi in computational science and mathematics in 2019. She worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi from 2016 to 2019. Dr. Bingham has served as a teaching assistant instructing intermediate algebra and quantitative reasoning, and has extensive experience tutoring at the collegiate and K-12 levels.

Lungile Sitole, Ph.D., Professor
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Sitole holds both a Bachelors (Magna Cum Laude) and Master’s (Cum Laude) degree in Organic Chemistry from Jackson State University as well as a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Pretoria. In 2015, she was featured in the Mail & Guardian as one of the top 200 young South Africans. In 2014, Sitole was one of the recipients of the South African Women in Science Doctoral fellowship awards. Dr. Sitole is currently a lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Johannesburg (UJ) where she also serves as the Deputy Head of Department. She completed her postdoctoral training at the same institution.
Accomplishment: I am an alum of the LSAMP Summer Bridge Program (SBP) at Mississippi Valley State University. I attended the program in June 2014, I attended The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) where I majored in Chemistry with emphasis in Biochemistry. I attended the University of Arkansas for Medical Science Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP). My research involved developing the primary extract for a pharmaceutical that would treat gastric ulcers and cancers caused by Helicobacter pylori. In 2017, I attended the University Of Missouri College Of Medicine Biomedical Summer Research Internship.

James Kevin Hall, M.D.
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

Accomplishments: Practices consultative and interventional cardiology at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oxford, MS. Georgetown Medical School Accomplishments: Fellowships-Wake Forest University (Interventional/Cardiology), Harvard Medical/Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Research Fellowship. American Board of Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease and Interventional Cardiology, Board Eligible. Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society Inductee at the University of Chicago, Internal Medicine.

Sherrie Amadi, Ph.D.
(Mississippi). Mathematics and Physical Sciences

Keyana Mitchell Washington, M.D., MPH
(Mississippi). Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Pediatrician and Partner at Gwinnett Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine Community Mentor and Preceptor for Emory University Department of Pediatrics Residency Program Gwinnett Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine is the oldest and largest privately-owned pediatric practice in Gwinnett County, a suburb of Atlanta. The practice consists of 4 offices and over 20 medical providers. My job involves taking care of children and families, which I love! I work in private practice, caring for sick children as well as doing well child checkups.

Dr. Jalarna J. Grant, M.D., Obstetrician
(Mississippi). Obstetrics and Gynecology

Accomplishments:
Dr. Jalarna J. Grant is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist practicing in Olive Branch, MS. Prior to joining Methodist Olive Branch Women’s Group. She practiced also in the Mississippi Delta providing access to high quality health care in rural communities. Dr. Grant earned a M.S. in Biomedical Science in 2008 from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (Georgia Campus). She earned her medical degree in 2012 from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS. Dr. Grant completed her training at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. Dr. Grant specializes in women’s health care and has a special interest in obstetrics, contraception, and preventive medicine.

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Dr. Mekel Richardson, Assistant Professor
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Assistant Professor of Biology. Dr. Richardson graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Biology in 2002. She received her master’s degree in Molecular Biology from JSU in 2005 and she received her Doctoral degree in Cancer and Developmental Biology in 2011 from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Biology at LeMoyne-Owen College in Greater Memphis Area since 2016.

Dr. Caronda Moore
Scientific Marketing Consultant
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Moore graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Biology. She received her doctoral degree from University of Nebraska Medical Center in PhD in Medical Science. She worked as a Scientific and Marketing Consultant at Paratransit Nontherapy from 2013 to 2014 and as a Licensing Associate in UNeMed Corporation for 3 years. Currently, she is a Licensing Associate at Kansas State University Institute for Commercialization. She is an experienced Licensing Associate with a demonstrated history of working in the life science industry.

Dr. Samuel Haile, Senior Scientist
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Haile graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Biology in 2006. He received his doctoral degree from University of Maryland, Baltimore County in 2013. His research topic “The Regulation of Programmed Death Ligand-1 by Cancer Vaccines Expressing CD80.” He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Cancer Institute from 2014 to 201. He was a postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University from 2016-2017 in the area of combining oncolytic viruses with chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T cells to target pediatric solid tumors, with a focus on neuroblastoma and sarcomas. He worked as a scientist at Cell Design Labs in 2017. Currently, he is a Senior Scientist at Kite Pharma, Emeryville, California.

Dr. Kirbie Watson, Analyst
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Clark-Watson graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with her bachelor’s degree in Biology. She received her master’s degree from Jackson State University in 2007 in Biology and her doctoral degree from the University of Texas-Houston in Biology. She was a Research Assistant to Professor at Louisiana State University Law Center from 2014 to 2015. Currently, she is a DNA Analyst at Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.
Dr. Isi A Ero-Tolliver, Associate Professor

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Isi Ero-Tolliver earned a B.S in Biology at Jackson State University. She completed her M.S at Jackson State University. She attained her Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Biological Sciences and Science Education at Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Ero-Tolliver is currently an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Hampton University. She has authored and co-authored papers in peer-reviewed science and education journals. Dr. Ero-Tolliver is the principal investigator (PI) of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, Co-PI of the NSF CURENet2 Mobile and the Co-PI of the DoD Center of Excellence in STEM Scholars(SSP) Program at Hampton University and currently serves on the board of reviewers for the journal of education and urban society (EUS).

DeGail Hadley, D.O.

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Delta State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Hadley is the owner of Dynamic Wellness Medical Clinic, Cleveland, MS, location, [BIO] Biological Sciences. He is the first African American physician to have a family medicine practice in Cleveland, MS. He is the immediate past president of the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association (MOMA).

Dr. William Johnson, Research Scientist

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. William Johnson graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Biological and Biomedical Sciences in 2008, and His Master’s degree in Biology, Oncology and Cancer Biology in 2009. He received his doctoral degree from Jackson State University in Environmental Science/Microbiology in 2015. He is a Clinical Research Scientist at Medical College of Wisconsin & Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Currently, he is a Clinical & Medical Research Scientist at Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dayle Houston Cohen, Medical Writer

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Delta State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Cohen is the Director of Global Medical Writing at Pharmaceutical Product Development, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, Other STEM Fields. She worked on P2Y(1) receptor promotes chloride secretion in epithelial cells, a process critical for regulation of extracellular ion and fluid levels. Here we have examined the role of phosphorylation in agonist-induced internalization of P2Y(1) receptors. A high-affinity radiolabeled antagonist, MRS2500, was used to quantify cell surface binding.
Denessa V. Potts-Toombs, D.M.D.

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Delta State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Denessa V Potts-Toombs is a dentist primarily located in Jackson, MS. She is an experienced dentist and a specialist in general dentistry. She graduated with her BS at Delta State and received her medical degree at the University of Mississippi. Her practice is in Jackson MS.

Haleigh Eubanks, Ph.D., M.D.

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishment: Haleigh matriculates as a 3rd year medical student at VCOM-Auburn, completing her clinical rotations at Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Gadsden, AL. At VCOM-Auburn JSU - Bridge to Doctorate Fellow – master’s in Biology University of Arkansas Medical Sciences – PhD in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences. Recognized for Research of Distinction: American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, Boston, MA, 2016. A champion for equity and equality in medicine for minorities, Haleigh is characterized as a trailblazer.

Turquoise C. Perlote, Ph.D., Agriculture Specialist

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: serves as a Natural Resource Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture- Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS). Turquoise holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Science from Jackson State University (JSU) in Jackson, Mississippi, where her dissertation focused on the bioaccumulation of arsenic and zinc in Eastern oysters at the Northern Gulf of Mexico. She has published several editorial reviews, peer-reviewed articles, book chapter of her dissertation research. During her graduate career, she traveled to Bangalore, India and completed a summer internship at the University of California Santa Barbara.

Jelani Zarif, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Jelani Zarif is currently an Assistant Professor of Oncology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine - Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is also a member of the Bloomberg- Kimmel Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy. His research focuses principally on prostate cancer immunology and identifying the molecular mechanisms by which host immune cells contribute to prostate cancer metastasis. He earned both his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Jackson State University and completed his M.S. thesis in the lab of Dr. Stephen Ekunwe while a part of the NSF-Bridges to the Doctorate program. Dr. Zarif received his Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology from Michigan State University. He has been the recipient of several prostate cancer research awards.
Melanie R. McReynolds, Ph.D.
Research Fellow
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Alcorn State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments:
Current position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Princeton University.
Why innovating/trailblazing: I’ve spent the last decade elucidating the biosynthesis and consumption routes for the metabolite NAD, and decline of NAD is associated with aging and disease. Uncovering the how and why of metabolic decline during aging is the ideal niche for me as I build my independent career. I’m passionate about tackling the academy and tenure process. Representation matters. It is important for the world to see people like me doing this caliber of research.

Antioneicka Harris, Ph.D.
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Antoneicka Harris graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Biology in 2009. Her Master’s degree in Biology/Biological Sciences in 2012. She received her doctoral degree in Biomedical Sciences-Clinical and Translational Science in 2018 from Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. She was a graduate research assistant during her study in Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences 2012-2018. She joined Fannin Innovations Studio as a Therapeutics Commercialization intern. Currently she is a Clinical Research Program Coordinator at MD Anderson Cancer Center since 2018.

Sakeli Hall, Ph.D.
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Biological Sciences

Accomplishments: Dr. Sakeli Hall graduated from Tougaloo College with her bachelor’s degree in Biology. She received both her Master’s in Biology and doctoral degrees in Environmental Science from Jackson State University. She is a dedicated and enthusiastic professional with experience in basic cellular and molecular biology research. Environmental Scientist in cancer research. She worked as an Associate Scientist at EAG Laboratories 2017-2019. Currently she is a Staff Scientist at Eurofins since 2019.

Edwin Dillion, Jr. Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Computer Science
(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

Computer and Information Sciences

Accomplishments: Assistant Professor Computer Science and Information Systems (CISE), Morgan State University
Accomplishments: He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Mississippi and was a strong participant of the LSAMP program. Dr. Dillion takes the transfer of knowledge to his students seriously. He has publications in Social Computing, Human-Centered Computing and Computer Science Education. He prides his success in science from participating in the Bridge to Doctorate at the University of Alabama.
**Dr. Cornelius Toole, Assistant Professor**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Computer and Information Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Toole graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Computer Sciences. He received his doctoral degree from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in Computer Science in 2012. He worked as an Assistant Professor of Computer Science in Tougaloo College from 2012 to 2015, then as an Adjunct Instructor at Jackson State University from 2015 to 2016. He teaches courses in basic to advance computer literacy and introductory computer programming. Currently he is a software Engineer at Zenoss since 2016. He is mainly responsible for developing features and bug fixes.

**Dr. Kylie Nash, Information Officer**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Computer and Information Sciences**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Nash graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Computer Science in 2005. She received her doctoral degree from Mississippi State University in Industrial Engineering in 2012. She worked as LSAMP Math Instructor at Jackson State University in 2012. She worked as an assistant Professor of Computer Science at Lane College from 2012 to 2013. She moved to Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in 2013 as a Director of the Web & IT Communications Unit. Currently she is an Assistant Chief Information Officer at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University since 2019.

**Amber Johnson, Ph.D., Entrepreneur**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Computer and Information Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**

- Software Engineer, Northrop Grumman
- The first African American Lady to receive her PhD in computer science.
- By incorporating Big Data, she was able to extract information to determine the most effective times and doses of medication to treat life-threatening COPD. She gathered data by teaming with Purdue’s engineering center and scientists. Now, the results have a “much greater impact than I ever imagined by calculating how soon we should give antibiotics and for reviewing historical data to determine the best treatment.

**Germain McConnell, PhD, - Executive Director**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Engineering and Cyber Security Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**

- Currently, serves as Executive Director (Superintendent) for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science (MSMS) where he has served for almost 9 years, the first 2 years as Director for Academic Affairs (Principal). Under his leadership, MSMS has been identified as the 6th best public high school in America for two consecutive years with the number 1 faculty in the nation for three consecutive years, according to Niche. MSMS is a part of the National Consortium for Secondary STEM Schools (NCSSS), an organization in which Dr. McConnell serves as the President-elect. He began his career as a Secondary Mathematics teacher at Rosa Fort High School in Tunica County High School and worked in higher education for 11 years at the University of Mississippi in the School of Education.
**Sharon Lay Perry, Entrepreneur**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Engineering and Cyber Security Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**
- Dudley Moore, Ph.D. Candidate

*Description:* Dudley Moore is currently a Doctoral Candidate in the Mechanical Engineering Department at The University of Alabama. Bridge to Doctorate – University of Alabama. His notable efforts are mentoring and coaching students and adults with succeeding academically and professionally. Mr. Moore became a Bridge to Doctorate Fellow, Ronald E. McNair Fellow, and Southern Regional Education Board Fellow and received a SEMA Award, John Deere Award, and National Society of Black Engineers Volunteer Award. Dudley is a trailblazer because despite coming from the second most poverty-stricken county in Mississippi, he has always set the tone for striving for success.

**Tamara Crawford, M.S., Manager**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Engineering and Cyber Security Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**
- Tamara Crawford is the Manager for the Lab Hardware Integrated Fighter Group (IFG) Systems Integration Labs (SILs). She received the 2016 Black Engineer of the Year (BEYA) Special Recognition Award for Career Achievement, 2014 BEYA Science Spectrum Trailblazer Award, 2009 Women of Color Technology Rising Star Award and awarded multiple times for The President’s Volunteer Service Award. She was also inducted into the Ole Miss Alumni Hall of Fame as the 2009 Outstanding Young Alumni of the Year. Tamara was the Event Coordinator for the TAME Statewide STEM competitions hosted and sponsored by Lockheed Martin in 2014 and 2015.

**Dr. Ja’Wanda Grant, Ph.D., Director**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (University of Mississippi)

**Engineering and Cyber Security Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**
- She currently serves as the Founding Director of Xavier Exponential, an honors experience at Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA). Dr. Grant completed her post-doctoral training at NYU in the Department of Environmental Medicine. Dr. Grant has held various administrative roles in higher education over the past decade. Additionally, she supports institutional partnerships for pathways to graduate and professional programs, coordinates advising for nationally competitive scholarships and awards, and coordinates the distinguished Provost Speaker Series.
Accomplishments: Dr. Justin Rice is a research engineer at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Dr. Rice was the first computer-engineering alumnus from Jackson State University to receive a Doctorate degree from Louisiana Tech in 2013. He operates the Goddard Dynamic Simulator (GDS) Deep Space Climate Observatory (DSCOVR) technical lead, in the Flight Software Systems Branch at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, Maryland. He received his B.S. (2006) and M.S. (2008) in computer engineering from Jackson State University (JSU).

Dr. Miguel Gates is the program chair of Cyber Engineering at Louisiana Tech University for Cyber Engineering since 2013. He graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering in. From Batesville, Mississippi and South Panola High. He earned his B.S. in computer engineering from Jackson State in 2006 and his M.S. there in 2008. Then he moved to Ruston to pursue his Ph.D. in engineering with a concentration in Cyberspace, a goal he completed in 2013 from Louisiana Tech University. Gates is adviser to the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and the Association of Cyber Engineers (ACE).

Accomplishments: After graduation, Dr. West began his pursuit of higher education at Mississippi State University. He currently is serving in an acting role as the Chief of the Missile Technology Division with the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center. As the Chief of the Missile S&T Plans and Programs Branch. Dr. West served as the Technical Manager for Missile S&T and was responsible for the managing, planning, executing, and tracking of at least $100M of the Missile S&T Enterprise budget and $85M in Congressional Adds.

Accomplishments: Dr. Felecia M. Nave was selected as the 20th President and 1st female President of Alcorn State University on July 1, 2019. Dr. Nave is a 1996 alumna of Alcorn. Dr. Nave is a trailblazer in STEM education and higher education leadership. Dr. Nave is a 1996 Alcorn alumna with a BS in Chemistry. She has her PhD in Engineering (Chemical) from the University of Toledo. She is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Chemical Society, American Society for Engineering Education, and American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, Business Honor Society, and Tau Beta Sigma.
**Dr. Nashlie Sephus, Leader Amazon Visual Search & AR Atlanta Team**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Mississippi State University)

**Engineering and Cyber Security Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**
At Mississippi State University she received a Bachelor of Science degree in (2007) in electrical and computer engineering (ECE) and graduated from Georgia Tech with her master’s in 2010 and her Ph.D. in 2014, all in ECE. Dr. Nashlie Sephus leads the Amazon Visual Search & AR - Atlanta team, which launched visual search for replacement parts on the Amazon Shopping app.

She serves as the Applied Science Manager for Amazon Web Services and is the Founder and CEO of The Bean Path non-profit organization based in Jackson, MS.

**Renita Horton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor**

(Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Mississippi State University)

**Engineering and Cyber Security Sciences**

**Accomplishments:**
Currently an assistant professor in the biomedical engineering at the University of Houston. Dr. Horton previously served as assistant professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Mississippi State University (MSU). While at MSU, she established the Cardiovascular Tissue Engineering Laboratory. Dr. Horton received her bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from MSU in 2005 and master’s and doctoral degree from Harvard in engineering sciences. She first became affiliated with Harvard when she participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates summer program.

**Rosalyn Johnson –Brockman, Ph.D.**

District Technology and Test Coordinator for Hollandale School District

(Mississippi) Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Biological Sciences**

Dr. Rosalyn Johnson-Brockman graduated from Rust College with her bachelor’s degree in Computer Science in 2008. Her Master’s degree in Computer Science from Jackson State University in 2010. She received her doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in Educational Technology in 2015. She is an Education Specialist in Computer, Information Technology, Administering and Management. She is currently a District Technology.

**Jacqueline McComb, Ph.D.**

Director of Mississippi River Research Center & Assistant Professor of Environmental

and Test Coordinator for Hollandale School District. (Mississippi). Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

**Biological Sciences**

Dr. McComb graduated from Alcorn State University with her bachelor’s degree in Plant and Soil Science. She received her doctoral degree from Jackson State University in Environmental Science, Biogeochemistry in 2016. She was a Laboratory Coordinator/ NOAA-ESC Fellow Training student members and supervising students.
Carvey Patterson, Ph.D.
EPA Scientist
(Mississippi) Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Dr. Carvey Patterson graduated from Jackson State University with his bachelor’s degree in Biology in 2008, and his Master’s degree in Biological Studies in 2010. He received his doctoral degree from Jackson State University in Environmental Science. His interest is in targeting signaling systems with the ultimate goal of understanding the interaction by xenobiotics (endocrine disruptors), and the mechanisms of tumor promotion targeting the EMT mediated pathways in the foregut specifically the pancreas. Currently, he is an EPA Scientist at PharmMEDium Services since 2017.

Crystal Boston, Ph.D.
(Mississippi) Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Dr. Crystal Boston received her bachelors and master’s degree from Jackson State University. She attended Indiana University where she received her doctoral degree in Human Computer interaction. She was accepted into the prestigious Informatics Graduate Fellowship program at Indiana University in 2013. She worked on updating the master patient index, the design and evaluation of their electronic medical records as well as training staff on how to properly use these new systems.

Cendricka Dates, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Fellow University of Alabama
(Mississippi) Mississippi LSAMP (Jackson State University)

Dr. Centdrika Dates graduated from Alcorn State University with her bachelor’s degree in Biology in 2008. Her Master’s degree from Jackson State University in Biology in 2010. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Biology in 2015. Currently, she is a Postdoctoral Fellow/MERIT Scholar at The University of Alabama at Birmingham since 2015.

Teresa Demeritte, Ph.D.
Program Coordinator & Adjunct Faculty, Department of Chemistry
(Mississippi) Mississippi LSAMP, Jackson State University

Dr. Teresa Demeritte graduated from Jackson State University with her bachelor’s degree in Chemistry and Biology in 2007, and her Master’s degree in Biochemistry. She received her doctoral degree from Jackson State University in Chemistry and Biochemistry. Currently, she is a program coordinator and adjunct faculty in the Department of Chemistry and Physics at Jackson State University.
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (GABBR LSAMP)

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Christine Barrow, Ph.D., Howard University (Washington, D.C.)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Dean of the Division of Sciences, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at Prince George’s Community College (PGCC), Largo, MD. [BIO]

Accomplishments: MARC scholar, Pre-IRTA Research Fellow at NIH NIDDK, MBRS Fellow, Professor and
Department Chair of Biological Sciences at PGCC, Executive Committee for Northeast Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, Faculty Senate Excellence Award (PGCC), President’s Medal (PGCC’ highest honor), Named among the 50 Leading Women – Maryland’s Future 2010 (The Daily Record), National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Excellence Award.

Kevin Bolden, D.D.S., Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry (Tennessee)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently an accomplished dentist in Atlanta, GA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Omicron Omicron Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society Certificate and Letter of Honor, Member of the American Dental Association, National Dental Association, and the Academy of General Dentistry, Clinical Professor at Meharry Medical College, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, and NYU Lutheran Medical Center.

Monceny Chatman, M.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Obstetrician/Gynecologist/Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist in Houston, TX. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Maternal-Fetal Medicine Fellowship at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Finney/Akers Memorial Award for Outstanding Service in Obstetrics/Gynecology, Resident Research Award – Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology – East Tennessee State University, Resident Research Award – Organon USA, Inc., Fellow of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, one publication.

Jacquelyn Collins-French, O.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently an optometrist at Dr. Jacquelyn Collins and Associates located inside LensCrafters, Huntsville, AL. [BIO]

Accomplishments: O.D. from University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry, M.S. in Tumor Biology from Tuskegee University, and B.S. in Biology from Tuskegee University, LSAMP scholarship, three LSAMP summer internships, one publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
Sheritta Cooks-Fagbodun, Ph.D., Tuskegee University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Assistant Professor of Biology at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Ph.D. in Integrative Biosciences from Tuskegee University, MS in Chemistry from University of Alabama at Birmingham, BS in Biology and Chemistry from Tuskegee University, LSAMP Scholarship, LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

Jennifer Cunningham-Erves, Ph.D., M.P.H,
University of Alabama at Birmingham (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Assistant Professor of Research at Meharry Medical College, Nashville TN. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core, Expanding National Capacity in PCOR through Training (ENACT) Fellow, Leading Emerging and Diverse Scientists to Success (LEADS) Fellow, LSAMP BD Fellowship, UAB LSAMP Scholar, UAB Ronald E McNair Scholar, Certified Health Education Specialist, Receipt of NCATS Diversity Supplement and K12 for Vanderbilt PCOR Career Knowledge, Education, and Training Program, 23 articles, 1 technical report, and 4 abstracts in peer-reviewed journals.

Danielle Franklin Speight, M.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Pediatrician at Partners in Pediatrics, Montgomery, AL. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Tuskegee University Eminent Scholar and Annual Honor Roll, Beta Kappa Chi National Scientific Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine Dean’s Scholarship recipient, Member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., B.S. in Biology from Tuskegee University, M.D. from University of Alabama at Birmingham, Pediatric Residency at Children’s Hospital of Alabama.

Loleta Harris, Ph.D., University of Tennessee (Tennessee)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Clinical Operations Lead, Pfizer Oncology, Houston, TX. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Ralph R. Braud Young Investigator Award from the Memphis Cancer Society, AACR Minority Scholar Award in Cancer Research, Doctorate of Molecular Pathology, University of Tennessee, Health Science Center.
M. Colby Hunter, Ph.D., Alabama State University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Assistant Professor of Biology in the Natural Sciences Department at Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in microbiology from Alabama State University, M.S. in biology from Auburn University, B.S. in microbiology from New Mexico State University, LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, NSF Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Scholar, Six publications in peer-reviewed journals. He designed the STEMate application for iOS, which has been downloaded over 1000 times.

Shernita Lee, Ph.D., Virginia Tech (Virginia)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently Assistant Dean and Director, Office of Recruitment, Diversity, and Inclusion-Graduate School at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Genetics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology from Virginia Tech, BS in Mathematics from Alabama State University, Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Initiative to Maximize Student Development Doctoral Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Seeding Postdoctoral Innovators in Research and Education Fellowship, Co-founder of the North Carolina Women of Color Research Network, and five publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Makensha V. Miggins, M.D., Wake Forest University (North Carolina)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Assistant Professor of Breast Surgical Oncology, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Fellow American College of Surgeons, Fellow Breast Surgical Oncology, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, NIH T32 Research Fellow, MBRS Program Scholar, Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductee, Society of Teaching Scholars Resident Award, Hugh Hill Outstanding Resident Teacher Award, Hugh M Walters Humanism in Medicine Award, University of Florida Dept. of General Surgery Outstanding Resident Teacher Award, 8 publications in peer-reviewed journals, First Black female graduate of the general surgery residency program at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Obinna Nnedu M.D., M.P.H., University of Alabama at Birmingham (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Infectious Diseases physician and program director for the infectious diseases fellowship program at Ochsner Clinic Foundation, New Orleans, LA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Residency at Tulane University School of Medicine, Infectious diseases fellowship at University of Washington, Fogarty International Clinical Fellow, Certificate in Tropical Medicine.
Stephen O. Nurse-Findlay, M.D., M.P.H, Johns Hopkins University (Maryland)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Team Lead, Control and Resource Strategies. Antimicrobial Resistance Division, WHO HQ, Geneva, Switzerland. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Featured in Al Jazeera programme on vaccine availability in rural Niger, University of Geneva MBA Merit Scholar, Harriet Strong Foundation Scholar, Finalist – Fulbright Scholarship, Travelling Fellowship/Crozer Delegate - American Academy of Paediatrics National Convention, Kaiser Permanente Scholar, International Exchange Student Fellowship - Saitama Medical School - Japan, First Tuskegee University undergraduate to graduate from the MD/MPH Programme at Johns Hopkins University, Tuskegee University Presidential Scholar, numerous publications.

Kemka Ogburia, M.D., University of South Alabama (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently a Board Certified Mohs Micrographic Surgeon at The Dermatology Group, P.A., Mt. Dora, FL. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Mohs Micrographic Surgery fellowship from Northwestern Skin Cancer Institute, Chicago, IL, Dermatology residency, Howard University Hospital; Washington D.C.

Chief resident: 2006-2007., B.S. Degree in Microbiology from Auburn University - Auburn, AL.

C. Camille Okekpe, D.O., University of Pikeville (Kentucky)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellow at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center-Colton, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, CA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: M.S. and B.S. from Auburn University, AL in Biological Sciences; LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, Most Distinguished Student from University of Pikeville in Pikeville, KY. Completion of Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency Program at St. John’s Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, NY Board Certified Fellow American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists. She is the first black female Maternal Fetal Medicine Fellow at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center.

Makeecha Reed-Crawford, M.D.,
Wake Forest University (North Carolina)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Family Medicine Physician, practicing in Charlotte, NC. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Doctorate of Medicine from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, BS in Biology from Tuskegee University, Community Youth Mentor, NC Real Estate Licensee and Entrepreneur.
Melissa L. Rudolph, D.D.S, Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry (Tennessee)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Orthodontist, Austin, Texas, [BIO]
Accomplishments:

Charmaine L. Thompson, D.D.S., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (North Carolina)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently a Board-Certified Pediatric Dentist, Smile Workshop and Blue Cloud Surgery Center, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX. [BIO]
Accomplishments:
Pediatric Dentist Certificate, Texas A&M College of Dentistry (Baylor College of Dentistry), MS in Health Professions Education, Texas A&M College of Dentistry, MS in Molecular Biology, Auburn University, BS in Biology, Auburn University, LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship, Outstanding Minority Graduate - Auburn University, 1 publication.

Lacedric Tolliver, D.M.D., Tufts University (Massachusetts)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Lead Dentist, Dallas, TX. [BIO]
Accomplishments: Tufts University Dean Scholar, Auburn University College of Science and Mathematics Scholar and Dean’s List, Auburn University LSAMP Scholar, Texas Dental Association, American Dental Association, Dallas Dental Society.

Andreia Williams White, D.O., University of Pikeville (Kentucky)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Family Medicine Physician in rural Alabama. [BIO]
Accomplishments: Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine from University of Pikeville - Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, Cahaba Family Medicine Residency - past chief resident, Alabama Medical Education Consortium Tuition Scholarship recipient, Humanism in Medicine Award, Sigma Sigma Phi Medical Society, 3 Publications in Evidence-Based Practice Journal, B.S. in Biology (cum laude) from Tuskegee University, UNCF Scholar.
Latasha (Sellers) Williams, M.D., Wake Forest University (North Carolina)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)

Currently Pediatrician, The Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente, Santa Clara, CA. [BIO]
Accomplishments: Ronald McDonald House Charities/United Negro College Fund Medial Scholar Award, Thurgood Marshall Scholar, Tuskegee University Dean’s List and Presidential Scholar, Dr. James H. M. Henderson Award for Outstanding Student in Biology – Tuskegee University, Gold Humanism Honor Society, WFUSM Excellence in Pediatrics Award, Pediatric Residency at Stanford University, where she was chosen for the Pediatric Clerkship Teaching Honor Roll and was a founding member of the Resident Committee on Diversity.

Curtis C. Cain, Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University (Pennsylvania)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)

Currently Assistant Professor of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management, Affiliate Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Howard University, Washington, D.C.

[CISE]Accomplishments: M.S. in Computer Science and Software Engineering from Auburn University, B.S. in Information Systems Engineering from Johnson C. Smith University, NSF LSAMP BD Fellowship, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Google-Howard West, Google Faculty-in-Residence, Woodrow Wilson Course Hero Fellowship, two publications in peer-reviewed journals and over 12 publications.

James Morris-King, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)

Currently Senior Computer Scientist, MITRE Corporation, Bedford, MA [CISE]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Computer Science from Auburn University, BS in Computer Science and Software Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Post-doctoral research at Army Research Lab, Author of over a dozen papers and technical reports, Active consultant for cyber-autonomy and social automation technologies.

Michele A. Williams, Ph.D., University of Maryland Baltimore County (Maryland)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)

Currently Owner, M.A.W. Consulting, LLC, Accessibility Consulting, Charlotte, NC. [CISE]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. In Human-Centered Computing from UMBC, MSWE (Master’s of Software Engineering) from Auburn University, BS in Computer Science from Bowie State University, Generation Google Scholarship, LSAMP BD Fellowship, NSF Model Institutions of Excellence Fellowship, 8 peer-reviewed conference publications and several domestic and international speaking engagements.
Kristalyn M. Lee, Ed.D., J.D., University of Alabama (Alabama)  
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Auburn University)  
**Currently Associate Vice President for Administration and Liaison to the Board of Trustees, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. [EDU]**

**Accomplishments:** Ed.D. and Juris Doctorate degrees from the University of Alabama, B.S. in Microbiology from Auburn University as an LSAMP Scholar. Before her current position, Dr. Lee served as Director of Executive Affairs at Montevallo University, a middle school science teacher, developmental instructor, and college recruitment.retention counselor.

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Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Auburn University)  
**Currently Course Instructor II in the Mathematics Center at Western Governors University, Wilmington, NC. [EDU]**

**Accomplishments:** Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from East Tennessee State University, MS in mathematics from East Tennessee State University, BS in Mathematics from Auburn University, AMATYC Project ACCCESS Fellow, Tennessee Board of Regents Maxine Smith Fellow, Northeast State Community College President’s Targeted Leadership Development Program Participant for 5 years, and a Western Governors Emerging Leader Participant.

Marcus Elliot Vandiver, Ed.D., Alabama State University (Alabama)  
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Alabama State University)  
**Currently an education administrator for the Alabama State Department of Education, Montgomery, AL. [EDU]**

**Accomplishments:** Education Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law, MS in Secondary Mathematics Education, and BS in Chemistry from Alabama State University, Member of the first cohort of ASU’s ELPL doctorate program and full scholarship recipient, Outstanding Dissertation Award from the International Society of Educational Planning.

Quenton Bonds, Ph.D., The University of South Florida (Florida)  
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LSAMP (Alabama State University)  
**Currently the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Deputy Center Technology Transition Lead (CCTL), Greenbelt, MD. [ENG]**

**Accomplishments:** PhD and MS in Electrical Engineering from The University of South Florida, BS in Mathematics (cum laude) from Alabama State University, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, NSF GK-12 Graduate Fellowship, McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, NASA Harriet Jenkins Predoctoral Fellow, Numerous grant/research awards, Supported NASA in creating technologies for applications such as CubeSats, Internet of Space, Astronaut Health Monitoring, Earth and Geoscience.
Rozlyn N. Chambliss, Ph.D., Tuskegee University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Materials, Process & Physics Engineer, The Boeing Company, Saint Louis, MO. [ENG]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering, MS and BS in Chemistry from Tuskegee University, NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, NASA Graduate Student Researchers Projects (GSRP) Fellowship, NASA Ames internship, Boeing St. Louis Valuing Diversity & Inclusion Influencing Award, 3 conference proceeding publications, 6 successful technical grant reports.

Christopher Duron, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently General Engineer, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command-Technical Center, Huntsville, AL. [ENG]
Accomplishments: Ph.D., M.S and B.S. Mechanical Engineering from Auburn University, Science, Mathematics & Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship, LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, Walt and Virginia Woltosz College Level Fellow, President’s Award for Outstanding Engineering Student, Mechanical Engineering Student Engineer of the Year, 13 papers presentations.

Michael Grady, Ph.D., University of South Florida (Florida)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently a Research Engineer/Research Faculty at the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), Atlanta, GA. [ENG]
Accomplishments: MS and BS in Electrical Engineering from Auburn University, NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, NSF Research Diversity Supplement (GRDS), GEM Fellowship, Alfred P. Sloan Minority Ph.D. Scholarship, McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, IEEE MTT-S WAMICON Best Student Research Poster Award, IEEE MTT-S Graduate Fellowship for Medical Applications, Steering committee member for IEEE Project Connect at the IEEE MTT-S International Microwave Symposium (IMS).

Joshua Hale, Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently an operation research engineer in the supply chain intelligence and analytics group at Intel Corporation, Phoenix, AZ. [ENG]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Georgia Tech, Bachelor of Industrial and Systems Engineering (summa cum laude) from Auburn University, Several strategic projects for Intel in inventory planning, analytics strategy, and factory operations, author of published papers in engineering journals and conference proceedings on optimization and simulation techniques.
Justin O’Neal James, Ph.D., Prairie View A&M University (Texas)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Senior Systems Engineer for RF & Wireless Communications, ExoAnalytic Solutions, Huntsville, AL. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, Army Research Laboratory (ARL) Doctoral Fellow and Guest Researcher, 5 US Patents (filed and pending), 5 published technical papers, Math Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Industry Advisory Board, Alabama Space Grant Consortium (ASGC) Industry Advisory Board, DoD STEM Action Committee, and 2017 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Most Promising Engineer in Government.

Calynna Nichols, Ph.D., Prairie View A&M University (Texas)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Security Researcher at Intel Corporation for the Intel Product Assurance & Security Group, Sacramento, CA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Strengthening Historically Black Graduate Institutions (HBGI) Fellowship, Army Research Lab (ARL) Doctoral Fellow/Guest Researcher, LSAMP BD Fellowship, 4 publications, former Security Champion for Cloud Security Solutions and Component Design Engineer at Intel, OpenStack Summit – Integrating Trust and Boundary Control with Kubernetes and Docker Featured Presenter and first Black female PhD graduate in Electrical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University.

Nicole L.H. Odum, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Research and Development scientist, AM/NS Calvert, Mobile, AL. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Materials Engineering, Responsible for the introduction of at least 5 steel products into production at AM/NS Calvert, Traveled to Europe for ArcelorMittal sister steel plant benchmarking exercises and PHS steel conferences, Mentors local high school students.

Vertonica Powell-Rose, Ph.D., Tuskegee University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Research & Development Packaging Process Engineer, Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, OR. [ENG]

Accomplishments: MS in Material Science & Engineering from Tuskegee University, BS in Mathematics from Fayetteville State University, BD Fellowship, MARC/AIM STEM Internship at Purdue University, Two time 1st place Award Recipient at the AAAS Conference (Graduate Level) in the Technology & Engineering Division, 2 conference publications, 1 publication.
Diane Render, Ph.D., Tuskegee University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently PWR Internals and Alloy 600 Fleet Engineer, Exelon Corporation, Kennett Square, PA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. and MS in Materials Science and Engineering from Tuskegee University, BA in Mathematics from Albany State University, FGLSAMP scholarship recipient, Enhancement of Research and Educational Infrastructure in Materials Science and Engineering at Tuskegee University, NSF-RISE Grant, and 3 publications in peer reviewed journals.

Gregory Strawder, Ph.D., Tuskegee University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Materials and Process Engineer with The Boeing Company, Mesa, AZ. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from Tuskegee University, MS in mechanical engineering from Tuskegee University, BA in mathematics from Albany State University, LSAMP BD Fellowship, IGERT Graduate Fellowship, and ONR Graduate Fellowship. Awarded multiple merit awards for projects implementing technologies on commercial aircraft, as well as a pending patent for research and development efforts for aircraft in-service field repairs.

Carma Oshea Cook, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Chattanooga State Community College, Chattanooga, TN. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Chemistry with a focus in Biochemistry from Auburn University, BS in Chemical Engineering from Auburn University, LSAMP BD Fellowship, NSF GK-12 Fellowship, Auburn University College of Sciences and Mathematics Graduate Research Award, four publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Jimmy Cowan, Ph.D., Florida Institute of Technology (Florida)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently a Software Engineer, Harris Corporation; Adjunct Professor, Eastern Florida State College and University of Central Florida. Melbourne, FL. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from Florida Institute of Technology, MS in Computer Science and Software Engineering from Auburn University, BS in Computer Science from Alabama State University, LSAMP BD Fellowship, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Who's Who Among Students Recipient, Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, All American Scholar Recipient, United States Achievement Academy Honoree, Several publications in peer-reviewed journals.
Katarena I. Ford, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Inside Instrument Sales Specialist, Water’s Corporation, Milford, MA. [MPS]
Accomplishments: NIH Diversity Supplement Grant, LSAMP BD fellowship, GEM University Fellow, President’s Graduate Opportunities Program Fellowship, 3 journal publications, 1 book chapter published, and 1 U.S Patent Application. Serving as chair of student development with the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE).

Michelle J. Foster, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently Associate Professor of Mathematics and Interim Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL. [MPS]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Mathematics and Master of Applied Mathematics from Auburn University, BS in Mathematics from Alabama State University, SREB Doctoral Scholars Program Fellow, Alabama LSAMP Scholar, Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholar, ASU Senior Personnel on NSF INCLUDES and AASD-STEM grants, Program Coordinator for ASU’s National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) and UNITE.

Cadavious M. Jones, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently Associate Professor of Mathematics, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL. [MPS]
Accomplishments: LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, SREB Southern Regional Education Board Fellowship, 2014 ASU All-Star Faculty Award, 7 publications in peer-reviewed journals, First ASU faculty member to receive a NASA grant for his work with ASU’s NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge Engineering Project, 2018 contributor to the Australian Mathematics Trust, Member of the SAMSA-Masamu Program’s Collaborative Research Network in mathematical sciences.

Kimberly D. Kendricks, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Director of Strategic Initiatives for Faculty Success in the Office of Faculty Affairs at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. [MPS]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. in Mathematics, Founding Director of the Center for Human Performance and Sensor Applications, Executive in Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering Fellow, American Society for Engineering Education Fellow, NSF GK-12 Fellow, LSAMP BD Fellow, 21 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 10 published mathematics book reviews, 44 presentations and invited talks.
Tiffany Mayo, M.D., Baylor University (Texas)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Assistant Professor of Dermatology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL. [MPS]
Accomplishments: BS in Chemistry/ Mathematics, MS in Chemistry from Tuskegee University, LSAMP BD Fellow, Preliminary medicine internship from McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University, Dermatology residency from University of Alabama at Birmingham, NIH Diversity Supplement awardee, 7 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 2 book chapters. She is one of only five black board-certified dermatologists in Alabama.

Carl S. Pettis, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Mathematics at Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL. [MPS]
Accomplishments: LSAMP BD Fellow, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Dissertation Fellow, 2010 STEM Faculty of the Year Recipient, Torchbearers Leadership Class III Participant, Alabama Leadership Initiative Participant, author or co-author of 8 publications in peer reviewed journals, PI or Co-PI for more than 30 federally funded projects/initiatives, First graduate of the Alabama LSAMP BD Program.

Erika Smith, D.M.P., Vanderbilt University (Tennessee)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Clinical Medical Physicist at Arizona Center for Cancer Care, Scottsdale, AZ. [MPS]
Accomplishments: Doctor of Medical Physics (DMP) from Vanderbilt University, B.S. in Physics from Tuskegee University, LSAMP scholarship, Raytheon Scholarship, Lockheed Martin Scholarship, Lehigh University REU summer intern, Nucor intern. She is the first black female D.M.P. to graduate from Vanderbilt University.

Kevin Tolliver, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Assistant Survey Director for Housing Surveys at the U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, D.C. [MPS]
Accomplishments: Ph.D. in mathematics with a concentration in Statistics, presented at various international and domestic conferences including European Survey Research Association (ESRA), Methodology on Longitudinal Studies (MoLS), International Conferences of Establishment Surveys (ICES), International Workshop of Applied Probability, American Association of Public Research (AAPOR), Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM), 4 publications in journals or proceedings.
Tracey Andrew Tullie, Ph.D., North Carolina State University (North Carolina)  
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Alabama State University)  
Currently Quantitative Analytics Manager, Wells Fargo Bank, Charlotte, NC. [MPS]

**Accomplishments:**  
Ph.D. and M.S. in Applied Mathematics from North Carolina State University, B.S. in Mathematics from Alabama State University, LSAMP internship recipient, Journal publication in Quantitative Finance, recently promoted to Managing Director, managing a team responsible for supporting mathematical models applied in risk management within investment banking.

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Maya West, Ph.D., Auburn University (Alabama)  
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Auburn University)  
Currently a Nuclear Safety Engineer Specialist at the Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN. [MPS]

**Accomplishments:**  
Ph.D. in Chemistry from Auburn University, B.S. in Chemistry from Armstrong Atlantic State University, LSAMP BD Fellowship recipient, Auburn University President’s Graduate Opportunity Program (PGOP) Fellowship recipient, 2019 ACS Volunteer of the Year for the Auburn Chapter.

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Tameka Walker, Ph.D., University of Alabama in Huntsville (Alabama)  
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Alabama State University)  
Currently General Supervisor/Toxicologist at Apex Diagnostic Lab, Huntsville, AL. [TECH]

**Accomplishments:**  
Ph.D. in biotechnology and MS in chemistry from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, BS in chemistry from Alabama State University, ASU Academic Scholarship, LSAMP BD Fellowship, American Chemical Society Organic Division Graduate Fellowship, American Association of Blacks in Higher Education Doctoral Student National Grant, BEST Symposium Dow Chemical Company award, 22 publications in peer-reviewed journals, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

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Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)  
LSAMP (Auburn University)  
Currently Pharmacy Manager for Acme/Savo-On Pharmacy and Preceptor, Temple University School of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, PA. [OTH]

**Accomplishments:**  
Gates Millennium Scholar, Auburn University Trustee Scholarship, SNPhA Achievement Award, Executive Top Contributor, 20 articles and presentations, Acme Top in Sales, Most Targeted Interventions company-wide, Immunization Captain.
JaRyce Echols, Pharm.D., Texas Southern University (Texas)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently staff clinical pharmacist at Texas Children’s Hospital, relief pharmacist at Encompass Health and CHI St. Luke’s Health, The Woodlands, TX. [OTH]

Accomplishments: NASA Space grant recipient, licensed Texas secondary mathematics educator, founded the Texas Southern University chapter of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), AMCP national committee member, Residency training in managed care pharmacy (Albany, NY), Teaching certificate from Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, one peer-reviewed manuscript under revision.

Kiara Fairman, Pharm.D., University of North Texas (Texas)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellow at the FDA National Center for Toxicological Research, Jefferson, AR. [OTH]

Accomplishments: LSAMP HBCU-UP, CVS Caremark and Walgreens Diversity Scholarship Recipient. Founder and 1st President of UNTHSC Chapter of Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), Student National Power to End Stroke Chair, Presented numerous poster presentations at over 10 conferences and 2 peer-reviewed publications.

Dana B. Hill, J.D., Samford University
Cumberland School of Law (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR)
LSAMP (Alabama State University)
Currently Shareholder and Attorney at Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black, P.C. in Birmingham, AL. [OTH]

Accomplishments: Cordell Hull Teaching Fellow, Scholar of Merit – Women and the Law, Member, Class IV of the Alabama State Bar Leadership Forum, Member, Bench and Bar Advisory Committee, U.S. District Court Northern District of Alabama; Vice President and Member, Board of Directors for Alabama Council of School Board Attorneys; Alabama Rising Star®, by Thomson Reuters (School and Education Law); B.S. in Mathematics, summa cum laude from Alabama State University.

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LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Area Manager, Therapy Management Corporation, Allied Health, Auburn, AL. [OTH]

Accomplishments: DPT from Alabama State University, MS in Biological Sciences and BS in Biomedical Sciences from Auburn University, American Physical Therapy Association Minority Scholarship, College of Health Sciences Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs Graduate Assistantship, three publications and presentations in peer-reviewed journals.
Chika Nnedu, Pharm.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR) LSAMP (Auburn University)
Currently Staff Pharmacist, Montgomery, AL. [OTH]

Accomplishments: Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Auburn University College of Science and Mathematics. LSAMP Scholar.

Brittney Nicole Sellers, D.P.T., Alabama State University (Alabama)
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Currently Pelvic Health Physical Therapist at Center for Colorectal & Pelvic Health (COPE), an affiliate of Texas Digestive Disease Consultants – Southlake, TX. [OTH]

Accomplishments: Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Alabama State University, Master of Education in Exercise Science/Biomechanics from Auburn University, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences from Auburn University, American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Minority Scholar, Epsilon Tau Sigma (Theta Chapter) National Honor Society of the National Society of Allied Health, NSF Research Conference on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C Presenter.

J. Michael Underwood, Ph.D., University of Minnesota (Minnesota)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR) LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently Chief, School-based Surveillance Branch, Division of Adolescent and School Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA. [OTH]

Accomplishments: PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Minnesota, BS in Biology (magna cum laude) from Tuskegee University. Serves as Chief for CDC’s School-based Surveillance Branch, responsible for tracking adolescent health behaviors and school-level policy and practices across the U.S. He previously led the Support, Evaluation and Surveillance team (SEST) for the CDC’s Immunization Services Divisions.

Takova D. Wallace-Gay, Pharm.D., Auburn University (Alabama)
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region (GABBR) LSAMP (Tuskegee University)
Currently a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Fisch College of Pharmacy, The University of Texas at Tyler. [OTH]

Accomplishments: LSAMP fellowship and BD Scholar and poster winner, Board Certified Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, Published in peer-reviewed pharmacy journals, Co-author of a case book chapter on Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, Chair of the UT Tyler Interprofessional Education Committee, Member of the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council.
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Surgeon General, Vice Admiral – U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Core. Washington, D.C. [BIO]

Accomplishments:

Dr. Adams is the 20th Surgeon General of the United States. His mission as the “Nation’s Doctor,” is to advance the health of the American people. Dr. Adams’ motto as Surgeon General is “better health through better partnerships.” He has been a leader in numerous professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association and the Indiana Society of Anesthesiologists. Dr. Adams is also the former Health Commissioner of Indiana.

Time Agibe, M.S. - Mechanical Engineering - University of Maryland, College Park

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Program Analyst/Program Controls - Parsons, Arlington, VA. [ENGR]

Accomplishments:

Mr. Agibe is a mechanical engineer who works for a technology-focused defense, intelligence, security, and infrastructure engineering firm. His responsibilities include managing the procurement of new utilities contracts at client facilities nationwide and providing quality, safety and training support for various business areas of the company. His past awards include the NSF LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship.

Omozusi “Zusi” Andrews, Ph.D. – Biology – Vanderbilt University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Accomplishments:

Dr. Andrews has led public health related research projects examining removal of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) using heparin (natural anticoagulant drug) manufacturing methods and conducted research at the National Institutes of Health that investigated the effects of drug inhibition on a crucial protein receptor interaction shown in acute HIV. She has had three publications which includes a chapter in the book “MicroRNA in Development and in the Progression of Cancer.

Tony Awojoodu, Ph.D. - Biomedical Engineering - Georgia Institute of Technology

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Director of Strategy - Davita, Philadelphia, PA. [ENGR]

Accomplishments:

Dr. Awojoodu earned an M.S. in Engineering and Applied Sciences & Biomedical Engineering from the University of Virginia. McKinsey & Company- Executive Leadership Council C-Suite, McKinsey & Company Advanced Professional Degree Recruiting Lead, NSF Research fellow, Georgia Tech Graduate Leadership Program fellow, National Society of Black Engineers Conference Planning Committee Public Relations Chair, 8 publications.
**Prince Awuah, Ph.D. – Pathology – University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Awuah’s doctoral research focused on delineating roles of Platelet Derived Growth Factor Receptor alpha in liver development, liver regeneration, and liver cancer. His research led to several publications including a first co-authorship paper in the Journal of Hepatology, a second author paper, and a first author on an editorial in Hepatology and two first author papers in American Journal of Pathology and PLOS One. He has also was awarded two grants in 2011 as a predoctoral fellow and in 2013.

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**Karolyn Babalola, Ph.D. – Electrical and Computer Eng. – Georgia Institute of Technology**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Director of Data Engineering at Ivysys Technologies, Arlington, VA. [CISE]**

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Babalola uses digital signal processing and pattern recognition techniques to implement data analytics strategies for the intelligence and defense sectors. She researches, develops and implements signal processing, pattern recognition and machine learning algorithms for applications including brain-computer interfaces, robotics, telecommunications, and natural language processing.

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**Taiese Bingham-Hickman, Ph.D. – Pharmacology – New York University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

**Associate Director – The Leadership Alliance Consortium, Providence, RI [OTH]**

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Bingham-Hickman recently accepted a position as Associate Director of the Leadership Consortium in Rhode Island. She was also the Associate Director of Biomedical Informatics Research and Operations at Brown University. Bingham-Hickman also worked at Beacon Health Options where she held the positions of VP of Informatics and Analytics and VP of National Data Analytics and Client Reporting. She is also a licensed Realtor at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Commonwealth Real Estate.

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**Robin N. Brewer, Ph.D., Technology and Social Behavior, Northwestern University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

**Assistant Professor, Information & Electrical Engineering & Computer Science - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. [ENG]**

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Brewer does research in the areas of Accessibility (older adults and people with vision impairments); Voice-based interfaces; Online communities and social computing; Motivation for online participation and engagement in online communities (e.g. blogging, crowd work platforms); and Autonomous vehicles and navigation. She has published eight journal articles and 17 peer-reviewed conference papers. Her past awards include the NSF LSAMP BD Fellowship. She also earned an M.S. in Human-Centered Computing from UMBC.

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Tiffani Bright, Ph.D. – Biomedical Informatics – Columbia University
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Biomedical Informatician, Evaluation Research Team Lead - IBM Watson Health, Atlanta, GA. [EDU]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Bright is the first African American woman to obtain a doctorate in the biomedical/medical informatics field and the first African American to obtain a doctorate in this field from Columbia University. She was a Center for Interdisciplinary Research to Reduce Antimicrobial Resistance Predoctoral Fellow at Columbia University, a Biomedical Informatics Predoctoral Fellow at the National Library of Medicine, and a Postdoctoral Fellow at Duke University.

Stefanie Brodie, Ph.D., Civil Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Senior Researcher - Toole Design Group, Washington, D.C. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Brodie is a Civil Engineer who believes that research should help public agencies make informed decisions. Her graduate school research focused on incorporating equity into long-range transportation planning. As a Marie Curie Fellow, her postdoctoral research at the University of Nottingham explored sustainability performance measures. She has six publications.

Justin Brooks, M.D. /Ph.D. – Washington University in St. Louis
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Medical Director - Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Washington, D.C. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Brooks is responsible for Pharmacovigilance and Safety across multiple clinical trials and post-market activities. Prior to that, he led a large research program at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory with the specific goal to quantify and model human variability for optimal Human-Autonomy interaction. Additionally, Dr. Brooks continues to practice medicine on an as-needed basis in a variety of medical domains, sits on advisory boards for two health oriented start-up companies, and serves as a reviewer and contributor for multiple scientific journals.

Lyndon Brown, M.S. - Systems Engineering - Johns Hopkins University
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Vice President of Business Development - Veridon, Washington D.C. [ENGR]

Accomplishments: Previously, Lyndon was Vice President, Corporate Development at Endgame, which was acquired by Elastic (NYSE: Elastic), where he successfully launched and operated several strategic initiatives, including Endgame’s global managed service provider business, channel sales program, and technical alliance ecosystem. A former Product Manager & Engineer, Lyndon has conceived, launched, built, and grown enterprise SAAS product lines. Lyndon actively advocates for STEM education through a variety of organizations, including as a board member for the University of Maryland's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
Kailyn Cage, Ph.D. - Mechanical Engineering - University of Maryland, College Park

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Engineering Program Manager - Amazon Lab 126, Sunnyvale, CA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Dr. Cage is a mechanical engineer and inventor. She holds a patent for a drying device and has been recognized by Prince George’s County, MD 40 Under 40, rising leaders. Her past awards include: the Willie Web Fellowship, the NSF BD Fellowship, the Homeland Security Fellowship, the FDA ORISE Fellowship, the NASA Graduate Research Fellowship, and the NIH Fellowship.

Carlos Casarez, Ph.D. - Mechanical Engr. - University of California, Berkeley

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Robotic Controls Engineer - Intuitive, San Francisco, CA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Dr. Casarez is a Mechanical engineer with expertise in the design, fabrication, analysis, control, and testing of dynamic robotic systems. He has published eight articles and his honors and awards include: CiBER IGERT, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, and the Barry M. Goldwater National Scholarship Award.

Darian Cash, Ph.D. – Biochemistry and Molecular Biology - UCLA

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Senior Scientist - Moderna Labs, Cambridge, MA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Cash completed his postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA. Currently he is a biochemist with Moderna Labs pioneering a new class of drugs, messenger RNA therapeutics, with the vast potential to treat many diseases across a range of drug modalities and therapeutic areas. His team has developed a promising vaccine for COVID-19 and is currently in the testing stage to determine its effectiveness. His involvement in the work was recently highlighted on a 60 Minutes broadcast.

Daniel Chenet, Ph.D. - Mechanical Engineering - Columbia University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Sr. Staff Systems Engineer - Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel, MD. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Dr. Chenet is a device and systems engineer with industry experience in semiconductors, medical devices and defense. He has co-authored 15+ journal articles in the fields of layered semiconductor synthesis, optical characterization and nanoelectronics, including lead author in Science, Nature Materials and Nano Letters. His awards include the NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, the GEM Fellowship and the Presidential Fellowship through Columbia University.
**Sean Colbert-Kelly, Ph.D. – Applied Mathematics – Purdue University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Colbert-Kelly is a driven mathematician whose career goal is to utilize his mathematical background in Partial Differential Equations (PDEs) and analysis to solve complex problems. He is a fluent programmer who completed both the National Research Council Postdoctoral Research Fellowship and the Director’s Postdoctoral Fellowship at NIST. His current research area involves developing and solving PDEs in materials science and complex fluids, while using computational tools and methods to model and simulate dynamical properties in both areas.

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**Brooke Coley, Ph.D. – Bioengineering – University of Pittsburgh**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Coley served as the associate director for the Center for Diversity in Engineering at the University of Virginia and as an AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow, where she worked at the NSF for several years. Coley was honored as an Apprentice Faculty Grant Recipient by the Educational Research Methods Division of the ASEE for her commitment to innovation in teaching and potential to make substantial contributions to engineering education.

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**Kizzmekia Corbett, Ph.D. – Microbiology and Immunology – University of North Carolina**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Research Fellow, NIH Vaccine Research Center, Bethesda, MD. [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Corbett’s work has garnered her several awards including a Doctoral Merit Award and induction into UNC’s Frank Porter Graham Honor Society. She also received a travel fellowship to complete part of her dissertation project in Sri Lanka. Dr. Corbett’s research focuses on assessing and improving the immunogenicity of novel vaccine platforms for coronaviruses and influenza including COVID-19.

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**Tiara Cornelius, Ph.D. – Interdisciplinary Applied Mathematics and Mathematical Physics – Delaware State University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

**Assistant Professor, Mathematics – University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD. [MPS]**

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Cornelius serves as the UMES LSAMP mentor to Math and Computer Science students. She is the co-advisor for the Association for Computing Machinery club and the Upsilon Pi Epsilon international honor society. Her most recent paper was published in Springer Journal of Scientific Computing.
Jazalyn Dukes, Ph.D. - Civil Engineering - Georgia Institute of Technology

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Research Structural Engineer, Earthquake Engineering Group - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Washington, D.C. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Dukes is also a member of the National Construction Safety Team for the Technical Investigation of Hurricane Maria’s Impacts on Puerto Rico. Her research interests include probabilistic analysis methods, finite element modeling, seismic retrofit of structures using fiber reinforced composites, and multi-hazard reconnaissance studies.

Stacy B Dutton, Ph.D. – Neuroscience – Emory University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Assistant Professor, Biology – Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, GA. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Dutton currently works at Agnes Scott College in the Department of Neuroscience. Her research area focuses on the role of neuroinflammation in the disease progression of epilepsy. She also does research that highlights the influence of gender on neurological disorders.

Kafui Dzirasa, M.D. /Ph.D. – Neurobiology – Duke University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Associate Professor - Psychiatry, Biomedical Engineering, Neurobiology, Neurosurgery – Duke University, Durham, NC. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Dzirasa is the first African American to complete a Ph.D. in Neurobiology at Duke. At UMBC he was conference champion in the long jump, an academic All-American, and student body president. Dr. Dzirasa has served on the Board of Directors of the Student National Medical Association. Through his service, he participated in numerous programs geared towards exposing youth to STEM and providing health education for underserved communities. He was awarded the One Mind Institute Rising Star Award, and his laboratory was featured on 60 Minutes in 2011. In 2016, he was awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

Yvonne Edmonds, Ph.D. – Physics – Stanford University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Data Scientist Director, Strategic Analytics - McKesson, Irving, TX. [CISE]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Edmonds began her career at the SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory searching for dark matter as a physics graduate student. That work sparked an interest in data science and data analysis that saw her transition to systems engineering. She was awarded the Insight Data Science Fellowship and moved fully into data science where she is now a rising star.
Lola Eniola-Adefeso, Ph.D. – Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering – University of Pennsylvania

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Accomplishments:
Since her arrival at Michigan, Dr. Eniola-Adefeso has received several honors and awards including the NSF CAREER Award, Lloyd Ferguson Young Investigator Award, American Heart Association Innovator Award, and the American Heart Association Scientist Development Grant. She was elected into the College of Fellows for American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and as a College of Engineering Faculty Fellow at the University of Michigan. Her research is currently funded by multiple grants from the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute of the NIH.

Timi Fadiran, Ph.D. – Chemical Engineering – Georgia Institute of Technology

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Accomplishments:
Dr. Fadiran has a strong passion for research, product development, and solving challenging problems in a team environment. He has a wide range of experience in polymer processing, polymer characterization, materials science, and sustainability leading to five published articles in his field.

Kristi (Pullen) Fedinick, Ph.D. – Molecular & Cell Biology – University of California, Berkeley

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Accomplishments:
Dr. Fedinick’s work at NRDC assesses, integrates, and leverages health and environmental data to advance protections for people and communities that are disproportionately impacted by drinking water contamination and exposure to harmful chemicals. She has authored multiple policy reports, peer-reviewed articles, and policy comments, and served on numerous influential committees of the National Academies of Sciences and the EPA.

Keisha Findley, Ph.D. – Molecular Genetics and Microbiology – Duke University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Interdisciplinary Scientist – Food and Drug Administration, Washington, D.C. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Findley began her career at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as a Health Disparities Postdoctoral Fellow within the National Human Genome Research Institute. From her postdoc, Dr. Findley accepted a contract position as a Medical Countermeasures Policy Analyst in the HHS Office of the Secretary with the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. She is currently employed as an Interdisciplinary Scientist at the FDA in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health within the Infection Control Devices Branch. She has published 10 articles in her field.
**Ayanna Flegler, Ph.D. – Cell and Molecular Biology – Northwestern University**  
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Science Team Lead – SAIC, Reston, VA. [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**  
Dr. Flegler’s work focuses on health improvement. She seeks to improve health through advising, analysis, and/or research. Prior to her current post she served as Science Lead supporting the DoD’s Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Cooperative Biological Engagement Program (CBEP). The focus of the program is to provide guidance for cooperative nations around the globe to expand capabilities to counter biological threats, enhance and extend international partnerships to thwart proliferation of biological weapons, and support cooperative threat reduction.

**DeAnna (Baker) Frost, M.D. /Ph.D. – Medical University of South Carolina**  
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Assistant Professor, Rheumatology and Immunology - Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC. [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**  
Upon completion of an internal medicine residency at Duke University, Dr. Frost became a board certified internal medicine physician and returned to MUSC as an adult rheumatology fellow where she was chosen as Chief Rheumatology Fellow. Dr. Frost has been awarded several research awards locally and nationally and has presented her work at several national conferences including the American College of Rheumatology. She has published a number of scientific articles in prominent journals based on her research.

**Kenneth Gibbs, Jr., Ph.D. – Immunology – Stanford University**  
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Director, Postdoctoral Research Associates Training Program, National Institutes of General Medical Sciences, Washington, D.C. [EDU]**

**Accomplishments:**  
Prior to joining NIGMS, Dr. Gibbs was a Cancer Prevention Fellow at the National Cancer Institute, and an AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow at the NSF in the EHR Directorate. He has previously served on the committee for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine’s consensus report “Graduate STEM Education for the 21st Century,” on the Board of Directors for the National Postdoctoral Association and he has written about scientific training and diversity issues for Science Careers, and Scientific American.

**Christy (Butler) Gray, M.D./Ph.D. – Case Western Reserve University**  
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine – Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**  
Dr. Gray completed an anesthesiology residency at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Gray also completed a Sleep Medicine fellowship and Postdoctoral Research fellowship at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Gray’s areas of academic interest are the anesthetic effects on neural development. She serves as a diplomat on the American Board of Anesthesiology as well as the American Board of Sleep Medicine.
Gentzon Hall, M.D. /Ph.D. – University of Maryland, Baltimore

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Senior Professional Staff - Johns Hopkins University, Laurel, MD. [ENGR]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Hall is the first recipient of the American Society of Nephrology–Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program Award. In addition to this award, he has received an ASCI Young Physician-Scientist Award; DMPI Bordon Scholars Award; the American Society of Nephrology Career Development Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; the Duke Physician-Scientist Strong Start Award; and a Northwestern University George M. O’Brien Kidney Research Center Pilot and Feasibility Award. Dr. Hall has over 50 publications in his field.

Belinda R. Hauser, Ph.D. – Genetics & Human Genetics – Howard University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Acting Director, Office of Education – National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Hauser works for the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIH NIDCR) as Acting Director. She also worked as a Medical Technologist for Medstar Washington Hospital Center. She has published articles that focuses on Organogenesis and Cell Carcinoma Growth and Apoptosis and her most current “Preparation of Cells from Embryonic Organs for Single-Cell RNA Sequencing” was published in the Current protocols of Cell Biology in 2019.

Bryan Hayes, Ph.D. - Computer Engineering - Georgia Institute of Technology

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Assistant Professor, Nephrology – Duke University, Durham, NC. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Georgia Tech Toward Award winner, GEM Fellowship, Intel Fellowship, FACES (NSF AGEP) Fellowship, 7 publications, presenting at various Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Conferences.

Cimona V. Hinton, Ph.D. – Biomedical Sciences-Biochemistry – Meharry Medical College

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Associate Professor, Biological Sciences – Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Hinton is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Clark Atlanta University and also a member of the Cell and Molecular Biology Research Program at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory. She researches the involvement of chemokine pathways that induce motility of cancer cells specifically how CXCR4/CXCL12 signaling axis may aid in the migration and invasion of foreign tissues under cancerous condition. This system is studied in prostate and breast cancer cells. She has published more than 12 articles in prominent journals.
**Shakira R. Hobbs, Ph.D. – Civil Engineering – Clemson University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering - University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. [ENGR]

Accomplishments:

**Nwokedi Idika, Ph.D. – Computer Science – Purdue University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Senior Software Engineer – Google, Mountain View, CA [CISE]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Idika is a Senior Software Engineer and a Privacy and Data Protection Lead within YouTube. Before joining YouTube, he was a member of Nightwatch, Google’s product-focused privacy team. Prior to engaging product teams on privacy issues at Google, he spent a couple of years building solutions to malicious automated threats at Shape Security and a few years at MIT Lincoln Lab working on quantifying trust and approaches to improve cyber defenders’ situational awareness.

**Dahlia Jackson-O’Brien, Ph.D. – Food Science – University of Maryland Eastern Shore**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Associate Professor – Virginia Cooperative Extension, Petersburg, VA. [A]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Jackson-O’Brien has served as Small Ruminant Specialist in Cooperative Extension at Virginia State University (VSU). She also works on a USDA Capacity Building Program funded project to design and build a mobile slaughter processing unit at VSU to educate and enhance profitability of Virginia’s small ruminant industry. She previously served as Associate Professor and Small Ruminant Specialist at Delaware State University. She has written and awarded numerous grants and has published more than eight times.

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**Likelia “Kiki” Jenkins, Ph.D. – Marine Conservation Technology – Duke University**

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Associate Professor – Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. [GEO]

Accomplishments:
As an NSF Graduate Fellow, Dr. Jenkins received her PhD by pioneering a new field of study into the invention and adoption of marine conservation technology. Forging a new path of opportunity, she gained the support of NOAA to host its first ever AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow. She has also been supported by the Ford Foundation Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship; the David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship; and the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship in Ocean Sciences. Dr. Jenkins is currently expanding her research into the role of science dance in social change.
Gunnar Kwakye, Ph.D. – Neuroscience – Vanderbilt University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

Accomplishments: Dr. Kwakye was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Neuroscience at the Oberlin College and Conservatory on July 1, 2019. His research has led to over ten publications in prominent journals including Journal of Neurotoxicology and the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

Gerald Lopez, Ph.D. – Electrical & Computer Engineering – Georgia Institute of Technology

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Accomplishments: Dr. Lopez is responsible for development and execution of business strategies that facilitate engagement and collaboration for the Singh Center for Nanotechnology. His role leverages the technical staff to coordinate resources and to evaluate project feasibility. He is co-founder and board chair at MAEBL Inc. and a steering committee member for the International Conference on Electron Ion Photon Beam Technology and Nanofabrication. He has published five articles in his field.

Michael Maness, Ph.D. - Civil Engineering - University of Maryland, College Park

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Accomplishments: M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. Postdoctoral appointment at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN. Graduate Research Fellowship at FHWA’s Turner-Fairbank Highway Research Center in McLean, VA. Future Faculty Fellow, 2 x Eisenhower Transportation Fellow, LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow. 2015 Eric Pas Dissertation Prize Winner, 2015 University Transportation Centers Outstanding Student of the Year. Three publications in transportation-related journals.

James McCray, Ph.D. – Interdisciplinary Ecology – University of Florida

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Accomplishments: Dr. McCray is also a modern dancer, currently working on a component of “Same Stories, Different Countries,” a student project creating dances based on the science behind renewable energy in the U.S. and abroad. She has been using dance as an unorthodox form of engaging with communities on sensitive environmental issues, ranging from wind energy to stormwater management to conservation of unprotected vernal pools.
Jasmine McDonald, Ph.D. – Epidemiology – Harvard University

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Assistant Professor, Epidemiology – Columbia University, New York, NY [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. McDonald is an expert in infectious disease, breast cancer epidemiology, and molecular epidemiology provides her a unique perspective for understanding and examining the complexities of cancer. Much of her work is nested within populations that have a higher burden of cancer including those with a genetic predisposition, racial and ethnic minorities, and young women. She completed two postdoctoral fellowships and is also the Co-Director of CURE Program @ Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center @ CUIMC.

Kyla McMullen, Ph.D. – Computer Science – University of Michigan

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Assistant Professor, Computer & Information Science – University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. [CISE]

Accomplishments:
Dr. McMullen has recently earned the NSF CAREER Award and is the PI of an NSF S-STEM award. She is also senior personnel for NSF’s Institute for African-American Mentoring in Computing Sciences (IAAMCS) effort to broaden participation in the field of computing. In this role, she has served as the conference chair for the National Society of Blacks in Computing. She co-hosts Modern Figures Podcast, elevating the voices of Black women in computing.

Viviana Monje-Galvan, Ph.D. - Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering - University of Maryland, College Park

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Postdoctoral Scholar - University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. [ENGR]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Monje-Galvan started her undergraduate studies at Montgomery College, a community college in Maryland. She went on to earn a BS, MS and Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. The overall goal of her research at the University of Chicago is to understand the binding mechanism of the matrix (MA) domain in Gag proteins of HIV-1 to model membranes, and its regulatory relationship in the context of viral infection. Her list of publications is at 13 and growing. Her awards include the NSF LSAMP BD Fellowship.

Roxann (Brooks) Motroni, DVM/Ph.D. – University of California, Davis

(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

National Program Leader for Animal Health, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, MD. [OTH]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Motroni provides the strategic direction and national coordination for USDA’s intramural research program focused on bacterial and parasitic diseases of importance to animal health in 9 research locations across the country. She is also actively involved in coordinating and communicating the agency’s research in antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Prior to this position, she was a program manager and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Science and Technology Policy Fellow.
Nefretiti Nassar, M.S. - Systems Engineering - University of Maryland, College Park
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Program Manager - Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, VA. [ENGR]

Accomplishments: Finalist for the U.S. Presidential Management Fellows Program. Three Awards: Hiram Whittle Legacy Award (UMDCP), Passionate Service Award (Booz Allen Hamilton), Martha Wood Leadership Award (City of Annapolis). Three systems engineering related publications.

Gary Palmer II, Ph.D. - Industrial Engineering - Clemson University
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Senior UX Researcher - Eleven Peppers Studios, Washington D.C. [CISE]

Accomplishments: Dr. Palmer is a well-established UX expert. He performs user studies, interviewing, wireframing and visual mocking of new web presences. Created a 5-year strategy for a government entity to incorporate UX within its culture appropriately. Dr. Palmer also volunteers as a Mentor/Coach to middle and high school students in an RC car competition where they learn engineering skills.

Chelsea (Stalling) Pinnix, MD/Ph.D. – University of Pennsylvania
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology – MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Pinnix completed her residency training in Radiation Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. After which, she joined the faculty. Her clinical and research interests lie in improving the outcomes of patients with lymphoma. She has been rated a National Top 1% Provider by CAHPS. She has also been awarded: Postdoctoral Science Research Fellowship Grant, UNCF-Merck; Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award, American Association for Cancer Research; Excellence in Leadership and Community Service Award, National Medical Association; and Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellow, NIH. She has co-authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles.

Zachary Rayfield, Ph.D. – Operations Research – Cornell University
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

VP, Quantitative Investment Analysis – T. Rowe Price, Baltimore, MD. [OTH]

Accomplishments: Prior to becoming an investment professional, Dr. Rayfield spent the previous 4.5 years in internal consulting roles centered on building decision support and optimization tools for business problems in revenue management and marketing. Over time he developed a strong personal interest in investments which transformed into a career interest, leading him to his current role in multi-asset research.
Kendra Sarratt, Ph.D. – Bioengineering – University of Pennsylvania
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Sarratt is an adaptable and capable clinical research and development professional with experience in protocol writing and scientific data review in therapeutic areas of psychiatry, addiction, gastroenterology, pain, infectious disease, and oncology. She has experience in managing early and late phase multi-center trials and global clinical trials in pharmaceutical and consumer healthcare industries. She is CPM and PMP certified and has published four articles in her field.

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Kersey Sturdivant, Ph.D. – Marine Sciences – The College of William & Mary
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Sturdivant is actively involved in Marine research where his interests broadly center around anthropogenic disturbance of the benthic environment, with a specific focus on hypoxia. He recently helped establish an environmental consulting company, INSPIRE Environmental, which focuses on environmental impact assessments of the seafloor globally. To date Kersey has published over ten scientific manuscripts, developed three instruments, and given over ten invited seminars.

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Nicole (Dingle) Vaughn, Ph.D. - Chemical Engineering - Purdue University
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Vaughn is a chemical engineer who works on lubricants for ExxonMobil. In her work she is committed to making advancements that will benefit society. She feels that the advancements she’s been able to make at ExxonMobil are crucial in helping solve the dual energy challenge – meeting the growing energy needs of the future while lowering emissions. She holds five patents and has three patents pending.

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Annica (Warrick) Wayman, Ph.D. – Mechanical Engineering – Georgia Institute of Technology
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Wayman spent eight years with the U.S. Agency for International Development building programs to support research projects that address international development challenges. Now, she leads the launch of UMBC’s new Translational Life Science Technology (TLST) undergraduate program and the Master of Professional Studies degree in biotechnology at Shady Grove. She was also an AAAS Fellow working with NSF, USAID, and the National Academy of Sciences.
Brian Wayman, Ph.D. – Mechanical Engineering – Georgia Institute of Technology
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Accomplishments:
Dr. Wayman is using the skills he learned to improve people’s lives. This has been the strand connecting all of his professional positions. In his first position after completing his degree, he was the R&D Team Lead at Becton Dickinson. Dr. Wayman holds six patents for his work at Becton Dickinson on disposable syringes designed to prevent re-use of the syringe following injection. In addition, he has several publications in peer-reviewed bioengineering journals.

Sr. Project Manager – Emergent Biosolutions, Washington, D.C. [BIO]

Jarred Young, Ph.D. - Aerospace Engineering - University of Maryland, College Park
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, College Park)

Accomplishments:
Dr. Young’s research interests include plasmas, spacecraft-material interaction, space system design concepts, and the development of next-gen space propulsion technologies. As an intern for NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, he contributed to the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) and Soil Moisture Active Passive (SMAP) missions while in its early design phase. He has received numerous awards and accolades, such as the LSAMP BD Fellowship, the National Minority STEM Fellowship, and the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship.

Olusegun Williams, Ph.D. – Chemistry & Chemical Biology – University of California, San Francisco
(Maryland). USM LSAMP (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Global Head of Oncology Pipeline and Portfolio Planning – Genentech, San Francisco, CA [OTH]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Williams is a pharmaceutical/biotechnology development and strategy leader with demonstrated history of technical expertise, strategic agility and clear thinking. He brings a deep understanding of complex scientific issues, as well as the ability to connect details to higher order implications. He leads a global team of in-house strategy consultants for the late stage oncology portfolio who are responsible for decision analysis, asset valuation and strategic guidance in order to maximize patient, strategic and financial value.

Keystone Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, MD [ENG]
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Margot Wood, Ph.D.

Texas A&M University System (TAMUS)
LSAMP (Texas A&M University)

Global Sustainability Lui-Walton Fellow, Conservation National, Seattle, WA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: B.S. and Ph.D. in Biology & Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, respectively, from UC Davis and TAMU. 2019


Lindsay Woodard, Ph.D.

Texas A&M University System (TAMUS)
LSAMP (Texas A&M University)

Research Scientist, Polymer Chemist, Luna Innovations Incorporated, Charlottesville, VA. [MPS]

Accomplishments: B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biomedical Engineering from TAMU. Earned Polymer Specialty Certificate. Recipient of the NSF GRFP, 2012-2014 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, Doctoral Graduate Merit Fellowship, and TAMU Graduate Enrichment Fellowship. 6 major self-reported publications in ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering, Macromolecular Rapid Communications, JoVE and Acta Biomaterialia among others.
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering at University of Texas, El Paso, and Texas A&amp;M University (TAMU), respectively. 21 articles published on Google Scholar with 75+ citations since 2015. 10 publications in journals including SPIE, Journal of Human Performance in Extreme Environments and Medical Physics. Recipient of 2008-2010 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> B.S. in Applied Mathematical Sciences, Master’s in Industrial Engineering, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum &amp; Instruction, all at Texas A&amp;M University. T-Tess Certified, ILD Certified. Recipient of 2006-2008 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.</td>
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<td>Resident: Early Stage Project, X, the moonshot factory, Mountain View, CA. [ENG]</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> B.S. in Aerospace Engineering from TAMU. M.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University. Completing Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from University of Michigan. Work on bionic leg exhibited at Chicago’s Museum of Science and Industry and will feature at Amazon’s re:MARS event. Recipient of the Sigma Gamma Tau Ammon S. Andes National Award, NSF GRFP, GEM Associate Fellowship and NASA Aeronautics Scholarship.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Texas A&amp;M University. Grad Camp Assistant Director of Logistics, and Marketing and Communications Chair in Texas A&amp;M Graduate and Professional Student Council. President &amp; Treasurer of Graduate Students Association for Chemistry. Recipient of Eastman Travel Award, Texas A&amp;M University Diversity Fellowship, NSF REU Chemistry Leadership Group Travel Award, ACS Scholarship, 2012-2014 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, etc. Affiliated with ACS and APS.</td>
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Lindsay Birt, Ph.D.
Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Texas A&M University)

Accomplishments:
Master’s degree in Agricultural and Biological Engineering at Texas A&M University, followed by Ph.D. from Purdue University. Recipient of 2010 Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology & Policy Fellowship from National Academies of Science, Purdue Doctoral Fellowship, Myron A. Pugacz fellowship, 2004-2006 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, Minorities Striving & Pursuing Higher Degrees of Success in Earth System Science Fellowship, & the Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate (AGEP) Fellowship. Recognized as one of Purdue’s 2011 “Policy Makers.” Served as Special Interest Group Environmental Director for the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE).

Erica Bruce, Ph.D.
Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Texas A&M University)

Accomplishments:
Master’s and Doctoral degrees in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. 10+ publications in Journal of Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology, Taylor and Francis, etc. Professional involvement with Society of Toxicology and Chemistry, ASCE, SETAC, Chi Epsilon (NCEHS) and a national leadership position with SOT. Recipient of 2003-2005 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

Shona Burkes-Henderson, Ph.D.
Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Texas A&M University)

Accomplishments: B.S. in Chemistry at Texas A&M University, followed by a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from University of Cincinnati. Recipient of the Albert C. Gates Fellowship, American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education Fellowship.

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Accomplishments: B.S. in Electrical Engineering at Texas A&M University, Master’s degree from University of Maryland, College Park and Ph.D. in IT/IS from Capella University. 30 under 30 Black Engineer, NSF Minority Graduate Fellowship Awardee.
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<td><strong>Stacy Cereceres, Ph.D.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>David Chimene, Ph.D.</strong></td>
<td>Texas A&amp;M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Texas A&amp;M University)</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering from Texas A&amp;M University and MD from Texas Tech University. Affiliated with several organizations including BME, GSA, BME Grad Student Association, BES, etc. Received several awards including NSF TxARM Fellowship, 2014-2016 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, Student Travel Achievement Recognition Award (Society of Biomaterials).</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Texas A&amp;M University, Master’s and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Former Principal Scientist, Henkel and Senior Scientist at Dial Corporation.</td>
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| Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Texas A&M University) |
| Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, Saint Paul, MN. [BIO] |
| **Accomplishments:** |

| **Monika Harris, J.D.** |
| Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Prairie View A&M University) |
| Senior Manager, Accenture, Houston, TX. [ENG] |
| **Accomplishments:** |
| B.S. in Chemical Engineering at Prairie View A&M University, Master’s in Manufacturing Management from University of Michigan and J.D. Law from University of Wisconsin Law School. Served on the Board of Directors for Rare Pearls, a non-profit organization that focuses on empowering young females in their careers and academia. |

<p>| <strong>Spencer Hawkins, Ph.D.</strong> |
| Texas A&amp;M University System (TAMUS) LSAMP (Texas A&amp;M University) |
| Research Scientist, University Technology Corporation, Dayton, OH. [ENG] |
| <strong>Accomplishments:</strong> |
| B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from TAMU. 19 Google Scholar articles with 150+ citations. Earned a Polymer Technology Certificate from Polymer Technology Center. Recipient of Dale Walker Memorial Scholarship SPE South Texas, Lowy Award, Joanne and Edward “Pete” Aldridge ’60 Endowed Scholarship, 2011-2013 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, etc. eight major publications and affiliations with MRS, ACS, SPE, and SAMPE. |</p>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from TAMU. Bachelor’s in Chemistry from University of Florida. Board Member for Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) and as a Dow Science Ambassador for the Dow Chemical Company. Affiliated with Young Professionals in Energy, AADE, ACS, Social of Petroleum Engineers and Social of Plastic Engineers. International internship with Evonik in Germany. Benefactor of DAAD Exchange Program. Recipient of 2008-2010 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Ph.D. in Chemistry from TAMU. B.S. in Chemistry from Cornell University. Member of the Diamond Toastmasters Club. Several patents granted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office including Oligomerization, Chromium Complex and Catalyst Therefrom and Phosphacycle Compound and Process for Production Thereof. Recipient of 2008-2010 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Master’s and Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from TAMU and University of Michigan, respectively. Prior experience working with Air Force Research Laboratory, Llamasoft and Nike in various capacities, now serving as the Director of Business Planning. Produced 10 academic papers during his Ph.D., and supported a $4 million research project during his time at the Air Force Research Labs. Recipient of 2006-2008 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Ph.D. in Chemistry from Texas A&amp;M University. Postdoctoral research associate for 2 years at Argonne National Laboratory and Adjunct Professor at Elmhurst College. Former Research Scientist at DeNovX. Recipient of 2008-2010 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.</td>
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| Founder and CPO, OctoML, San Diego, CA. [ENG] | Senior Research Specialist- Dow Polyurethanes, Lake Jackson, TX. [MPS] |

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- Awarded over $700,000 in external and internal funding.

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- B.S. and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Mississippi State University and Texas A&M University, respectively. 10 major patents and publications in SPIRIT magazine, Wetlands and Biomass & Bioenergy. Recipient of the 2003-2005 NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and expert in biofuels, environmental tech., air emissions, sustainability, regulatory, and HSE.

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American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Maryland Section, Outstanding Educator of the Year Award; University of Delaware, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Citation for Outstanding Alumni Achievement; Secretary for the National Academies of Sciences Transportation Research Board (TRB) AKB50: Committee on the Seismic Design and Performance of Bridges.

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(Pennsylvania) Greater Philadelphia Region LSAMP (Lincoln University)

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Accomplishments: NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow; Ph.D., Electrical Engineering; 5 peer-reviewed publications and international conference proceedings in BMC Bioinformatics, Current Genomics, Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology, and the IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Bioengineering (2); Research Engineer, PECO Energy, and former Assistant Professor, Mathematics, Rowan University.

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Accomplishments: Ph.D., Materials Science & Engineering, Northwestern University; Dual Major, Magna Cum Laude: B.S., Materials Science and Engineering & B.S., Systems Science and Engineering and Minor in Mathematics, University of Pennsylvania; Post-Doctoral Fellow, European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Experiments Division (Grenoble, France); 7 proposals awarded beam time at the Advanced Photon Source, Argonne National Laboratory; 1 proposal awarded beam time at the Spallation Neutron Source, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; 4 new crystallographic structures published by the International Centre for Diffraction Data (ICDD) in the 2010 Release of the Powder Diffraction File Database; and 21 peer-reviewed publications.

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Accomplishments: Temple University Future Faculty Fellow; 8 peer-reviewed publications in multiple chemistry, toxicology, and pharmaceutical journals; Titular Member of the Division of Chemistry and Human Health at IUPAC; served as a Forensic Chemist at NMS Labs for a number of years, serving the public and justice system; served as an Adjunct Faculty member in the Department of Chemistry at Temple University; and traveled to South Korea, Denmark, Brazil and France to promote Chemistry and Human Health.

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Knatokie Ford, Ph.D. Experimental Pathology - Harvard University

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Bianca Islam, M.D., Ph.D., (Biochemistry and Cancer Biology) Medical College of Georgia

Accomplishments: Dr. Bianca Islam was a medical researcher on The Dr. Oz Show. She earned her MD/Ph.D., (Biochemistry and Cancer Biology) from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. She earned her M.S. degree in Biology/Biological Sciences and her B.S. in Microbiology from Georgia State University. Her interests include clinical/translational research in areas including cancer prevention and treatment, gastrointestinal diseases and illnesses, gut homeostasis, various digestive, GI related and liver cancers. She served as the Vice President of the Medical College of Georgia’s MD/Ph.D. American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) chapter.


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Jonathan Madison, Ph.D. Materials Science & Engineering - University of Michigan

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Bakari Vickerson, M.D. - Howard University College of Medicine

Accomplishments: Dr. Bakari Vickerson is a Psychiatrist at Morehouse School of Medicine. He completed his Psychiatry residency training at Emory University School of Medicine, where he served as Chief Resident of the Outpatient Psychotherapy and Psycho-pharmacology Clinic. He became an Attending Physician and full-time faculty member at Morehouse School of Medicine, where he served as Medical Director of the Grady Assertive Community Treatment Team, and Director of the Community Psychiatry Rotation/Elective and Community Learning Mentor. He graduated from Morehouse College with a B.S. degree in Biology.

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Kristini Miles, Ph.D., Pharmacology and Toxicology Virginia Commonwealth University

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GA-AL LSAMP (Paine College)
Lishann M. Ingram, Ph.D. Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences – University of Georgia

GA-AL LSAMP (Clark Atlanta University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Lishann Ingram is currently a postdoctoral researcher at the Carnegie Institution for Science at Johns Hopkins University. She earned her Ph.D. in Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Georgia. She graduated from Clark Atlanta University with a B.S. degree in Biological Sciences. During her undergraduate studies, she participated in summer interns at UGA, Spelman College and Michigan State University. Dr. Ingram has six scientific publications in peer reviewed journals.

Altonio Hosey, M.D. - SUNY Stony Brook School of Medicine- New York

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**Accomplishments:** Dr. Hosey obtained his M.D. from Stony Brook School of Medicine. He is currently a Resident Physician at University of Cincinnati Hospital. He obtained his B.S. degree in Physics for Georgia State University, and worked at Micromeritics, Inc. as a lab analyst.

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Deon O’Bryant Jr., Ph.D. Biological Science - Clark Atlanta University

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Medical student at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

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Eric Clark Jr. Doctorate in Chiropractic - Sherman College of Chiropractic

GA-AL LSAMP (Paine College)

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**Hao Tran, Ph.D. Cell Molecular Biology and Physiology - Georgia State University**

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GA-AL LSAMP (Georgia State University)

Pharmacy Intern at Publix Super Markets

Accomplishments: Dr. Fatima serves as a pharmacy Intern at Publix Super Markets in the Greater Atlanta Area. She received her Pharm. D. from Mercer University and her B.S. degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry from Georgia State University.

Darkeyah Reuven, Ph. D. -Polymer Chemistry- Clark Atlanta University

GA-AL LSAMP (Georgia State University)

Chemist, US Environmental Protection Agency OECA, OCEFT, NEIC Denver Federal Center

Accomplishments: Dr. Darkeyah Reuven received Ph. D. in Polymer Chemistry from Clark Atlanta University. He now serves as a chemist with the US EPA at the Denver Federal Center. He was an NIH Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences at Emory University, Atlanta GA. He earned his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Georgia State University and a M.S. degree in Health Care Management from Mercer University. Dr. Reuven has eight scientific publications in peer reviewed journals.

Charles Wilkes, Ph.D. Mathematics Education - University of Michigan

GA-AL LSAMP (Morehouse College)

Accomplishments: Dr. Charles Wilkes earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the University of Michigan. His dissertation resulted in a publication in peer review journal. Prior to going to the University of Michigan, he participated in the Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Research Program at Vanderbilt University, scoring assessments and designing items that measured upper elementary school students’ conceptions of statistics. He also had several study abroad experiences that resulted in 15 countries visited. He earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics from Morehouse College, during which he was a Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient.
Andre Thompson, Ph.D. Materials Science and Engineering - University of Michigan

GA-AL LSAMP (Morehouse College)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Andre Thompson received his Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Michigan. He is currently pursuing postdoctoral research. His dissertation research was published as a manuscript in a peer reviewed scientific journal. Dr. Thompson received B.S. in Chemistry from Morehouse College.

Amber Watters - MD - Morehouse School of Medicine

GA-AL LSAMP (Georgia State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Watters obtained her MD degree from Morehouse School of Medicine. She is currently in Residency at Morehouse School of Medicine. She obtained her B.S degree in Biology/Biological Sciences both from Georgia State University.

Liza Ngo - Ph.D. Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences- University of Georgia

GA-AL LSAMP (Georgia State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Liza Ngo is a Senior Scientist at Neoletix Lab in Tucker, Georgia. Her job description is to construct plasmid vectors for protein expression in mammalian cell, transfection and expression of antibodies in mammalian cells, purify bio-therapeutic candidates using AKTA system, and test bio-therapeutic candidates with human blood and platelets. She received her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Biomedical Sciences from the University of Georgia. She received her MS and BS degree in biology from Georgia State University.

Alykhan Lalani, MD - Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University

GA-AL LSAMP (Georgia State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Alykhan Lalani is a Vascular Surgery Resident at Louisiana State University. He obtained his MD degree from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Dr. Lalani obtained his M.S. degree in Applied and Environmental Microbiology and B.S degree in biology/biological Sciences both from Georgia State University.
**Accomplishments:** Dr. Taurean J. Hodges earned his DDS degree from the Meharry Medical College. He pursued further training with the Dream Team Oral Surgery and Implant Specialty Group, located in Nashville TN, before opening Inlet Premier Implant & Cosmetic Dentistry. Dr. Hodges received his B.S. degree in Chemistry from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta GA.

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Takiwi Milton-Babalola serves as Vice President at Georgia Council of Supervisors of Mathematics. She earned her Ed. D. in Educational Leadership and Administration from Valdosta State University. She also earned an M. Ed in Curriculum and Instruction Teaching and Learning Augusta University and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Paine College.

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Patrick Major is a recent graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy program. He has years of experience during intensive inpatient pharmacy rotations that encompassed practicing in the settings of Oncology, Critical Care and General Medicine. Dr. Major earned his M.S. degree in Chemistry-Biochemistry and his B.S. degrees in Chemistry from Georgia State University. He also served as the Vice President of the Undergraduate STEM Research Society. For his M.S. thesis he studied the BARD1-BRCA1 heterodimer and its role in the ubiquitination pathway.

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Marcus J. Sandling is an infectious diseases physician at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, NY. He earned his M.D. degree from Howard University College of Medicine. Dr. Sandling earned his B.S. in Biological Science from Morehouse College.
Michael B. Bellamy, Ph.D. Nuclear Engineering – Georgia Institute of Technology

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Michael B. Bellamy received his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. He currently serves as Assistant Attending Physicist at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY. Dr. Bellamy conducted research at Oakridge National Laboratory. He received his B.S. degree in Mathematics and Physics from Morehouse College. He has over 16 scientific publications, many of which are in peer reviewed journals.

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Shaun Bullard, D.M.D./M.S. - University of Florida

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Bullard attended the University of Florida College of Dentistry where he completed his Doctor of Medical Dentistry Degree (D.M.D). Dr. Bullard also received his Endodontic Specialty Certificate and M.S degree in Oral Biology from the University of Florida. During his time in residency, he was awarded as a research finalist for two consecutive years for endodontic and clinical research at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting. He received a Master’s degree in Endodontics from University of Florida and his Bachelor of Applied Science in Biology/Biological Sciences from Georgia State University.

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Charisma D. (Edwards) Milledge, Ph. D., Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering - Louisiana State University

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Charisma D. (Edwards) Milledge earned her Ph. D. in Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering from Louisiana State University. Her interest is in Machine Learning/Computer Vision, Digital Signal & Image Processing for Biomedical Applications, STEM Education, and Undergraduate Research Development. At Microsoft she schedules and scope large, complex programs and projects, deploying Microsoft Office 365, Adoption and Change Management, End-User training, Forefront Identity Manager and Dynamics AX. She earned her M.S. degree in Electrical, Electronics and Communications Engineering from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and her B.S. degree in Engineering from Clark Atlanta University.

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Laurisa A London, Ph.D. - Clark Atlanta University

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Laurisa London earned her Ph.D. degree in Polymer Chemistry from Clark Atlanta University. She is currently a senior scientist at L’Oreal, Inc., where she conducts material characterization. She obtained her B.S. degree in biology from Clark Atlanta University. During her matriculation she served as the Vice President of the CAU chapter NOBCChE.
**Phillip Brooks, Ph.D.** Comparative Medicine and Integrative Biology-Environmental Toxicology - Michigan State University

**Senior Scientific Engagement Manager — Global Education at Seven Bridges Genomics**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Brooks is a bioinformatics professional, with applied microbiology and project management experience in the biotechnology sector. Currently, he is the Senior Scientific Engagement Manager at Seven Bridges Genomics, leading the development of software for NGS analysis, using genomic databases, and standard bioinformatics tools. He has contributed to distinctive professional and scholarly publications with several articles that addressed a diverse educational community. Dr. Brooks earned his B.S. degree in Psychology from Georgia State University.

**Quentin Johnson Ph.D.** Computational Science - University of Tennessee-Knoxville

**Assistant Professor at Berry College**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Johnson is an assistant Professor at Berry College. He earned his Ph.D. in Computational Science from the University of Tennessee - Knoxville. Dr. Johnson conducted postdoctoral fellowships at Oakridge National Laboratory and the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis. He also earned his M.S. degree in Computational Science and B.S. in Chemistry from Georgia State University.

**Phong Truong Ph.D.** Synthetic Organic Chemistry - University of Maryland College Park

**Senior Scientist at FOB Synthesis**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Phong Truong is a Senior Scientist at FOB Synthesis with focus on the development of synthetic methods, including oxidation, metal catalysis, and asymmetric catalysis. He also leads the design of multistep synthesis to provide access to complex and natural product-like carbon and heterocycles. He earned his Ph.D. degree in Synthetic Organic Chemistry from University of Maryland College Park. He earned a M.S. degree in Organic Synthesis from Georgia State University and his B.S. degree in Chemistry from the same institution.

**Quoc Bao Nguyen, M.D.** - Morehouse School of Medicine

**Resident Physician at Morehouse School of Medicine**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Quoc Bao Nguyen earned his M.D. from Morehouse School of Medicine. He is currently a resident physician at Morehouse School of Medicine. He earned his B.S. degree in chemistry from Georgia State University.
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- Southern University at Shreveport
- Tulane University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of New Orleans
- Xavier University of Louisiana

Crystal I. Leach, M.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA). - **Currently a physiatrist at Adventist HealthCare Rehabilitation.** [OTH].

**Accomplishments:** Earned Medical degree from Louisiana State University Health Science Center of New Orleans, LA, Earned an MS degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Clinical interests include general physiatry and rehabilitation services, Continues research efforts and providing quality health care to medically underserved populations. Dr. Leach enjoys photography, watching football and playing the violin.

Jolene Robin McCaskill Ph.D., (California). Louisiana LSAMP (University of New Orleans in New Orleans, LA) – **Currently Pursuing Juris Doctorate (JD) degree in Intellectual Property (IP) Law At South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas.** [OTH]

**Accomplishments:** Completed Ph.D. studies in Geophysics at Stanford University in 2013, Recipient of the IP Scholarship, the Haynes and Boone 1L Diversity Scholarship, the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary Charitable Fund Scholarship and a host of STCL Academic Merit Scholarship Activities, Editor for the Hispanic Law Journal, Assistant Executive Editor for the STCL Law Review, Recognized as a Langdell Scholar – Torts II.
Lewins C. Walter, Ph.D., (Georgia). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Postdoctoral Fellow at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned doctorate from Georgia State University in Biomedical Sciences, with a specialization in Molecular Immunology, Recipient of the AMGEN Award in Basic Science Research, Designed and implemented pre-clinically trails to examine the activity of gut microbiota and immune system for potential immunotherapeutic drug combinations for colon cancer prevention in murine models and human-derived intestinal organoids, Nine (9) research publications.

Kurt Watson, Ph.D., (Tennessee). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Instructor Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) at MES, Inc., Fort Belvoir, VA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. studies in Biochemistry and Cancer Biology at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN, Post-doctoral Fellow at UC Davis, Specializes in molecular biology, cancer research, and cell culture techniques, Seven (7) articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Trivia Frazier, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Tulane University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently President/CEO of Obatala Sciences, Inc. in New Orleans, LA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Sciences at Tulane University and a Master’s degree from Johns Hopkins Engineering for Professionals in Applied Biomedical Engineering, with a focus on transitional tissue engineering, Earned Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance from Tulane University – A.B. Freeman School of Business.

Cavin Keith Ward-Carviness, Ph.D., (North Carolina). Louisiana LSAMP (Tulane University in New Orleans, LA) – Currently Principal Investigator in the Computational Biology Clinical Research Branch at the US Environmental Protection Agency. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. Degree from Duke University, Recipient of the Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Institute of Epidemiology II, Helmholtz Institute Munich, Germany, the US EPA Scientific and Technological Achievement Award (STAA) Level 1 (highest level) – 2018, the US Department of Energy, Office of Research and Development - Research Participation Fellowship (2012 – 2014), 34 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Tishina Okegbe, Ph.D., (Pennsylvania). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA). – Currently FHI 360 Senior Technical Officer Washington D.C. Metro Area [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned doctorate in Cell/Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 2011, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow in the Diplomacy, Security & Development Program, Recipient of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Genetics Training Grant, the University of Pennsylvania Fontaine Society International Travel Award, the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, the Dillard University Department of Natural Sciences Highest Honors Award, the UNCF Honors Scholarship, and the 2019 Dillard University Alumni Top 40 under 40 Award, University Scholar and Honors Program Scholar at Dillard.
Patrick Carriere, Ph.D., (Georgia). Louisiana LSAMP (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Graduate of the Biomedical Sciences Program at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM). [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA, Second-year medical student at Wake Forest School of Medicine, Excellled in dissertation studies and received multiple academic honors, including the Ph.D. Rising Star Award for the Most Outstanding Graduate Student, Co-Director of Outreach for the Delivering Equal Access to Care (DEAC) Student-Run Clinic at Wake Forest, Volunteer for the Office of Cancer Health Equity, Coordinates and conducts health screenings for medically underserved populations in the Winston-Salem community, Research focus area includes investigating disparities in health outcomes for prostate cancer survivors.

Paige Chandler, Ph.D., (Pennsylvania). Louisiana LSAMP. (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently an IP Legal Intern in the San Diego Office of Jones Day. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Received doctorate in Integrative and Biomedical Physiology (2018) and the M.S. degree in Physiology (2013) from Pennsylvania State University, Pursuing Juris Doctorate (JD) at the University of San Diego School of Law, Area of research focus includes the molecular contribution of protein degradation in muscle hypertrophy, which greatly benefits at-risk populations such as the chronically ill and the elderly, Presented research findings at several conferences and has authored and co-authored articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Melanie Warren, Ph.D., (Texas). Louisiana LSAMP (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Toxicologist at Chevron and an Adjunct Professor at Lone Star College in Texas. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned doctoral degree in Toxicology from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, Recipient of the Dr. Patton Wright Burns Scholarship, the International Mammalian Genome Society (IMGS) Scholarship, the Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship, the People’s Choice Award, the Spring 2018 CVM-Graduate Student Association Award, and the George T. Edds Award, Seven (7) research publications in peer-reviewed journals and 15 technical presentations.

Joel K. Durand, Ph.D., (North Carolina). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) – Currently Associate Consultant for DRG Consulting in the Greater Boston Area. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Received doctoral degree in Biological and Biomedical Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Active member of the Consulting Club at MIT, Graduate Business & Consulting Club at UNC-Chapel Hill, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and the Training Initiatives in Biomedical & Biological Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill and four (4) technical publications.
Whitney Henry, Ph.D., (Massachusetts). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University, Grambling, LA) - Currently JCC Postdoctoral Fellow at the Whitehead Institute at MIT in Cambridge, MA. [BIO] Accomplishments: Earned doctorate in Biological and Biomedical Sciences at Harvard University, Harvard Horizons Scholar, Recipient of the 2017 MASS AWIS Member Scholarship, the Jane Coffin Childs Postdoctoral Fellowship, the Howard Hughes International Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, the Grambling State University Valedictorian Award, the UTSW Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF), the Albert J. Ryan Fellowship, the Purdue Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) Fellowship, the Harvard University - Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Women in Cancer Research Scholar In-Training Award, Five (5) research publications.

Suean D. C. Fontenard, Ph.D., (Alabama). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) - Currently a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn). [BIO] Accomplishments: Earned doctorate in Biochemistry and Structural Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2017, HHMI Research Scholar, Member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, Postdoctoral Researcher in the Speck in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology at the Perelman School of Medicine at UPenn, Areas of research focus include the study of hematopoietic stem cell formation in the embryo and mutations in the transcription factor Runx1 that contribute to leukemia.

Melvenia M. Martin, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University at Grambling, LA) - Currently Director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Graduate Opportunity and TRiO Programs at Xavier University. [BIO] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Interdisciplinary Environmental Biology at Tulane University, NSF Bridge-to-Doctorate Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow at the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD, Served as an Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at her undergraduate Alma Mater Grambling State University, Survivor of Hurricane Katrina - Before completing her doctorate, Hurricane Katrina ravished Tulane University causing her to complete her dissertation at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Sparkle Springfield, Ph.D., (Chicago). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) - Currently NIH/NLBI Cardiovascular Prevention Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Stanford Prevention Research Center (SPRC), San Francisco Bay Area. [BIO] Accomplishments: Completed doctoral studies in Integrative Pathophysiology, Human Nutrition, and Health Promotion at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Recipient of the NIH/NCI R25T Cancer Education Career Development Program Award, the NIH/NHLBI Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Award, and the NIH/NHLBI T32 Cardiovascular Prevention Fellowship, NIH/NIGMS T34 MARC U-STAR Scholar, Consultant for the Stanford School of Medicine and involved in a distinct project entitled “Resilience and Cardiovascular Disease in the Women’s Health Initiative: Description, Prediction, Geography, and Racial/Ethnic Disparities,” Seven (7) research publications.
Russell J. Ledet, Ph.D., (New York). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently a Second-year MD-MBA student at Tulane University School of Medicine and A.B. Freeman School of Business, New Orleans, Louisiana. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Molecular Oncology and Pharmacology from the New York University School of Medicine- Sackler Institute in 2018, Completed undergraduate studies at SUBR with a BS degree in Chemistry and a BS degree in Biology, NIH NCI Molecular Oncology Training Grant Awardee and 10 other awards, Co-Founder and Director of Clear Direction STEM Mentoring Program in New York City, NY, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy, the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation, and the DMRS Honors College at Southern University and A&M College, 12 technical presentations and two (2) publications on research findings.

Bryan A. Wilson, Ph.D., M.B.A, (North Carolina) Louisiana LSAMP (Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Regional Medical Scientific Director within Merck Cardiovascular Medical Affairs. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. degree in Molecular Medicine and Translational Science and Business Administration from Wake Forest University, NC, Accomplished scientist and a trailblazer in understanding mitochondrial functions in regards to renal physiology, cardiology, nutrition, and endocrinology, Active member of the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association and the Endocrine Society, A founding member of the Board of Directors for the New Orleans, LA-based non-profit organization Educated on Purpose, with “the Winston 20 articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Byron Knowles, M.D., (Tennessee). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA). – Currently Resident Physician at UCSF Medical Center San Jose, California. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. degree in Cell and Developmental Biology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Former Dermatology STAR Research Fellow at the UCLA Medical Center, Seven (7) research publications.

Skylia Duncan, Ph.D., (Alabama). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA)- Currently Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in New York. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Received doctorate in Microbiology and Immunology from Alabama State University, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) in the Greater New York City area. The focus point in the lab is studying the role of sphingolipid signaling as a stress response.

Mario Aragon, Ph.D., (New Mexico). Louisiana LSAMP (Tulane University in New Orleans, LA) – Currently Genomics Field Application Specialist at Bio-Rad, Bethesda, MD. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Completed doctorate in Biomedical Science (focus on Toxicology) at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM, Recipient of the Nanotoxicology Specialty Section Award during the 2015 SOT Conference, Mountain West SOT Travel Award (2014), and the Toxicology Specialty Section Paper of the Year Award in both 2016 and 2018, Nine (9) research articles and more than ten (10) technical presentations at professional conferences.
Karla Melendez, Ph.D., (Illinois). Louisiana LSAMP (Tulane University in New Orleans, LA) – Currently Regional Sales Manager at Oracle + Netsuite, Chicago, IL. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Received doctorate in Neuroscience from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Joined the technology transfer office at the University of Chicago, which aids in the commercialization of the university’s research through patents and licenses, Pursued a career in industry at Wheaton Science Products in biotech sales, Currently works as a Tech Sales Leader at Oracle, Credits a large part of her continued success to the foundation that Tulane and the LAMP program provided in the earliest stages of her career.

Amisha Poret-Peterson, Ph.D., (Kentucky). Louisiana LSAMP (Tulane University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Research Microbiologist in the USDA Agricultural Research Service Crops Pathology and Genetics Research Unit in Davis, California. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Biology, University of Louisville, Recipient of the John Richard Binford Memorial Award (Dissertation Award), Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority Fellowship (Travel Grant to attend the Gordon Research Conference Molecular Basis of Microbial One-Carbon Metabolism), and the Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Minority Fellowship Honorable Mention, Director of a research laboratory in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of California, Davis, Supervises over four (4) undergraduate and graduate students in her laboratory, Regularly engages in STEM outreach events, 30 peer-reviewed papers to date and has acquired approximately $500,000 in extramural funding.

Daphne Meza, Ph.D. (New York). Louisiana LSAMP (University of New Orleans in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Senior Scientist in cardiovascular research at Johnson & Johnson Services, Inc. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering from Stony Brook University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Johnson & Johnson, Recipient of the President's Award for Distinguished Graduate Students, GEM Fellowship, Turner Fellowship, and the NSF Bridge to Doctorate Graduate Fellowship, Eight (8) refereed publications and several technical presentations at professional conferences.

Dr. Portia Taylor Singh, Ph.D., (Pennsylvania). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) - Currently Senior Research Scientist at Phillips Research North America in Cambridge, Massachusetts. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned doctorate in Biomedical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, Serve on President Obama’s Second Term Agenda Cross-agency Workgroup, Former Co-Chair of the QoLT Student Leadership Council and Vice-President of the Math and Computer Science Club at GSU, Hardy-Apfel IT Fellow/Computer Scientist at the Social Security Administration, Active memberships in the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society, the Graduate Biomedical Engineering Society, and the Quality of Life Technology Center Diversity Tasks Force, Research interests include developing solutions to help the elderly and people with chronic illnesses manage their health at home, Leads an interdisciplinary team of researchers, developers, and designers in the U.S. and India.
Talea Mayo, Ph.D., (Texas). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) – Currently Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned doctorate from the University of Texas-Austin in Computational Science, Engineering and Mathematics, Developer of the coastal ocean model ADCIRC, Extensive research experience in coastal flooding due to tides and hurricane storm surges and numerical wave modeling for the assessment of renewable wave energy.

Natalie Arnett, Ph.D., (Virginia). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) – Currently Chair of Life and Physical Sciences Department and Associate Professor of Chemistry at Fisk University. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. studies in Macromolecular Science and Engineering at Virginia Tech University, Chemist with over 15 years of experience in synthesis and characterization of monomers and high-performance polymers, Areas of research focus also include engineering of various polymeric materials for use in fuel cells, reverse osmosis, nanoparticles, and tissue engineering applications, Three (3) research publications.

Rose-Ann Blenman-Abange, Ph.D., (Pennsylvania). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) – Currently Principal Consultant at RoseCeutics LLC, located in Dublin, PA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. studies in Biomedical Engineering (imaging) from the Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Possesses extensive experience in the biotechnology industry, Skilled in Strategy Consulting, Project Management, Biomarkers, Medical Devices, Spectroscopy, Oncology, and Data Science, she is also certified in Project Management and is a Six Sigma Green Belt, she has won numerous awards for her contributions to scientific research and for her volunteer efforts.

Jeff Josiah, Ph.D., (Arizona). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) – Currently Sr. Principal Systems Engineer, Electrical Subsystems Directorate at Raytheon in Tucson, AZ. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned doctoral degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Arizona, Certified Information Systems Security Professional, Associate of (ISC)² and CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner. Dr. Josiah works on transitioning to modular power product effort while continuing to support model-based systems engineering for electrical subsystems through functional strategy and project execution. Other attributes include RASP, a Ph.D. participant with Electrical subsystems Architect, Strategy Lead for Electrical Subsystems Directorate, Deputy, Secure Products Group/Sr. Principal SE, Systems Design & Performance Directorate and Program Manager with A&MDS Product Line.
Justin Boone, Ph.D., (Florida). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA) — Currently Graduate Advisor for the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and RF Engineering Senior Manager at Lockheed Martin Space in Denver, CO. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Florida International University in 2013, Ford Foundation Fellow, NSF/LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, NSF International Research and Education in Engineering Fellow (IREE), Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy, the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP), and the DMRS Honors College at SUBR, Recipient of the Northrop Grumman Corporation Performance Recognition Program Award and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Scholarship, International Research Internship participant at Shanghai Jiatong University in Shanghai, China, Six (6) peer-reviewed articles, including one (1) US Patent, and a book entitled “The Transition: A Guide to Graduate School Success.”

Frank Alexander, Ph.D., (Florida). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) — Currently Research Scientist at The Geneva Foundation in Washington, D.C. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of South Florida (USF) in 2014, NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, GEM Fellow, Whitaker Foundation International Fellow, NSF/ASEE Engineering Innovation Fellow, NSF International Research and Education in Engineering (IREE) in China Fellow, NSF Graduate Research Fellow, Timbuktu Academy and LS-LAMP Scholar at SUBR, 25 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Jeremiah T. Abiade, Ph.D., (Florida). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) — Currently Coordinator for the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) LSAMP Program and Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at UIC. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Florida in 2004, Director of the Laboratory for Oxide Research and Education (LORE) at UIC, Faculty and Student Team (FaST) participant-Brookhaven National Laboratory, NSF-Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellow, Recipient of the Oak Ridge Associated Universities-Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Award, and the Presidential Award for Leadership -University of Florida, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy and LS-LAMP, 20 peer-reviewed journal publications.

Brandon Cassimere, Ph.D., (Indiana), Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) — Currently Senior Electrical Engineer for ExxonMobil in Houston, Texas. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University in 2008, Purdue Doctoral Fellow, Bilsland Dissertation Fellow, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Fellow, GEM Fellow, Recipient of the AGEP Faculty Grant Award, the ECE Outstanding and Student Achievement Award, the ExxonMobil Advanced Skill Milestone Award, the Grainger Foundation Energy Sources and Systems Award, the Rockwell Collins Merit Award, and Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy and LS-LAMP, 12 publications in renown journals.
Aubry Turner, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) – Currently Academic Advisor and Faculty/ Manager at Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FranU). [EDU] Accomplishments: Earned doctorate in Educational Leadership and Research (2018) and a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Higher Education Administration (2009) from Louisiana State University (LSU), Completed K-12 Teaching Certification at SUBR in 2011, Creator of the “Grooving and Learning” YouTube Channel for children and parents, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy LS-LAMP at SUBR, Recipient of the Student Minority Access to Research and Training (SMART) Scholarship, and the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EM-BHSSC) at SUBR, Elected Staff Council President for two (2) consecutive years at FranU.

Sandra L. Richardson, Ph.D., (Indiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA). - Currently Program Director at the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the Division of Undergraduate Education in the Directorate of Education and Human Resources. [MPS] Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. studies in Mathematics Education from Purdue University, Lead Program Officer for the NSF Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, Former Joint Faculty Appointment in the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Teacher Education at Lamar University in Beaumont, TX, Former Associate Professor of Mathematics at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA, Featured on the YouTube Channel, “LSAMP 25 Years,” in 2017, describing how her participation in LS-LAMP through the mentorship of Dr. Joe Omojola while at Dillard University in New Orleans, LA.

Kim Michelle Lewis, Ph.D., (Michigan). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Associate Dean of Research, Graduate Programs, and Natural Sciences and Professor of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Applied Physics from the University of Michigan, Recipient of the Howard University ADVANCE-IT Faculty Fellowship, the 13th National Role Models Award, and the National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award, 23 publications, and over 17 awards, honors, and professional distinctions. Dr. Lewis’ research expertise is in quantum transport in nanoscale structures, such as thin films and molecular junctions using techniques that include inelastic electron tunneling spectroscopy and scanning probe microscopy.

Enrique Jackson, Ph.D., (Tennessee). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Aerospace Polymeric Engineer at George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL, Part-time Instructor of Mathematics at the University of Alabama, and an Adjunct Professor at Strayer University. [MPS] Accomplishments: Doctoral degree in Materials Science from Vanderbilt University, Master’s degree in Chemistry from the University of Huntsville, AL, Master’s degree in Physics from Fisk University in Tennessee, Master’s Degree in Materials Science from Norfolk State University in Norfolk, VA, 28 technical publications, 10 awards, honors, and professional distinctions. Dr. Jackson is skilled in Life Cycle Planning, Materials Science, Thermal Analysis, Spectroscopy, and Systems Engineering.
Kelly L. Nash, Ph.D., (Texas). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Associate Professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Physics and Astronomy. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned doctoral degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a Master’s degree in Applied Physics from the University of Michigan. Acquired sponsored funding (grants) from the US Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Agency (DOE/NNSA), the US Department of Defense, the US Department of Air Force, the San Antonio Area Foundation and NSF. 32 peer-reviewed articles, two (2) book chapters, and over 17 awards, honors, and professional distinctions including the Young Investigator Program Award from the US Department of Defense, Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Scientific research focuses on the synthesis and characterization of nanomaterials and their physical interactions with biological systems, from the molecular to the cellular levels.

Tamara Singleton-Goyea, Ph.D., (Maryland). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Professional Data Scientist in the Applied Physics Laboratory, Washington D.C. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Completed doctoral degree in Applied Mathematics and Scientific Computing at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD, and a Master’s degree in Mathematics from Tulane University. Research interests include data assimilation, ensemble Kalman filtering, scientific computing, numerical and mathematical modeling, atmospheric and oceanic sciences. Serves as Assistant Director for Recruitment and Co-Curricular Programs at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Program Coordinator for the Math Summer Program in Research and Learning (SPIRAL) at the university.

Leyte Winfield Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Division Chair for Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Associate Professor at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of New Orleans. Post Graduate Certification, Academic Leadership, the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Established new strategies for structured curricular reform as Department Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Spelman College. Service track-record includes several leadership roles such as Interim Associate Provost of Research, and Directorships for the NSF-funded HBCU-UP ASPIRE, the ExxonMobil WISE Scholars, NIH funded Women of Color Legacy (WCL), and the Endowed Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry Scholars programs, eight (8) honors and awards—one of which is the Women’s International Study Center Fellow, 56 research publications and six (6) patents.

Alesha Harris, Ph.D., (Texas). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Senior Assistant Scientist (Lieutenant) Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service Dallas/Fort Worth, TX. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned doctorate from the University of North Texas in Inorganic Chemistry. Recipient of a Postdoctoral Research Associate position at Brookhaven National Laboratory in the Neutrino and Nuclear Chemistry group and the Outstanding Young Scholar Award ACS Nano and ACS Nano Letters during the 6th International Conference on Nanotoxicology. Research focus in metal-loaded polymeric nanoparticles as potential cancer therapeutics. Six (6) awards, honors, and professional distinctions.
Andre A. D. Adams, Ph. D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University in Grambling, LA) - Currently Research Chemist at Naval Research Laboratory Washington D.C. Metro Area. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree from Louisiana State University in Bioanalytical Chemistry at Louisiana State University, Developed micro/nanofluidic immunoassay platforms directed towards analysts ranging from trace explosives to low abundant biological targets, One (1) research publication including “Microsystems for the Capture of Low-Abundance Cells

Hassan Moore, Ph.D., (District of Columbia). Louisiana LSAMP (Dillard University in New Orleans, LA) - Currently Assistant Professor and Director of Outreach at the University of Alabama. [MPS] Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. degree in Atmospheric Physics from Howard University, Engages high school students in robotics design through the Blazer BEST Robotics competitions in Birmingham, AL, a hub for the national BEST (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology) Robotics Program, Engages K-12 students in first-hand knowledge and hands-on experiences in areas of engineering through the design and deployment of robots built from plywood and sheet metal.

Betty Booker, Ph.D., (Alabama). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University) – Currently Senior Scientist in R&G at Advanced Cell Diagnostics in San Francisco Bay Area. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, UNCF-Merk Fellow, Research specialty area in field assays biomarker analysis, capturing gene expression that can be visualized within intact tissue, Four (4) articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Wendell Griffith, Ph.D., (Massachusetts). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University, Grambling, LA) - Currently Director of Proteomics and Protein Biomarkers Cores at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Chemistry from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) in 2005, Postdoctoral Fellow at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Former Assistant Professor at the University of Toledo (2007-2015), Research specialty in the development and application of novel methods to discover and validate protein biomarkers of disease, which are promising therapeutic targets for new drugs, Six (6) articles in peer-reviewed journals.
Marsha Cole, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University) – Currently Lecturer of Chemistry at Louisiana Tech University. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Completed Ph.D. degree in Analytical Chemistry at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA, Recipient of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship, the Lloyd N. Ferguson Young Scientist Award (NOBCChE), the Harriet G. Jenkins Pre-doctoral /NASA Fellowship, the LS-LAMP/NSF Bridge-to-Doctorate Fellowship, the Sugar Industrial Technologists International Awards (3x), and the American Sugarcane League Research Award Recipient (2x), Siemen’s Foundation Scholar, NIH-RISE Scholar, Colgate Palmolive Intern, Mary Kay Incorporated Intern, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory Intern, 39 publications scientific journals, Featured scientist in PopSci Italia for work in bioanalytical chemistry and infectious disease.

Ashley Wallace, Ph.D., (Ohio). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Assistant Director of Education and Outreach for the Laboratory for the Research of the Structure of Matter (LRSM), an NSF-funded Center for Materials Science at the University of Pennsylvania. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Chemistry, in 2017, from The Ohio State University, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy, LS-LAMP, and the DMRS Honors College at SUBR, Community Outreach Chairperson of the Greater Philadelphia Professionals Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Former Diversity and Education Coordinator for the Center for Engineering MechanoBiology (CEMB), an NSF-funded science and technology center, Four (4) articles in peer-reviewed journals.

Treva Brown, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Physical Scientist for the Naval Research Laboratories at NASA Stennis Space Center (Stennis Space Center, MS). [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of New Orleans, in 2017, Enhanced research capacity of Chemistry Department at the University of New Orleans (UNO) through forged collaborations with Tulane University and Louisiana State University (LSU), Recipient of the Louisiana Board of Regents Graduate Fellowship, Extensive research experience in atomic force microscopy and scanning probe lithography, Earned numerous awards for her leadership skills and dedication to STEM outreach, Motivational and empowerment speaker.

Divine Kumah, Ph.D., (Michigan). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Director of the Kumah Synthesis and Characterization Laboratory and Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics at North Carolina (NC) State University. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Applied Physics from the University of Michigan in 2009, Christine Mirzayan Science Policy Fellow of The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Center for Research in Interface and Surface Phenomena at Yale University, Established The Kuman Research Group at NC State, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy, the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation, and the DMRS Honors College at Southern University and A&M College, 96 publications in peer-reviewed, scientific journals.
Anthony Duane Stewart, Ph.D., (Florida). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Director of the Electro-Chemistry and Energy Research Laboratory (EERL), funded by the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA), and Assistant Professor of Physics at SUBR. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering (Electronic Materials) from the University of Florida in 2008, Region II College Initiatives Chairperson on the Executive Leadership Board for the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Former Co-Director of the DOE-funded Environmental Justice Institute (EJI) at Allen University in Columbia, SC, Former Director of the Catalysis Laboratory at Allen University (CLAU), Visiting Research Scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and LS-LAMP at SUBR, Eight (8) technical publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Cacey Stevens-Bester, Ph.D., (Illinois). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) – Currently Assistant Professor of Physics at Swarthmore College and a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Chicago in 2015, National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellow, American Physical Society (APS) Scholar, Science and Engineering Alliance (SEA) Scholar, Duke University Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellow, Recipient of the University of Chicago MRSEC Director’s Award for Research, Teaching, and Outreach, the Southern University and A&M College Chancellor’s Award, and the DMRS Honors College at Southern University and A&M College, 30 technical publications.

Rashanique Quarels, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA) – Currently Organic Chemistry Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Jeffrey N. Johnston Laboratory at Vanderbilt University. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Organic Chemistry from Louisiana State University in 2017, Recipient of the Vanderbilt Academic Pathways Fellowship, Ronald E. McNair Scholar, American Chemical Society Scholar, and United Negro College Fund-Merck (UNCF/Merck) Undergraduate Fellow, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy, the Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation, and the DMRS Honors College at Southern University and A&M College, Seven (7) research publications.

Kinesha Harris, Ph.D., (Iowa). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) – Currently Assistant Professor of Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry and Biological Sciences at SUBR. [MPS] Accomplishments: Earned the Ph.D. in Bio-Inorganic Chemistry, in 2006, from the University of Iowa, Awarded Visiting Professorship/Researcher at Princeton University through the Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network HBCU-UP Leadership Institute, Recipient of the Science and Engineering Alliance (SEA) Award and the American Chemical Society Organic Chemistry Award, Southern University NSF HBCU-UP STEM Hall of Fame Inductee, Girl Scout Leader for middle and high school-aged girls, Six (6) scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals.
Conrad Jones, Ph.D., (Iowa). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA) – Currently Faculty Researcher and Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biological Sciences at SUBR. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned doctoral degree in Physical Chemistry, in 2004, from the University of Iowa, Scholar of the Timbuktu Academy, and LS-LAMP at SUBR, Recipient of two (2) distinct Faculty Research Fellowships at NASA Glenn Research Center, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Faculty Fellow/Visiting Scientist at Texas Tech University, Visiting Scientist at the China Lake Naval Research Facility, Seven (7) refereed publications in research journals.

Phyllis Okwan, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University New Orleans in New Orleans, LA). - Currently Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (SUBR), LA). [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned doctoral degree in Science/Mathematics Education (SMED) from Southern University and A&M College in 2016, Recipient of the National Role Model Award in 2015, and the Gulf State Mathematics Alliance Outstanding Service Award, Elected National Editor for the Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the National Institute of Science (BKX/NIS, LS-LAMP Departmental Mentoring Coordinator for Mathematics at SUBR, Former Program Coordinator for the Enhancement, Enrichment, and Excellence in Mathematics and Science (E3MaS) Program at SUNO, Co-Principal investigator for a $400,000 research grant through NSF and HBCU-UP to develop Computer Engineering Research Lab (CERL), an industry-based facility, at SUBR, Extensive pre-college outreach efforts include mentoring, along with tutoring, and recruiting students in STEM disciplines.

Torina Lewis, Ph.D., (Louisiana). Louisiana LSAMP (Southern University New Orleans in New Orleans, LA). - Currently Associate Professor and Chair of the Mathematics Department at Clark Atlanta University). [MPS]

Accomplishments: Earned Ph.D. degree in Mathematics from the University of Mississippi, Earned an MS degree in Mathematics from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA, received the 2017 Vulcan Teaching Excellence award from Vulcan Materials Company, greatest career accomplishment is being highlighted as a part of the 2020 Mathematically Gifted and Black series.

Nenian Charles, Ph.D., (Pennsylvania). Louisiana LSAMP (Grambling State University) – Currently Data Scientist at Quantum Discoveries in the Greater Boston Area. [OTH]

Accomplishments: Earned doctoral degree in Materials Science at Drexel University, Earned an MS degree in Engineering Physics/Applied Physics at Louisiana Tech University in Lafayette, LA, Expertise in solid-state physics and energy research with extensive experience in solving problems through the utilization and development of codes and models, Five (5) journal publications.
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**Shawn Archibeque, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Animal Science**  
(Colorado). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Colorado State University)

**Accomplishments:** Shawn is a ruminant nutritionist whose research is primarily focused on the development of management strategies to adapt to and mitigate environmental impacts. He assisted in further development of the USDA Comet Farm online tool and has more than 40 publications.

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**Andrew P. Breksa, Ph.D., Research Chemist**  
(Utah). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Brigham Young University)

**Accomplishments:** He has maintained a highly active publishing record and currently has over 58 peer-reviewed publications in the area of food research.

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**Mark Carty, Ph.D., Computational Scientist**  
(Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

**Accomplishments:** Conducts research focused on the development of statistical models for early non-small-cell lung carcinoma recurrence. Former Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Computer Science, Princeton University. WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship recipient. Participant in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program. Has 6 publications.

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**Meli’sa S. Crawford, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Researcher**  
(Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

**Accomplishments:** Awards and grants include the 2018 Caroline tum Suden/ Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award, 2017 Arizona State University Graduate College Fellowship, 2014 WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, Arizona State University (ASU) Graduate and Professional Student Association Jumpstart and Research Grant, and a Sigma-Xi Grant-in-Aid Research Grant. Currently has five peer-reviewed publications and over 15 abstracts and presentations.
Damian Octavio Elias, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Environmental Science, Policy, & Management (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (University of Arizona)

Accomplishments:
Conducts research focused on understanding the mechanisms that guide behavior and how these mechanisms relate to behavioral adaptation. Dr. Elias uses a variety of systems and tools to investigate how animals produce and process complex stimuli and the interplay between physics, behavior, and sexual selection. Has more than 52 publications, given 39 invited talks, and 75 other presentations (including television specials and radio interviews).

Kandis Knight, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Population Health (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Accomplishments:
Community Practice Pharmacy residency and Open Arms HealthCare Center. Resident Incentive Grant recipient. Current fellow in the Clinical and Community Based HIV Research Fellowship program. Credentialed for 2019-2021 in the American Academy of Medicine as an HIV expert pharmacist. Assisted in creating the training program for pharmacists at Open Arms HealthCare Center. Currently has more than 5 co-authored peer reviewed articles.

Naomi Young, MD., Navajo Physician (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Tribal Policy Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, Immediate Office of the Secretary, Intergovernmental Affairs. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Young has a passion for American Indian health that spans from biomedical research to the clinic and into community health. She believes in a symbiotic relationship between oneself and his/her environment and for this reason, she is interested in strengthening health policy to eliminate health disparities. Her Biomedical Research focused on ELMO1 variants and susceptibility to diabetic nephropathy in American Indians; Origin and characterization of multipotential mesenchymal stem cells derived from adult human trabecular bone. More than 5 publications.

Brenda Rascon, Ph.D., Director of Regulatory Affairs (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Leader of the regulatory affairs activities at OGen GmbH in Munich, Germany. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Regulatory Affairs professional skilled in the development of biopharmaceuticals, preparation of biopharmaceutical product dossiers, and oversight of regulatory approval procedures for biopharmaceuticals, including biosimilars. Five peer-reviewed scientific publications. Additional awards and activities include a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship, and participation in the MGE@MSA AGEP program.
Jennifer Noble, Ph.D., Scientist
( Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (University of Arizona)
Scientist at Scientific Services HTG Molecular Diagnostics, Inc. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Recipient of Scholarship in Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program scholarship, National Science Foundation Graduate Research fellowship, and a NSF Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship fellowship in Comparative Genomics. Awarded University of Arizona (UA) Plant Sciences Award for Outstanding Service and Outreach. Received a research and project grant from the UA Graduate and Professional Student Council. Received scholarships from the Graduate College, UA Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Earned the Boynton scholarship from the UA School of Plant Sciences. Co-authored two publications.

Tammi Duncan, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow.
( Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

UNM ASERT-IRACDA Postdoctoral Fellow in the University of New Mexico Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Albuquerque, NM. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Minority Access Research Careers Fellow, Arizona State University-Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Fellow, University of New Mexico Initiative to Maximize Student Development Graduate Fellow, UNM Academic Science Education and Research Training -Institutional Research and Career Development Award Postdoctoral Fellow. Participant of MGE@MSA AGEP Program. Completed summer research programs in all years of her undergraduate program. Recipient of funding awards from the ASM Robert D. Watkins Graduate Fellowship and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)-Lighting the Pathway to Faculty Careers in Science Technology Engineers Math (STEM) Fellowship. First to obtain a Ph.D. in her extended family. Currently has 4 peer-reviewed publications.

Yusuf Tufail, Ph.D., Senior Scientist
( Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Senior Scientist at Lundbeck La Jolla Research Center, Inc., La Jolla, CA. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Life Science Research Fellowship award, Howard Hughes Medical Institute: funding for brain cell. Received the Salk Institute Pioneer Fund Postdoctoral Award which led to an initial patent for discovery of a novel mechanosensitive mutant channel that is designed specifically to respond to ultrasound. Received the WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the MGE@MSA AGEP program. Has 6 publications.
Daniel Romero, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Eng., Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. [CISE]

Accomplishments: Over 40 publications with more than 5,000 citations. Earned the Air Force’s Young Investigator Research Program award, Coursera’s 2018 Outstanding Educator Award for Innovation, Best Paper Award in the International World Wide Web Conference 2016, and the WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate fellowship. Participated in the MGE@MSA AGEP program. Also earned a President’s Postdoctoral fellowship (Univ. of Michigan), a Sloan fellowship (Cornell Univ.), and the Charles Wexler Mathematics award at Arizona State Univ.

Jennifer Ortiz, Ph.D., Software Engineer (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Software Engineer at Google. [CISE]

Accomplishments: Earned an NSF Graduate fellowship, a Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program Dissertation fellowship, and a Moer Award (for the highest academic standing). Held an internship at Microsoft Research. Has 8 publications.

Cynthia N. Perry, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Admissions (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Faculty and Assistant Dean of Admissions, Department of Medical Education, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. [EDU]


Carlos Castillo-Garsow, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics Education (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Associate Professor of Mathematics Education, Mathematics Department, Eastern Washington University, Cheney WA. [EDU]

Accomplishments: 2019 AMS Lathisms Honoree for Sept 30th, 2017 College of STEM Chairs’ Excellence Award in Teaching, Editorial Board Member for Journal of Mathematical Behavior, 16 peer reviewed publications. Supervised 9 undergraduate research projects with 37 students in the past five years. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and was a participant in the MGE@MSA AGEP program.
Daniel Aguiar, Ph.D., Chief Software Engineer (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Chief Software Engineer, Harris Corporation, Palm Bay, FL. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Developed C++ software for embedded Linux OS on a large radio R&D project. Developed a CSCI-level testing strategy featuring Python automated test scripts and tools. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program. Has two publications.

Daniel Herrera, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Associate Researcher in Electrical & Computer Engineering (New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of New Mexico)

Postdoctoral Associate Researcher in the Bradley Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering at Virginia Tech. Researching nonlinear dynamics of optical-injection-locked distributed feedback lasers. [ENG]

Accomplishments:

Adam Dengler, Ph.D., Senior Microfabrication Engineer (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Senior Microfabrication Engineer, Redbud Labs, Research Triangle Park, NC. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Extensive experience in developing microfluidic and microsensor devices for life science applications. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program. Has two publications.

Patricia (Gonzales) Whitby, Ph.D., Environmental Engineer (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Environmental Engineer at Brown and Caldwell, Lakewood, CO. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
California Water Data Innovation Challenge Finalist, Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) Fellow, NSF Graduate Research Fellow, Outstanding Senior Award- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Outstanding Senior Award- Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Sciences, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, Ronald E. McNair Achievement Scholar. Has 9 publications.
David Jauregui, Ph.D., P.E., Foreman Professor and Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering (New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (New Mexico State University)

Endowed professor and lead of the department of Civil Engineering at New Mexico State University. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Research interests are in the areas of bridge inspection, including non-destructive evaluation using acoustic emission and ultrasonic testing. Received numerous awards including the Civil Engineering Professor of the Year, NMSU College of Engineering Bromilow Teaching Excellence Award. Has 47 publications.

Amy Jiron, Ph.D., Lead Energy Technology Program Specialist (Colorado). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Colorado, Boulder)

Leads research development on energy systems integration and optimization in commercial buildings at the US Department of Energy. [ENG]

Accomplishments: She is passionate about reducing energy waste in buildings and has been with the Department of Energy for several years. In the Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office, she managed the implementation of renewable energy and energy-efficiency grants with state and local governments. In the Building Technologies Office, she collaborates with building industry leaders to identify, develop, and validate impactful building efficiency strategies that significantly reduce national energy consumption. Has 4 publications.

Monroe Keedo, MBA, MSEE, Research and Development Engineer (New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (New Mexico Highlands University)

Research and Development Engineer for the multi-service utility owned and operated by the Navajo Nation. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Mr. Keedo is responsible for developing long standing business relationships between the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) Telecommunications Utility and prospective telecommunications customers on and off the Navajo Reservation. Received a $46 million grant from the Dept of Commerce to expand telecommunication applications, sustainable economic development, distance education, health care and public safety across the vast Navajo Nation.

Paulina Reina, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at California State University, Fullerton. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Earned over $1.5 million in grant funding as a faculty member. Has earned numerous fellowships including the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship, Sustainable Science for Sustainable Schools Fellowship, and the Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship. Participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program. Has 3 publications.
Liliana Rincon-Gonzalez, Ph.D., Program Director of Clinical Science (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Program Director of Clinical Science at the Medical Device Innovation Consortium. Arlington, VA. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education # Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP Participant, Member of the Health Sciences Panel of the Institutional Review Board at Florida International University, Summer trainee, Federation of European Neuroscience Society – International Brain Research Organization (IBRO), Lausanne and Geneva Switzerland, Arizona State University Harrington’s Department of Bioengineering Graduate Fellowship, Reviewer for 4 peer-reviewed journals. Has 5 scholarly publications.

Ellie Volosin, Ph.D., P.E., Traffic Engineer (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Lead of Traffic Analysis for the state of Arizona at the engineering firm AECOM. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Recipient of FHWA Dwight D. Eisenhower Fellowship and WTS Metropolitan Phoenix Overly/Kmetty Graduate Scholarship. Appointed student liaison director for the Arizona Institute of Transportation Engineers and scholarship director of Metropolitan Phoenix WTS. Made multiple presentations at conferences around the world. Published two papers in Transportation Research Record, the journal of the US Department of Transportation’s Transportation Research Board.

Donald Laverdure, JD (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Former Assistant Professor of Law & Director of the American Indian Law Program at Michigan State University College of Law. He has served as Chairman of the Crow Nation Judicial Ethics Board, and Appellate Judge of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Prior to private practice over the past 7 years, including positions as counselor to the Crow Nation and Strategic Advisor with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP in Washington D.C., Laverdure was appointed by President Obama and served 3.5 years at the Department of the Interior as Acting Assistant Secretary, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. Laverdure had oversight of 10,000 employees, a $2.5 billion-dollar annual budget, numerous programs and policy initiatives, and also engaged in political relations with the entire federal government on Indian issues (e.g., staff on Capitol Hill, the White House, and other federal agencies).
David Otto Schwake, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Natural Science (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)  
Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences, Middle Georgia State University, Macon, GA. [ENG] and [BIO]  
Accomplishments:  
Director of Sponsored Research Project with IDEXX Corporation to Examine Legionella presence in Colleges, Rural Communities, and Flint, MI; Director of Research Project Utilizing Community College Undergraduate Student Researchers to Generate Local Water Quality Data Across the Country; American Society for Microbiology-LINK Undergraduate Faculty Research Initiative Fellowship; Virginia Tech Alumni Award for Outreach Excellence; NIH NIAID Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research Recipient, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP participant. Has 8 publications since 2015.

Ángel Garcia, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor of Geology (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)  
Assistant Professor of Geology at James Madison University. Dr. Garcia will start a tenure-track position in the same institution in August. [GEO]  
Accomplishments:  
Bighorn Basin Analysis Field Course and Graduate Excellence Fellowship for First Generation Students Award. Vermont EPSCoR Graduate Opportunity Fellow. More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP participant. Has 11 publications and conference presentations.

Antoinette Abeyta, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Earth Science (New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of New Mexico)  
Assistant Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of New Mexico, Gallup Branch. [GEO]  
Accomplishments:  
American Geophysical Union. Her research interests are in the application of physical experiments and models to understand problems in sedimentology, geomorphology, sediment transport, quantitative stratigraphy and restoration practices. Has 2 publications.
Jacqueline J. Shinker, Ph.D., Professor of Geography (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Accomplishments: First woman to earn promotion to the rank of Full Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Wyoming. Recognized as the November Learning Actively Mentoring Program (LAMP) Faculty Fellow of the month. Conducts research focused on timing of early and late snowmelt, timing of precipitation anomalies, role of climate change and climate analogs to understand past environmental disturbances. More than 10 publications.

Kamal Barley, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Associate (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Accomplishments: NIH 2018 Institutional Research and Academic Career Development award (The New York Consortium for the Advancement of Postdoctoral Scholars Stony Brook University), Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship recipient, MGE@MSA AGEP participant. Has co-authored a book. Also has seven peer-reviewed journal articles.

Terannie Vasquez, Ph.D., Principal Scientist (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Principal Scientist, Henkel Consumer Goods Inc., Trumbull, CT. [MPS]

Accomplishments: An innovator in the chemical development of personal care products and methods who has earned or filed 9 patents or patent applications. Earned multiple awards, including: Excellent Award for People; three-time Technical Metric awards for the development of a new acne control body and face formulation, a novel thickened wax formulation and a cost optimized body wash formula providing improved consumer benefits; Excellent Award for Sustainability; Young Scientists Award from the Society of Cosmetic Chemists; WAESO Doctorate Fellowship. Participated in the MGE@MSA AGEP program. Has 3 publications.
Ricardo Cordero-Soto, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics & Director of Graduate Programs (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Accomplishments:
Created three Masters-level courses and one Bachelor’s-level course in Applied Mathematics at California Baptist University, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP participant, Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Scholarship, Arizona State University Graduate College Doctoral Enrichment Fellowship (DEF), seven journal publications and one book chapter.

Edgardo Ramirez-Reinat, Ph.D., Assistant Quality Assurance Manager (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Accomplishments:
Published scientist and Total Quality Management leader; 14+ years of multi industry experience that includes forensic laboratories, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology start-ups, food manufacturing and ultra-pure chemical manufacturing; Subject matter expert in the life sciences, and is vastly experienced in analytical techniques, laboratory instrumentation, R&D, QC, QA, cGMP and GLP; Experience as university and community college faculty member, as well as forensic scientist; LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; MGE@MSA AGEP Participant; 4 publications.

Daniel Rios-Doria, Ph.D., Analytics & Optimization Manager (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Accomplishments: Expert in data science management. Applied expertise to various sectors, including to US Intelligence as a Data Scientist at the Central Intelligence Agency, and currently at the Walt Disney Company in a management role. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program. Has 1 publication.

Emmanuel Morales Butler, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Accomplishments: Expert in developing/applying mathematical and statistical methods to quantify structural (model) uncertainty in problems from disease infectious epidemiology. Has earned or accomplished the following: Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute (MTBI) Mentor of Excellence Award; three-time MTBI Summer Participant as an undergraduate, graduate student and professor/mentor; Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship; WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; MGE@MSA AGEP Participant. Has four publications.
Joseph Laureanti, Ph.D., Staff Scientist (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University) Chemist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratories (PNNL) designing artificial metalloenzymes for energy storage applications. [MPS]

Accomplishments:
- Fellowship recipient, Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship: Solar Utilization Network (IGERT-SUN).
- Outstanding Performance Awards while at PNNL, including for the preparation of virtual reality tours, safety, and mentorship. Additional awards include a Gordon Conference Award from the Gordon Research Conference and a Distinguished Teaching Assistant award. Fifteen (15) publications, to date. Mentored five different students for different projects.
- Participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program.

Jade Horton, Ph.D., Senior Technician (New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology) Senior Materials and Process Technician at Blue Origin, LLC in Kent Washington. [MPS]

Accomplishments:
- Recipient of the ACS Division of Organic Chemistry Graduate Research Symposium award and the ACS Women Chemists Committee Travel Award (Eli Lilly & Co.).
- Numerous scholarships: Hyung K. Shin Graduate; John H. Nelson Graduate; Jerry & Betty Wilson Chemistry; Kay Brower; New Mexico Bridge & Lottery; Presidential Scholarship. Has two publications.

Danielle Robbins-Chukwumah, Ph.D., Digital Analytics Leader (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University) Digital Analytics Leader, Capital Group, Los Angeles, CA. Expert in predictive modeling and analytics for marketing. [MPS]

Accomplishments:
- WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP Participant, Post-doctoral scholar at the Center for Biomedical Modeling, Semel Institute, UCLA, LEAN Yellowbelt Coach of the largest company process improvement savings in 2018, Member of the 2018 Cohort of the Farmers Insurance Accelerator Program, Invited speaker for 2016 Farmer Insurance Data Analytics Conference, Young Investigator Award for the 2015 Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

Arlene Evangelista, Ph.D., Faculty (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University) Mathematics Faculty at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Chandler, AZ. [MPS]

Accomplishments:
- Experienced Mathematics Instructor with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. Experience teaching mathematics from developmental mathematics to differential equations; and introduction to statistics. WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP participant. Has 6 publications.
David Murillo, Ph.D., Director of U.S. Consumer Credit and Fraud Risk (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Leads an international team at American Express, New York, NY. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Utilizes fundamental data-driven analyses to achieve business driven results that also empowers customers. Has earned the American Express President's Award for exceptional achievement and also the Leadership in Action Award for demonstrating leadership behavior and defining what winning looks like. Has a Certificate in Leadership Excellence from Harvard and American Express. Leadership activities have driven more than $20MM in income. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program. Has 17 publications.

Jose Vega-Guzman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Has 32 publications and a book chapter to be published in 2020 and has an article: “The minimum-uncertainty squeezed states for atoms and photons in a cavity” that was selected by the Editorial Board of J. Phys. B as a Highlight of the Year and was also classified as IOP select. Also earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program.

Griselle Torres-Garcia, Ph.D., Faculty (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Full time faculty member in the Department of Mathematics, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Coordinator Mathematics for Secondary Education degree, Grand Canyon University: Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018. Math Facilitator/Content Leader, West Valley Effective Teaching Collaborative Project-ITQ Grant, Fall 2015. Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Award in Mathematics, Science and Engineering, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP Participant, Academic Excellence Scholarship. Has six publications and reports.

Samuel Gilmore, Ph.D., Project Scientist & Contractor (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Project Scientist I at Jacob Technologies, Dugway, UT, augmenting U.S. Army’s defense capabilities as a contractor. [MPS]

Accomplishments: Uses chemical and scientific expertise to aid in the US Army’s mission of providing testing and evaluation of defense techniques and systems. This enables added security for US armed forces and citizens. Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship. Has two publications.
Romarie Morales-Rosado, Ph.D., Scientist, Project Manager (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Scientist, Project Manager, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Richland, WA. [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Develops computational methodologies to integrate multiple remote sensing technologies. Creator and project manager for mentorship pilot program called Bridging Opportunities on Leadership and Training in STEM (BOLTS). Initiated and collaborated in efforts towards creating and strengthening a pipeline for the next generation of scientists in the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Building a pipeline between 13 Universities in Puerto Rico and the laboratory. Collaboratively manages budgets of, on average, $1 Million per year at PNNL. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the MGE@MSA AGEP program. Has 8 publications.

Ryan Camacho, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physics (Utah). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Brigham Young University)

Associate Professor of Physics at Brigham Young University. [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Recipient of the prestigious Research & Development (R&D) 100 award, given to celebrate innovation in science and tech. Best Presentation Award at the Optical Society of America (OSA) annual meeting. Provost Fellowship at the University of Rochester. Principal investigator on several DARPA and DOE research grants, earning more than $15 Million in grant funding to develop quantum communications technologies. Has over 33 publications.

Edme Soho, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Assistant Professor – Hostos Community College (CUNY), New York, NY. [MPS] and [BIO]

Accomplishments: PI and Co-PI of two internal CUNY or PSC Grants; Building Future Faculty Program Award, North Carolina State University – Faculty Diversity; Two-time recipient of The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring Award from the Compact for Faculty Diversity; Alfred P. Sloan Scholarship; WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP Participant. Has four publications, 30 conference presentation and invited lectures.

Kevin Flores, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. [MPS] and [BIO]

Accomplishments: PI and Co-PI for approximately 1.2 million in grant funding from the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, NSF Postdoctoral Fellowship, Sloan Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, MGE@MSA AGEP Participant, Over 30 publications, Over 20 invited research presentations.
Anarina Murillo, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Warren Alpert Medical School, and Senior Biostatistician in the Center for Statistical Sciences, School of Public Health, at Brown University. [MPS] and [BIO]

Accomplishments: NIH T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Career Development Grant, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Career Development Grant, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Program, U.S. Department of Education Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program Award, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, MGE@MSA AGEP Participant, Sloan Scholars Mentoring Network Career Development Award. Has ten original publications in peer-reviewed journals and two book chapters.

Oscar Patterson-Lomba, Ph.D., Manager (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Manager/healthcare consultant at Analysis Group in Boston, MA, with expertise in healthcare economics and outcomes research for a variety of diseases. [MPS] and [BIO]

Accomplishments: Yerby Postdoctoral Fellowship (Harvard University); Participant, Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School; Intern at the Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, Harvard School of Public Health; Visiting scholar in the Laboratory for Information and Decision Sys., Massachusetts Institute of Tech.; WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship Recipient; MGE@MSA AGEP Participant. Has over 20 publications.

John David Auxier, Ph.D., R&D Manager (New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Northern New Mexico College)

R&D Manager, conducting research at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) focused on separations chemistry and spectroscopy. [MPS] and [ENG]

Accomplishments: Recipient of 4 awards: Outstanding Graduate Student in Chemistry, Outstanding Research Faculty Award in the University of Tennessee Knoxville Nuclear Engineering Department (awarded twice), and the LANL Chemistry Division Award. Currently has 28 peer-reviewed publications across numerous journals. Has two US patents. Received five (5) competitive research grants to date from federal agencies and programs (e.g. DHS, DTRA, and the DOE), as well as from private industry.
**Telpriore Tucker, Ph.D.,** Postdoctoral fellow and Researcher
(Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University)

Skysong Innovations Postdoctoral Fellow and Researcher at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. [MPS] and [TECH]

**Accomplishments:** Three US patents granted, with two patents pending. Honored as the Volunteer-of-the-Year 2020 of the Central Arizona Professional Section of the American Chemical Society. Demonstrated fuel cell kits and provided scientific technical support for STEM-focused documentary - accepted into 2019 national film festivals. Recipient of the 2019 Lab Safety Culture Award by EH&S (Environmental, Health & Safety) for implementing an innovative grid system for a cloud-based chemical inventory at Arizona State University. Earned U.S. DoE, NSF, and AGEP fellowships along with NIH, MARC, MIRT, and TLSAMP scholarships, WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP Participant. Has 7 publications.

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**José Rosado-Toro, Ph.D.,** Senior System Engineer II
(Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)

Senior System Engineer II at Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, AZ. [TECH]

**Accomplishments:** An innovator who has earned one patent and published three journal articles. Also has earned the following: Raytheon – Trade Secret Award for Image Processing Algorithm; Raytheon Systems – Team Achievement Award 2019; Postdoctoral Scholar IV, Department of Nephrology, University of Arizona; NIH- HLB Postdoctoral Trainee, NIH – Cardiovascular Training Grant; WAESO LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship; Science Foundation Arizona – Graduate Research Fellowship. Participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP.
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<td>Jeanette P. Brown, Ph.D., Assistant</td>
<td>Professor of Internal Medicine (Utah). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Utah) Clinical Assistant Professor Internal Medicine at University of Utah Health. [OTH]</td>
<td>Accomplishments: Completed residency training in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Her current inpatient and outpatient clinical focus is on patients with chronic respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation due to neuromuscular diseases including spinal cord injury, ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), muscular dystrophy and many other diseases. More than 15 publications.</td>
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<td>Sarah Mennenga, Ph.D., Postdoctoral</td>
<td>Researcher (Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (Arizona State University) Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Psychiatry, NYU Grossman School of Medicine in New York, NY. [OTH]</td>
<td>Accomplishments: Performing the largest meta-analysis to date of clinical trials network outcomes data in the greater New York area. Has garnered more than $5.1 Million in grant funding for research activities, given 62 oral/poster presentations to date, published 19 peer-reviewed papers 2 book chapters, and 4 extended abstracts. Also had a NOVA media appearance in 2016. Earned a WAESO LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship and participated in the More Graduate Education @ Mountain States Alliance (MGE@MSA) AGEP program.</td>
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**Lancer Stephens, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Research**  
(New Mexico). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (New Mexico Highlands University)  
Assistant Professor of Research at the Univ. of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and is the Associate Director of the Oklahoma Shared Clinical and Translational Resources. [OTH]

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Stephens' research interests focus on brokering agreements between the University and Tribal Nations within the state of Oklahoma. The high rate of diabetes in American Indian populations, and diabetes research. Cancer, Obesity, Cardiovascular, Pregnancy (Pre-Eclampsia), C-Reactive Protein (inflammation), Dementia, Osteoporosis, Tobacco Cessation, Genetic Studies and a Diabetes Prevention, Intervention & Evaluation program with tribal youth. My specific research interest lie in disease prevention programs for youth, health literacy for all ages and chronic kidney disease/end-stage renal disease resulting from diabetes.

**Shu-Cheong Chang, M.D. Fellow in Cardiac Electrophysiology**  
(Colorado). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Colorado)  
Fellow in Cardiac Electrophysiology [OTH]

**Accomplishments:**  
Conducts research focused on arrhythmias in patients with adult congenital heart disease. Has 8 publications and has given 8 presentations.

**Omar Contreras, Dr. P.H., M.P.H., Program Director of Policy and Translational Research.**  
(Arizona). Western Alliance to Expand Student Opportunities (WAESO) LSAMP (University of Arizona)  
Program director at the University of Arizona’s Cancer Center. [OTH]

**Accomplishments:**  
Maximizing Access to Research Careers Trainee; Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; NIH Honors Academy Fellow at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Project EXPORT Fellow at the University of Arizona; Research Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
Awards: Has 9 significant awards from professional or community organizations, e.g. the American Public Health Association Community Health Planning and Policy Development Section-Best Doctoral Abstract Award and the Valle del Sol-Univision Radio, 40 Hispanic Leaders Under 40. Publications: Has 8 peer-reviewed publications and 7 published public policy briefs used for advocacy and policy purposes in and by the United States Congress and the Arizona State Legislature.
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Otero Junior College  
Trinidad State Junior College  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Colorado Colorado Springs  
University of Colorado Denver  
University of Denver  
University of Northern Colorado  
University of Wyoming

Julia (Figueroa) Herman, DVM  
Veterinarian, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Fort Collins, CO. [A]

Accomplishments:  
Veterinary technical leadership to NCBA Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) program including state BQA programs, NCBA affiliates and state beef councils; spokesperson for NCBA on BQA cattle health issues for funded efforts to educate producers, beef supply chain members, and consumers; serves as internal resource on cattle health for staff education and stakeholder outreach in coordination with other internal staff technical experts; American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Publications: Three

Katrina Gillette, Ph.D.  
Research Associate, US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Ames, IA. [A]

Accomplishments:  
Founder, Native Women’s Circle, Colorado State University. Publications: Two

COLORADO-WYOMING LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (CO-WY LSAMP)
Emergency Medicine, University of Texas Health, San Antonio, TX. [BIO]

Publications: Three Postcardiac Device Implantation Using Antibiotic versus Saline Solution for Pocket Irrigation; Examining 30-day COPD readmissions through the emergency department; Incidence of Pocket Infection Post Cardiac Device Implantation Using Antibiotic vs. Saline Solution for Pocket Irrigation.

Alejandro Trujillo, Ph.D.

Cell and Molecular Biology (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Research and Development Safety Officer, Department of Veteran’s Affairs, Minneapolis, MN. [BIO]


Anthony Oliva, M.D., Ph.D.

Neuroscience (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Adams State University).

Assistant Professor and Anesthesiologist, University of Colorado Hospital Affiliate, Aurora, CO. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Member of neuroanesthesiology team working with patients undergoing spine and brain surgery; Clinical Educator of the Year (2015, 2017); Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society; Outstanding Teacher of the Year (2003, 2015, 2016); Virtue Resident Scholar (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); FAER Resident Scholar (2012); Robert W. Virtue Award (2009); Adams State University Exceptional Young Alumnus Award (2005); President's Diversity Award (2004); Chancellor's Diversity Award, University of Colorado Anesthesiology Resident Training Program (2015, 2016); University of Colorado Unsung Hero Award, University of Colorado Anesthesiology Resident Training Program (2015). Publications: Two Emerging views on the distinct but related roles of the main and accessory olfactory systems in responsiveness to chemosensory signals in mice; Transforming growth factor beta contributes to lung leak in rats given interleukin-1 intratracheally.

Bonita Nuanez, M.D.

Emergency Medicine, University of Texas Health, San Antonio, TX. [BIO]

Bonita Nuanez, M.D.

(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University-Pueblo)

Dagmawi Abebe, Pharm. D.

Pharmacist, Evansville, IN. [BIO]

Pharmacists, Evansville, IN. [BIO]

Dagmawi Abebe, Pharm. D.

(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Metropolitan State University of Denver)

Publications: One Transesterification of Neem Seed Oil into Fatty Acid Methyl Ester Using Na2O/CaO Catalyst.
Brian Leon, Ph.D.
Chemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

**Accomplishments:** National Institutes of Health IRACDA (Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Awards) Postdoctoral Scholar; University of California (San Diego) Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow and one Patent. Publications: Six Daedal Facet of Splice Modulator Optimization; A Challenging Pie to Splice: Drugging the Spliceosome; A Carbohydrate-Derived Splice Modulator; Optimized quinoline amino alcohols as disruptors and dispersal agents of Vibrio cholerae biofilms; Abyssomicin 2 Reactivates Latent HIV-1 by a PKC- and HDAC-Independent Mechanism. Patent: 1 Anti-Cancer and Splice Modulating Compounds and Methods.

Ashley Bourke, Ph.D.
Pharmacology (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Denver).

**Accomplishments:** Co-Founder/Co-President—Women in STEM (2014-2016); Norman Weiner Award for Research Excellence (2019); NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2016); Howard Hughes Medical Institute Gilliam Fellowship for Advanced Study; Department of Pharmacology Graduate Student Special Achievement Award (2016); Dunwiddie Award for Neuropharmacology Conference (2017); Pharmacology Graduate Training Committee Award (2018); C. Werner and Kitty Hirs Research (2017, 2018). Publications: Four

Andrea Gomez, Ph.D.
Developmental Genetics (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

**Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at University of Basel, Switzerland. [BIO]**

Publications: Five Cellular Functions of the Autism Risk Factor PTCHD1 in Mice; Control of neuronal synapse specification by a highly dedicated alternative splicing program; Covi (Mara 2008).2; The Extracellular Region of Lrp4 Is Sufficient to Mediate Neuromuscular Synapse Formation; Lrp4 and the mammalian neuromuscular junction; Lrp4 is a Receptor for Agrin and Forms a Complex with MuSK; Repression of Y-organ ecdysteroidogenesis by cyclic nucleotides and agonists of NO-sensitive guanylyl cyclase.

David Gurule, Pharm.D.
Pharmacology (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Adams State University).

**Clinical Pharmacist, Valley-Wide Health Systems, Inc., Alamosa, CO. [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:** Colorado Health Professions Scholarship. Publication: One Emerging views on the distinct but related roles of the main and accessory olfactory systems in chemosensory signals in mice; Transforming growth factor beta contributes to lung leak in rats given interleukin-1 intratracheally.
Deidra Newbrough, Pharm.D.
(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Pharmacist, United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Phoenix, AZ. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Clinical Pharmacist Phoenix Indian Medical Center and Northern Navajo Medical Center. Indian Health Service (IHS) Residency.

Cindy Munoz, Ph.D.
Mechanical Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Denver).

Biomaterials Researcher, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Research Symposium Scholarship; GK-12 Transforming Experiences Project Outstanding Graduate Student; Fungal Cell Wall Conference Award (2017); Reisher Family Scholarship; Post-Doctoral Fellow University of Colorado Denver -- Department of Mechanical Engineering. Publications: Three Dimensional Analyses to Quantify Cell Wall Deformation and Stress Relaxation in Stiff Mutants of Phycomyces blakesleeanus: Experimental Investigations (In progress); Cell wall loosening in the fungus, Phycomyces blakesleeanus.

Daniel Feliciano, Ph.D.
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Postdoctoral Fellow, National Cancer Institute, Thoracic and GI Malignancies Branch, Bethesda, MD. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Research on regulation of the Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome protein (WASp) during clathrin-mediated endocytosis and specialization in state-of-the-art microscopy techniques and essential cellular processes controlled by cell-to-cell fusion. Publications: Four A second Las17 monomeric actin-binding motif functions in Arp2/3-dependent actin polymerization during endocytosis; SLAC, a complex between Sla1 and Las17, regulates actin polymerization during clathrin-mediated endocytosis; In vivo and in vitro studies of adaptor-clathrin interaction; Regulation of clathrin adaptor function in endocytosis: novel role for the SAM domain.

Dezaray Varland, O.D.
(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Fort Lewis College).

Doctor of Optometry at Eagle Butte Indian Health Service Hospital Affiliate, Eagle Butte, SD. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Graduated with honors, Pacific University - College of Optometry. Publication: One Inducible Photoreceptor Degeneration Model.
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<td>Girmachew Seyoum, DDS</td>
<td>(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Metropolitan State University of Denver)</td>
<td>Dentist, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Denver, CO. [BIO]</td>
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<td>Jacqueline Harding, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Materials Chemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University)</td>
<td>Accomplishments: Lead scientist and project manager for biotechnology product platforms; developed drug delivery systems as platform technologies for use across various routes of administration; developed and optimized extraction techniques for the isolation of target compounds. Publications: One Engineering Osteoinductive Biomaterials by Bioinspired Synthesis of Apatite Coatings on Collagen Hydrogels with Varied Pore Microarchitectures; three additional. Patents: Three Metal-Organic Framework Functionalized Polymeric Compositions; Controlled and Tunable Precipitation of Biomimetic Apatites Via In Situ Mineralization of An Organic Polymeric Matrix; Deposition-Conversion Method for Tunable Calcium Phosphate Coatings On Substrates And Apparatus Prepared Thereof.</td>
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Jennifer Ribar, D.O.
(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Adams State University).

**Accomplishments:**

Lorene Martinez, Ph.D.
Microbiology (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

**Accomplishments:** Research to detect tuberculosis; developed genetic fingerprinting protocols to aid in tracking tuberculosis in cattle and wildlife. Publication: One Genotyping North American animal Mycobacterium bovis isolates using multilocus variable number tandem repeat analysis.

Lisa Wolfe, Ph.D.
Biomarker Lead, Zoetis, Inc. (Animal health vaccines and diagnostics), Fort Collins, CO. [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Mass Spectrometry-based Analytical Techniques (protein/peptide and small molecule); primary user of Tandem Quadropole (QQQ), Orbitrap (OT) and Time-of-Flight (TOF) instrumentation, Ultra-High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UPLC) and Matrix-Assisted Laser Desorption (MALDI) systems; laboratory work in gel electrophoresis, protein and small molecule extraction and purification through Solid-Phase or Liquid-Liquid Extraction (SPE/LLE) techniques; protein digestion, sample preparation for mass spectrometry analysis, including Label-Free or Tandem-Mass Tag relative quantification; research in Biomarker discovery through Proteomics and Metabolomics based approaches.

Lance Whitehair, MD
(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming (Metropolitan State University of Denver).

**Family Medicine Practitioner, Las Cruces, NM.**

Publication: Controversial benefits of Omega-3 fatty acid (fish oil).
Maximiliano Vallejos, Ph.D.

Biomedical Sciences (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Accomplishments: McNair Scholar; SACNAS Genome Scholar; MARC Scholar. Publications: Six Age-Dependent Decline in Kv4 Channels, Unverlying Molecular Mechanisms, and Potential Consequences for Coordinated Motor Function; Halogen Interactions in biomolecular crystal structures; Mechanisms Underlying Stage-1 TRPL Channel Translocation in Drosophila Photoreceptors; Conformational Analysis of Fusogenic Peptides by FTIR; Halogen interactions in biomolecular crystal structures; Mechanisms underlying stage-1 TRPL channel translocation in Drosophila photoreceptors.

Vanessa Enriquez, Ph.D.

Cell and Molecular Biology (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Clinical Trail Associate, ArcherDX (Biotechnology), Fort Collins, CO. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Research focused on identifying factors that regulate gonadal and primordial germ cell development in murine species as well as elucidating pluripotent factors and cell cycle regulators that drive trophoblast stem (TS) cell differentiation into trophoblast giant (TG) cells during implantation.

Opeyemi Daramola, M.D.

(Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Adams State University).

Otolaryngologist (Ear, Nose & Throat) at Crystal Run Health, West Nyack, NY. [BIO]


Henok Ghebrechristos, Ph.D.

Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Boulder).

Data and Machine Learning Engineer, Boulder Imaging, Inc. Boulder, CO. [CISE]

Accomplishments: Research on Deep Learning and Artificial Intelligence to discover machine learning solutions for medical diagnoses (diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration) and for quality control application. Publications: Three Expediting Training Using Information Theory-Based Patch Ordering Algorithm; International Conference on Computational Science and Computation Intelligence; plus one additional.
Computer Science Education (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Boulder).

Achievements: Develops web-based tools, designs curriculum, and teaches pedagogy courses for Learning Assistant Program and Learning Assistant Alliance. Publications: Three Scalable Game Design: A Strategy to Bring Systemic Computer Science Education to Schools through Game Design and Simulation Creation; From Lived Experiences to Game Creation: How Scaffolding Supports Elementary School Students Learning Computer Science Principles in an After School Setting; AgentDesign: A tool to scaffold software design for elementary students.

Applied Chemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).

Accomplishments: Postdoctoral Scholar University of Vienna, Department of Environmental Geosciences; Postdoctoral Research Associate Duke University, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Forensic Chemistry, Colorado Bureau of Investigation; Publications: Thirteen publications; three book chapters; one white paper (Environmental Protection Agency); seventeen platform presentations; five poster presentations.

Clinical Assistant Professor (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Boulder).

Accomplishments: Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Publications: Five Championing culturally responsive leadership for evaluation practice; The impacts of using a collaborative evaluation approach in higher education: a case study of local YMCAs providing college access services; Critical Case Studies of District-Level Equity Leaders in Public Schools; Building a New Generation of Culturally Responsive Evaluators through AEA’s Graduate Education Diversity Internship Program; Critical Case Studies of District-Level Equity Leaders in Public Schools; Becoming teacher leaders: Case study of teachers 3-7 years after participation in a 12-month teacher leadership professional development program.

Neuroscience (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Accomplishments: Designed, programmed, ran fMRI experiments of human attention and memory; analyzed datasets of brain activity utilizing quantitative tools; performed multivariate analyses of data. Publication: One Classification of EEG data.
Alejandro Henao, Ph.D.

Civil Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Boulder).

Accomplishments: Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Graduate Fellowship Award; The Mountain-Plains Consortium Student of the Year Award (U.S. Department of Transportation); Post-Doctoral Researcher - SMART Transportation Systems. Publications: Two The impact of ride-hailing on vehicle miles traveled; Travel and Energy Implications of Ride-Hailing Service in Austin, Texas. (In progress); A Deep Learning Approach for TNC Trip Demand Prediction Using Spatial-Temporal Features; Impacts of Ride-Hailing on Parking – and Vice Versa. (In Progress); additional publications.

Joseph Maestas, Ph.D.


Gabriel Draper, Ph.D.

Chemical Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Boulder).

Accomplishments: PLAN Professional Development Workshops certificate; Graduate Teaching Assistant Academy certificate; Grant Writing Academy certificate; STEM Graduate Teaching Assistant Academy certificate; Social Justice and Inclusion Award - M.A.G.S.; Student Activities Board Collaboration Award - M.A.G.S.; Advancing Science Award; Patent License Award; PLAN (Professional Development) workshops certificate; additional awards. Publications: Two Intense Pulsed Light Sintering of CH3NH3PbI3 Solar Cells; Fabrication of Elemental Copper by Intense Pulsed Light. Processing of a Copper Nitrate Hydroxide Ink; additional publications.

Miguel Galvez, Ph.D.

Electrical Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University)

Radar Systems Engineer, Raytheon, Fort Collins, CO. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Designed electrical/mechanical control systems for Obermeyer Hydro Pneumatically controlled Spillway Gates used in Water Management Systems; Programed PLCs to control spillway gates; engineering and testing for custom and platform test systems, Cell Phone Test Fixtures, and end-of-life support to cell phone and base station test systems. Publications: five.
Kerri Hickenbottom, Ph.D.

Environmental Science and Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).

Accomplishments:
Research on the development of novel engineered systems for resource recovery and reclamation of concentrate streams; investigation of the technical, economic, and environmental life cycle impacts of a hybrid, membrane-based process (pressure retarded osmosis-membrane distillation) for energy generation from low-grade heat; forward osmosis for advanced treatment and recovery of drilling wastewater from hydraulic fracturing; membrane distillation for management of concentrate streams. Publications: One Pressure retarded osmosis: applications; additional publications.

Abel Chavez, Ph.D., M.B.A.

Associate Professor, School of Environment and Sustainability, (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (University of Colorado Denver).

Vice President of Student Success, Dean of Graduate Studies, Western Colorado University, Gunnison, CO. [GEO]

Accomplishments: Associate VP for Academic Affairs, Western Colorado University; Director and Founder CS21 Lab; Research Fellow PIK – Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Potsdam, Germany. Publications: One articulating a trans-boundary infrastructure supply chain greenhouse gas emission footprint for cities: Mathematical relationships and policy relevance; additional publications.

Angelique D. Diaz, Ph.D.

Environmental Science and Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).

P.E. Section Chief (Drinking Water), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Denver, CO. [GEO]

Accomplishments: NEPA Lead Reviewer to manage and coordinate interdisciplinary review of National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Impact Statements for large scale projects (including mining and oil and gas); Invited Expert at Department of Defense Dependent Schools; U.S. EPA Bronze Award (resolving complex radionuclide NESHAP issues on uranium production facilities); U.S. EPA Region 8 Excellence in Diversity Award (2011). Publications: eight.

Mario H. Saldana, Ph.D.

Engineering (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).

Senior Mechanical Engineer, Roccor, LLC (Aviation and Aerospace), Longmont, CO. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Developing and validating chemical kinetic mechanisms for novel gaseous and liquid fuels; Information Systems Technician – US Navy; Publications: Comparative Kinetic Analysis of Ethane Pyrolysis at 0.1 and 2.0 MPa; additional publications.
Dominique David-Chavez, Ph.D.

Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).

Research Analyst, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. [GEO]

Accomplishments: Indigenous Data Sovereignty Fellow; Quantitative and qualitative research design and data analysis; science communication; diverse stakeholder engagement; climate and environmental science research; research ethics; geospatial research; diversity and inclusion in science research, education, and outreach; community based participatory research; National Science Foundation SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship; National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship; Ronald E. McNair Scholar. Publications: Seven Practitioner publications & technical contributions: U.S. Caribbean. In Impacts, Risks, and Adaptation in the United States: Fourth National Climate Assessment; Intergenerational research on Indigenous agricultural knowledge, climate resilience, and food security in the Caribbean; A decision framework for managing whitebark pine in wilderness.

Benjamin C. Cooper, Ph.D.

Mathematics (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Metropolitan State University of Denver).

Assistant Professor (Mathematics), Shaw University, Raleigh, NC. [MPS]

Publications: One Abstract hyperovals, partial geometries, and transitive hyperovals.

David Walter, Ph.D.

Experimental Nuclear Physics (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).

Postdoctoral Researcher, TRIUMF, Vancouver, BC, Canada. [MPS]

Accomplishments: TRIUMF is a national particle accelerator center considered Canada’s premier physics laboratory and is consistently regarded as one of the leading subatomic physics research centers on the international level; Internships at both Lawrence Livermore and Oak Ridge National Laboratories where he worked on a time projection chamber used for tracking particles from fission of Pu and U; built a residual gas analyzing system to measure particulates in the fission chamber.

Gary Marple, Ph.D.

Applied Mathematics (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University-Pueblo).

Postdoctoral Researcher & Assistant Professor, University of Michigan (Mathematics Department), Ann Arbor, MI.

Accomplishments: Current research in collaboration with the Army Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center (TARDEC) to use machine learning techniques to construct mobility maps using data generated by running computationally intensive, physics-based simulations of off-road vehicles traversing various soil conditions. Publications: six.
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<td>William Johnston, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Optical Design Engineer, Baker Hughes (Energy Technology), Houston, TX.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Patents; Distributed acoustic sensing using low pulse repetition rates; Distributed temperature sensor enhancement by stimulated raman suppression; Attenuation correction for distributed temperature sensors using antistokes to rayleigh ratio; Optical fiber distributed sensors with improved dynamic range; Temperature sensing using distributed acoustic sensing monitoring fluid low in a downhole assembly; Arrayed wave division multiplex to extend range of IOFDR fiber bragg sensing system; Filter and method and distributed temperature sensor system.</td>
<td>One - A Novel Solution for Performing Real-Time Fiber Optic Temperature Measurements; additional publications.</td>
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<td>Dan Pabon, J.D.</td>
<td>General Counsel, Medicine Man Technologies, Denver, CO. [OTH]</td>
<td><strong>Achievements:</strong> State Representative (House District 4) and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Colorado House of Representatives. Sponsored Bills and Resolutions HB18-1417 Protect Constitutional Rights Colorado Residents; HB18-1411 Employees Working With Vulnerable Persons; HB18-1376 Regulate Residential Services And Supports Providers; HB18-1359 Colorado Charitable Contribution Income Tax Deduction; additional bills.</td>
<td>(University of Colorado Boulder).</td>
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Michelle (Sanchez) Estrada, Ph.D.
Organic Chemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).
Senior Scientist, AbbVie (Biopharmaceutical), Chicago, IL. [OTH]
Accomplishments: People of Color Conference Industrial Award; University of Pennsylvania Postdoctoral Fellowship for Academic Diversity; Bristol-Myers Squibb Graduate Fellowship; Daniels Fund Scholarship. Publication: Three Chemically Linked Vemurafenib Inhibitors Promote an Inactive BRAF V600E Conformation; Protein Quality Control is a Risk Factor and Therapeutic Target in Toxin Induced Biliary Atresia; Synthesis and Structure–Activity Relationship Study of Biliatresone, a Plant Isoflavonoid That Causes Biliary Atresia; one additional publication.

Misty Rowe (Misty D. Rowe-Konopacki), Ph.D.
Applied Chemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).
Cementing Technology Portfolio Manager, Halliburton, Houston, TX. [TECH]
Accomplishments: Baroid Technology Engineering & Software Manager; Principal Scientist; Senior Scientist; Order of Omega Outstanding Faculty Award (2007-2008) Publications: eight; fourteen publications of conference proceedings; eleven invited talks and presentations; International Conference on Polymer Synthesis (Best Poster Award 2002). Patents (2): Lanthanide nanoparticle conjugates and uses thereof; Gold/lanthanide nanoparticle conjugates and uses thereof.

Derek Dalton, Ph.D.
Organic Chemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado State University).
Scientist, Genentech (Biotechnology, subsidiary of Roche Holding AG), San Francisco, CA. [TECH]
Accomplishments: Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Predoctoral Fellowship; Mike Milash Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award; Outstanding Graduating Senior Award. Publications: Three Supramolecular Ga4L6-12 Cage Photosensitizes 1,3-Rearrangement of Encapsulated Guest via Photoinduced Electron Transfer; Zn-Catalyzed Enantio- and Diastereoselective Formal [4 + 2] Cycloaddition Involving Two Electron-Deficient Partners: Asymmetric Synthesis of Piperidines from 1-Azadienes and Nitro-Alkenes; additional publications.

Shay Robinson, Ph.D.
Solid State Electrochemistry (Colorado) Colorado-Wyoming LSAMP (Colorado School of Mines).
Project Specialist, Electrode Research and Development, University of Oslo, Norway. [TECH]
Accomplishments: Research Fellow University of Oslo, Norway; Publications: Two Joint Elastic Side-Scattering Lidar and Raman Lidar Measurements of Aerosol Optical Properties in South East Colorado; additional publications.
Accomplishments:
Discovery and development of conditions for asymmetric, NHC-catalyzed fluoroamide synthesis; application of rhodium-catalyzed alkylation desymmetrization of meso-2,4-dimethylglutaric anhydride toward the total synthesis of (+)-okilactomycin. Publications:
Scalable Methods for the Removal of Ruthenium Impurities from Metathesis Reaction Mixtures; Stereoelectronic Basis for the Kinetic Resolution of N-Heterocycles with Chiral Acylating Reagents; Asymmetric NHC-catalyzed synthesis of α-fluoroamides from readily accessible α-fluoroenals; Exploiting acyl and enol azolium intermediates via N-heterocyclic carbene catalyzed reactions of alpha-reducible aldehydes; Development of a Practical Synthesis of a p38 MAP Kinase Inhibitor; Practical Synthesis of a p38 MAP Kinase Inhibitor; Comparative approaches toward diamines containing spatially separated homobenzylic and benzylic nitrogen stereocenters.
William Holtkamp, Ph.D.
Computer Science
University of Houston
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) University of Houston-Downtown
Software Engineer
OpenLink Financial

Accomplishments:
William is a Software Engineer from Houston, TX. He attended the University of Houston-Downtown and studied Computer Science. After graduating in 2007, he joined the PhD Program in Computer Sciences with a GAANN Fellowship at the University of Houston and graduated in 2012. William’s graduate research focused on improving user experiences and human computer interactions. Currently, William is working for OpenLink Financial, an energy/commodity trading and risk management company. He works with energy companies to build unique, intuitive user experiences in their commodity trading applications.

Antonio Tito, Ph.D.
University of Texas Health Sciences Center – Houston
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) University of Houston-Downtown
Business Development Analyst
Medical Metrics, Inc.

Accomplishments:
Dr. Tito was a member of the Scholars Academy participating in many Student Research Conferences as an undergraduate. He currently works as a Business Development Analyst at Medical Metrics, Inc.
Desmond Adamu, MD
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Medical Doctor: Board Certified Urologist and Surgeon
South Texas Health Systems, Valley Care Clinics
McAllen, TX

Accomplishments: Desmond Adamu earned his Medical Degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He completed his Residency in Urology/Urologic at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Florida and internship at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. He is a Board Certified Urologist and is licensed by the State Board of Texas. He holds memberships in the American Urological Association, American College of Surgeons, American Chemical Society and the Texas Academy of Science. He received a BS in Chemistry, “Summa Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University. He is an active member of the American Chemical Society. He speaks English, French, and Spanish fluently.

RaiAnna Arscott Hopson, Ph.D.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Research Scientist, USDA Agriculture Company
Mobile, AL

Accomplishments: RaiAnna Arscott Hopson earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Oklahoma State University. RaiAnna received the OK-LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate and Skinner Fellowships, and Walt Kolb Scholarship, which funded her Ph.D. program. Her research focused on the development of new bioinspired organic semiconductors based on the natural pigment, Eumelanin. She has published three research articles entitled, “Eumelanin-inspired core derived from vanillin: A new building block for organic semiconductors”, “Effects of structural variations on the optical and electronic properties of eumelanin-inspired small molecules”, and Synthesis and characterization of eumelanin-inspired poly(indolenearylenevinylene) and poly(indolenearyleneethynylene)s.” RaiAnna was awarded the National Research Council Research Associateship where she served as Fellow with the United States Air Force. RaiAnna is currently employed as a scientist for a major agricultural company near Mobile, Alabama. She received her BS in Chemistry, “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Livina Anyiam, PharmD, RPh
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Pharmacist, Walgreen Drugs
Houston, TX

Accomplishments: Livina Anyiam earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. She is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and is employed at Walgreens Drugs and is the lead pharmacist. She received her BS in Chemistry, “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Ariel Bowman, Ph.D.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Lockheed Martin Metrics and Data Analyst
Grand Prairie, TX

Accomplishments: Ariel Bowman earned her Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Texas at Arlington. She was the recipient of the University of Texas Bridge to the Doctorate which funded her Ph.D. She completed one publication with her advisor and with another colleague and submitted a paper to the Brain Informatics Conference, published through Springer-Nature Book Series. Dr. Bowman recently accepted a Metrics & Data Analyst position at Lockheed Martin in Grand Prairie, Texas. This Lockheed Martin location is known as the Missiles and Fire Control division. Her long-term goal is to continue doing research in Mathematical Biology and to help young women to see that African-American women in Mathematics are achievable. She graduated with a BS in Mathematics, “Summa Cum Laude” and the class Valedictorian from Texas Southern University.
MarJuana Bush Williams, JD
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
MarJuana Bush Williams, PLLC
Port Arthur, TX

Accomplishments: MarJuana Bush Williams received her Doctorate of Juris Prudence degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston, Texas. She is Board Certified in Commercial and Residential Real Estate Law and a member of the Texas Bar College. In 2018, she left Orgain, Bell & Tucker, LLP to form her own modern boutique law firm that operates at the intersection of real estate development, commercial lending and the law to provide the best value to our clients. As a real estate developer, MarJuana Bush Williams, PLLC is certified as a women’s business enterprise by the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). The firm is also a City of Houston certified Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and a State of Texas Historically Underutilized Business (HUB). She graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Tara Gainey, DDS
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Meharry Medical College: Currently Enrolled Specialization: Pediatric Dentistry, Nashville, TN

Accomplishments: Tara Gainey received the Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. After graduation she decided to further her education by continuing her dental training in a general practice residency program at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Systems. The rigorous training prepared her by practicing on hundreds of adult patients who were severely immune-compromised and had special needs. Dr. Gainey was currently employed with Craven and Plummer, Inc., Harris Health Systems. Dr. Gainey is currently enrolled in Meharry Medical School where she will obtain a specialty in Pediatric Dentistry to be completed by 2021. She received her BS in Biology, “Cum Laude.” from Texas Southern University.

Shayla T. Bryant, PharmD, RPh
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Pharmacist, True Value Pharmacy
Houston, TX

Accomplishments: Shayla T. Bryant earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. She is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and works for True Value Pharmacy. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

George Lewis, PharmD, RPh
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Pharmacist Consultant
Dallas, TX

Accomplishments: George Lewis earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. While enrolled at the University of Illinois at Chicago he received the prestigious Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, the Urban Health Pharmacy Scholar, the Academic Excellence Recruitment Scholar, and a featured Publication in The Journal of American Pharmacist Association for Emergency Department Interventions. Currently, He is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and is a Consultant Pharmacist in Dallas, Texas. He received his BS in Chemistry, “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.
Ashley Guillory, Ph.D.  
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation  
(H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University  
Assistant Professor of Instruction  
University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
Galveston, TX  

Accomplishments: Ashley Guillory earned her Ph.D. in Pharmacology from the University of Houston where her research focused on investigating the molecular mechanisms associated with the maladaptive changes of β-adrenergic receptor signaling in heart failure with the intention of identifying new therapeutic targets for the treatment of heart failure. She worked as a postdoctoral fellow in the Surgery department at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas in conjunction with Shriners Hospital for Children-Galveston. Her research interests include burn trauma, stress-induced cardiovascular dysfunction, beta-adrenergic receptor signaling, cardiovascular pharmacology and molecular biology. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Magna Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University. She is on the faculty at UTMB Galveston as an Assistant Professor of Instruction.

Tierra Johnson, PharmD. RPh  
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation  
(H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University  
Pharmacist, Walgreens Drugs  
Houston, TX  

Accomplishments: Tierra Johnson earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. She is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and works for Walgreens Pharmacy. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry “Summa Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Alicia Martin, Ed.D.  
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation  
(H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University  
Dean of Instruction, Houston Independent School District  
Adjunct Professor, Lone Star Community College  
Houston, TX  

Accomplishments: Alicia Martin earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Curriculum & Instruction-Math) from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. She began her career in North Forest ISD and worked in Goose Creek CISD as a high school mathematics teacher, team leader, and district professional development facilitator. Before joining Willowridge High School, she was an Assistant Principal, Dean of Instruction, and Secondary Mathematics Specialist in Channelview ISD. In addition she has been an adjunct mathematics instructor at Lone Star College and Lee College for the past several years. She graduated with a BS in Mathematics, “Summa Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Pamela Mbonu, PharmD, RPh  
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance or Minority Participation  
(H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University  
Pharmacist, CVS  
Houston, TX  

Accomplishments: Pamela Mbonu earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. She is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and works for CVS Pharmacy. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.
Accomplishments: **Matthew Minus**
earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Rice University in Houston, Texas. At Rice University, he earned both teaching and departmental service awards. Matthew received both the prestigious NSF-AGEP and NIH-NRSA fellowships. In the lab, he conducted leukemia research, which was published in Angewandte Chemie. He also has pending publications. After obtaining his Ph.D. in Chemistry from Rice University, he accepted a post-doc position at the University of Texas in Austin where he spent a year doing research and teaching. He accepted a tenured faculty position after the completion of the post-doc at Prairie View A&M University in the chemistry department. He graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Accomplishments: **Ruqiah Muhammad**
earned her Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Iowa. She was the recipient of the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need fellowship by the Department of Education at the University of Iowa. She is currently working as a Data Analytics Scientist for a major Fortune 500 company in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated with a BS in Mathematics, “Summa Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Accomplishments: **D'vesharronne Moore**
earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Texas A&M University in College Station. She received the Bridge to Doctorate funding at Texas A&M for her Ph.D. She accepted a post doc position at Columbia University in New York for two-years and conducted research. Currently she is employed with a Scientific Technology Firm in Silicone Valley in California. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Accomplishments: **Alise North**
earned her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Howard University, College of Pharmacy in Washington, D.C.,. She is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and works for the Houston Methodist Southwest Hospital System. She holds professional memberships in the American Chemical Society, the National Organization for the Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers and the American Pharmacists Association, and Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry “Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.
Frank North, PharmD, RPh
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Pharmacist, Harris County Hospital District
Houston, TX

Accomplishments: Frank North earned his Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. He is a licensed Registered Pharmacist in the State of Texas and in the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. He works for the Harris County Hospital District. He is a life member and serves as Zone 4 Director on the board for the National Pharmaceutical Association, a member of the Association of Black Health systems Pharmacist, American Society of Consultant Pharmacist and the Texas Pharmacy Association. He graduated with a BS in Chemistry from Texas Southern University.

Aqeeb Sabree, Ph.D.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Xavier University, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Cleveland, OH

Accomplishments: Aqeeb Sabree earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Iowa. His research interests are in Functional Analysis. Currently he accepted a tenured faculty position in the department of Mathematics at Xavier University in Ohio. He was the recipient of the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need fellowship by the Department of Education at the University of Iowa. He graduated with a BS in Mathematics, “Magna Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Michael Sonier, MD
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
MD/Board Certified Family Practice
Olla, LA

Accomplishments: Michael Sonier earned his Medical Degree from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. He completed his Residency in Family Medicine at Louisiana State University. He is Board Certified in Family Medicine. He is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the Louisiana area. His primary practice is in Olla, Louisiana. He graduated with a BS in Biology from Texas Southern University.

Alexis Stephens, D.O. FAAD, FAU
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Founder: Parkland Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery
Coral Springs, FL

Accomplishments: Alexis Stephens earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medical Degree from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed further Dermatology Training as a Resident at Nova Southeastern University in Broward County, Florida, where she quickly rose to the top of her class and became chief resident. Alexis Stephens, DO, FAOCD, FAAD, specializes in improving upon each and every one of them with expert dermatological and cosmetic treatments. As the lead board-certified dermatologist and founder at Parkland Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery in tropical Coral Springs, Florida, Dr. Stephens brings the latest techniques and technologies communities in the area. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Magna Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.
Siobhan Tarver, Ph.D.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Physical Scientist, Environmental Protection Agency
New Orleans, LA

Accomplishments: Siobhan Tarver earned her Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. She is currently employed as a Physical Scientist at the EPA in New Orleans, Louisiana. She holds professional memberships in the American Chemical Society and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry from Texas Southern University.

Katoria Tatum-Gibbs, Ph.D.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Agricultural Chemists III, BASF
Durham, NC

Accomplishments: Katoria Tatum-Gibbs earned her Ph.D. in Environmental Toxicology from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. She is currently an Agricultural Chemists III at BASF-The Chemical Company. Her current responsibilities involve understanding the consumer risks associated with various agricultural chemicals, as well as understanding the regulatory guidelines for the successful global registration of BASF Agricultural products. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry from Texas Southern University.

Kiara Taylor-Edinbyrd, Ph.D.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Research Scientist in the Ph.D. Professional Development Program at BASF
Florham Park, NJ

Accomplishments: Kiara Taylor-Edinbyrd earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Louisiana State University. She is currently a Research Scientist in the Ph.D. Professional Development Program at BASF. She was partially supported by NSF’s Bridge to the Doctorate Program and EPSCoR/LA-SIGMA at LSU. As a young researcher she began to unequivocally realize that the STEM field was one that she was quite comfortable in. As a result she performed research in labs worldwide including spending time two consecutive summers in Grenoble, France and Hong Kong, China performing research and networking with potential collaborators. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Magna Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Helen Ubanyionwu-Muoneke, PharmD, RPh.
Houston Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (H-LSAMP) Texas Southern University
Pharmacist, St. Hope Pharmacy
Houston, TX

Accomplishments: Helen Ubanyionwu-Muoneke earned the Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. She is currently a Clinical Pharmacist at St. Hope Pharmacy. She has published several articles in the Department of Defense Minority Summer Internship at the Army Research Laboratory in Adelphi, Maryland Project: Chemical Analysis of Military Jet Fuels (Fuels 2006) Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. She graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Summa Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.
Accomplishments: **Samuel Ubanyionwu** earned the Doctorate of Pharmacy degree from Texas Southern University, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Houston, Texas. He continued his passion for science and technology and pursued a career as a Clinical Pharmacy Informaticist. He completed his first year postgraduate Pharmacy Residency training (PGY-1) at Harris Health System in Houston, Texas and completed his postgraduate year two (PGY-2) Pharmacy Informatics training at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is currently on the faculty. He graduated with a BS in Chemistry, “Summa Cum Laude” from Texas Southern University.

Accomplishments: **Salma Hasan** is a recipient of a D.O. Degree from the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is the recipient of various honors and awards including Baylor Scott and White Memorial Hospital Radiation Oncology Department Chief Resident, GME Scholarly Activity Travel Program Award – ASTRO 2018, Baylor Scott and White Memorial Hospital Radiation Oncology Department Resident of the Year. He is also a member of ASTRO: American Society for Radiation Oncology, ACRO: American College of Radiation Oncology, and ASCO: American Society of Clinical Oncology, 3 publications.

Accomplishments: **Sobiya Ansari** graduated summa cum laude from the University of Houston and went on to earn M.D. and M.P.H. degrees. She completed a fellowship in Primary Care Sports Medicine, and she serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at UTHealth. She was awarded Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Sports Medicine and for Excellence in Behavioral Medicine. She also earned certifications in Healthcare Management and in Physician Education. She has presented numerous case reports at the national level and has served as a team physician for many teams ranging from junior to professional level sports.

Accomplishments: **Sobiya Ansari** is a recipient of an M.D. Degree in May of 2014.
Kayla Bicol, Ph.D. – University of Houston (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

Postdoctoral Associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Accomplishments: Kayla Bicol is a recipient of a Ph.D. Degree from the University of Houston in Texas. She is Co-founder and President of the University of Houston Student Chapter of the Association for Women in Mathematics with a publication in Numerical Methods for Flows.

Christina D. King, Ph.D. – Analytical Chemistry – University of Pittsburgh (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

Accomplishments: Christina King is a recipient of a Ph.D. Degree in Analytical Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. Her research focuses on how hypertension is related to the onset of Alzheimer’s disease in African Americans by applying proteomics techniques. NOBCChE Nashville Chapter and National member, Broadening the Representation of Academic Investigators in Neuroscience (BRAINS) 2019 Fellow, Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) 2019 Summit Scholarship Recipient, Vanderbilt Interdisciplinary Training Program in Alzheimer’s Disease Trainee, Phi Lambda Upsilon Xi (PLU) Honorary Chemical Society member, 5 publications.

Daniel Timme, M.S. – Systems Engineering and Space Systems Engineering – Ohio

Nuclear Systems Test Analyst for United States Air Force [MPS]

Accomplishments: Daniel Timme is a recipient of M.S. Degrees in Systems Engineering and Space Systems Engineering. He is an AFIT Systems Engineering Award recipient with a publication in Quality Engineering.

Alexis Desir, M.D. – University of Toledo College of Medicine (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

General Surgery Resident at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX

Accomplishments: Alexis Desir is a recipient of an M.D. Degree from the University Of Toledo College Of Medicine in Ohio. She is an avid proponent of improving minority outcomes when it comes to healthcare. Whether it’s done clinically, through research in pancreatic cancer outcomes, or administratively though academic papers regarding the diversity in medical schools and recently in improving minority performance in undergraduate and graduate studies. Determined to ensure minorities are successful and well represented in the medical field, she has created an online system titled “How to Learn” teaching others how to learn and how to allow their work to actually mean something which leads to more efficient learning, creates long term retention, and ultimately higher scores that can allow these students to enter competitive fields and programs.
Keyon Shokraneh, D.O. – Touro University – Nevada (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

Emergency Medicine Resident Physician at Brandon Regional Hospital, Brandon FL

[BIO]

Accomplishment: Keyon Shokraneh is a recipient of a D.O. Degree from Touro University in Nevada.

Himani Patel, D.P.M. – Western University of Health Sciences – Pomona, California (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

Podiatry Physician, Kaiser Permanente - Downey Medical Center [BIO]

Accomplishments:

Himani Patel is a recipient of a D.P.M. Degree from Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, CA. She completed post graduate residency training in foot and ankle surgery at Baylor Scott and White Health for 3 years. Honorable mention for a manuscript presentation at an American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ACFAS) Conference in 2018 at Nashville, TN, Central TX VA Foot and Ankle Lecture Series 1st place lecture, Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine Pi Delta Honor Society, Who’s Who Amongst Students, Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine Dean’s List, Western University of Health Sciences College of Podiatric Medicine APMA educational foundation scholarship.

Iris Nira Smith, Ph.D. – Biochemistry – University of Houston (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

Postdoctoral Fellow at Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute, Genomic Medicine Institute in Ohio

Accomplishments:

Iris Smith is a recipient of a Ph.D. Degree in Biochemistry from the University of Houston in Texas. As a computational biophysicist, her research interests have been largely directed towards utilizing computational models to understand structure-function relationship of biomolecules at the atomistic level, and the predicted molecular mechanism of the dysfunctions of these biomolecules that lead to disease. American Society of Human Genetics Trainee Spotlight Award, F. Merlin Bumpus Junior Investigator Basic Research Presentation First Place Award, Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services Rising Star Award, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center Trainee Travel Award, 6th Annual Genomic Medicine Institute Symposium Best Poster Award, 4 publications.

Fatima Syed, M.D. J.D. – Houston, Texas (Texas). H LSAMP (University of Houston)

Resident Physician (OB/GYN) at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX [BIO]

Accomplishments:

Fatima Syed is a graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine-University of Houston Law Center MD/JD program. She is a recipient of the Gold Humanism Award and has been published four times in medical journals including Obstetrics & Gynecology and Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology.
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<td>Namera Baig</td>
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<td>Accomplishments: Dr. Baig was a member of Scholars Academy as well as selected as a peer mentor for the larger organization. She mentored 8-10 undergraduates majoring in biochemistry. She participated annually in the Student Research Conference and was invited back in 2018 as the SRC Alumnus Keynote for the event. She is currently in a postdoc position with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories.</td>
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Accomplishments: Dr. Jimenez-Sturman is transitioning into a new position as Assistant Laboratory Director. Gene by Gene started as a DNA-based ancestry and genealogy company (Family Tree DNA) and now has expanded to provide clinicians and patients with access to a variety of clinical and research genetic tests.

Accomplishments: Dr. Vazquez-Arreguin was a member of the Scholars Academy, and as a senior was one of the first College of Science & Technology graduation speakers at commencement. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Kalluri Laboratory.

Accomplishments: Dr. Elda Rueda obtained a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Houston-Downtown in 2011. While at UHD, Dr. Rueda was a member the Scholars Academy, served as an undergraduate researcher with Drs. Jerry Johnson and Byron Christmas, received the Outstanding Support as a Natural Science Tutor award, and was awarded the Louis B. Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation scholarship two years in a row. Dr. Rueda received her doctorate degree in Physiological Optics and Vision Science from the University of Houston in 2016 and she is currently a postdoctoral associate pursuing training at Baylor College of Medicine in the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics.
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- San Juan Community College
Dr. Roberto Lopez, Ph.D., Asst. Professor, Department of Horticulture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. [A]

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Lopez received the B.S. in Biology and Economics in 2001 from the University of New Mexico; and the M.S. and the Ph.D. in Horticulture from Michigan State University, in 2003 and 2007, respectively. He received the Cooperative Extension Specialist Association Early Career Award. He participated in the NM AMP Undergrad. Research Scholars. Now works with 4 undergraduates and formerly worked with 10 graduates. Students earned 87 lab awards. (Photo: Dr. Lopez’ research)

Martha Martinez Grimes, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry and Microbiology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Grimes earned from New Mexico State University, the Ph.D. and the M.S. in Molecular Biology, and the B.S. in General Microbiology. Dr. Grimes was an NSF Bridge to the Doctorate VI participant. While earning her graduate degrees, Dr. Grimes participated in the Molecular Biology Graduate Student organization.

Daniel Colman, Assistant Research Professor in Microbiology and Immunology at Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana. [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** NM AMP Bridge to the Doctorate program at University of New Mexico, 2015; received B.S./B.A. in Biology and Chemistry from the University of New Mexico, 2009. Has received a number of grants and fellowships; is the recipient as PI or Co-PI of over $1.1 million in grants over the last four years; is currently Coordinator and Instructor for General Microbiology Laboratories and Instructor for Teaching Methods.

Mark Seger, Ph.D., School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment, Post Doc Associate, Arizona State University. [BIO]

**Accomplishments:** Earned from NMSU in Molecular Biology: Ph.D., 2012; M.S., 2005; B.S., Agriculture. Authored 14 Publications, including two publications as First Author.
**Teresa Ceseña**, Associate Director of Regulatory and Medical Writing, MMS Holdings, Ann Arbor, Michigan. [BIO]

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**Accomplishments**: Dr. Ceseña received the B.S. from University of New Mexico in Biology and Psychology in 2000; received the Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Biology. Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan. At MMS, manages and oversees reports and projects and leads successful medical writing.

**Daniel Ramirez**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. [BIO]

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**Accomplishments**: Dr. Ramirez began undergraduate studies in the College Assistance Migrant Program (NMSU CAMP), which provides freshman year support and assistance to students whose families are seasonal agricultural workers. He received from New Mexico State University the Ph.D. in Biology/Neurobiology, and the B.S. in Biology (graduated with Honors). Participated in the RISE STARTUP Research Externship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and as BRAiN Graduate Facilitator at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

**Brandi Cron Kamermans**, Department of Geosciences Distinguished Post-Doctoral Fellow at Penn State University, city of State College, PA.

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**Brandi Cron Kamermans**, is a Bridge to the Doctorate VI participant at the University of New Mexico, where she received a B.S. in Biology and M.S. in Geology and Earth Sciences. She received the Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Biogeology [GEO]

**Accomplishments**: Three publications; received the Chief Manuelito Scholarship; recipient of NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program award; participated in the McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program; participated in the UNM NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholars program; Doctoral Fellowship.

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**Crystal Tulley Cordova**, Ph.D., Principal hydrologist for the Navajo Nation, Department of Water Resources-Water Management Branch. [GEO]

Dr. Tulley-Cordova, Ph.D. in Geology, Master’s of Water Resources, and B.S. in Earth and Planetary Sciences, University of New Mexico.

**Accomplishments**: Research focused on using historical records and isotope geochemistry to understand water resources of the Navajo Nation and susceptibility to climate land use change. She participates as a technical expert in water rights meetings with tribal, city, state, and federal government. EPA STAR Fellow; interned at Los Alamos National Lab and Lawrence Livermore National lab.
**Lani Tsinnajinnie, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor  
University of New Mexico Community and  
Regional Planning Department, specialization in  
Water Resources, Albuquerque, NM. [GEO]

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**Accomplishments:** Earned Dual Bachelor’s degrees from University of New Mexico: B.S degree, Environmental Science, and B.A. (with Honors) in Native American Studies; earned Masters in Water Resources from University of New Mexico Planetary Sciences at University of New Mexico in 2012; Ph.D. in Hydrology, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

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**Cherie DeVore,** Researcher at University of New Mexico Center for Native American Environmental Health Equity Research of New Mexico. She will earn the Ph.D. in May, 2020 in Environmental Engineering, UNM. [GEO]

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**Accomplishments:** Cheri works with Native American communities to better understand chemical and microbiological redox processes impacting metal stability and mobilization from mine waste solids to surface waters, soils, and plants. She states, “Approximately less than 0.3% of STEM graduate degrees are earned by Native Americans. I am motivated to do more to integrate Native American perspectives in the larger scientific body of knowledge.”

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**Alexander Nereson, Ph.D.,** GIS Analyst and Instructor, Research Scientist, Geologist, Santa Cruz, CA. [GEO]

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**Accomplishments:** Dr. Nereson received a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, in Earth and Planetary Sciences. He earned the M.S. degree in Earth and Planetary Sciences at University of New Mexico; and the B.A. in Geology from Macalester College. He has authored five publications. He has almost 10 years of experience applying GIS, remote sensing, and field work to geological problems in academic and industry settings.

**Akinbayowa (Bayo) Falase,** works as TD Process Engineer for Intel Corporation in Beaverton, Oregon. [ENG]

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**Accomplishments:** Dr. Falase participated in the NM AMP Bridge to the Cohort VI; earned the Ph.D. in Chemical and Nuclear Engineering in 2011 and the B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 2005, both degrees from University of New Mexico. He had a research emphasis in finding a pathway to completely oxidize ethylene glycol and glycerol, using a combination of inorganic and organic catalysts; worked with Intel in Leixlip, Ireland, where he served as a Seed engineer.
Jose Solis, Water Resources Professional III at the Office of the State Engineering Hydrology Bureau in Santa Fe, NM. [ENG]

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Dr. Solis earned the B.S. and M.S. from New Mexico State University and the Ph.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder in Water Resources Engineering.

Accomplishments: Serves as Lead Technical Expert conducting hydrologic assessments to support water rights administration, interstate stream compact compliance, subdivision review and other agency water management and planning. In graduate school, Jose worked as a Graduate Mentor for undergraduate students participating in the Summer Multicultural Access to Research Training (SMART). In undergraduate school, he participated in NMSU’s NM AMP SCSCORE and URS programs.

Daniel Archuleta, J.D., Attorney-at-Law, Partner, Troutman Sanders, LLP, Washington, D.C. and B.S. in Civil Engineering at New Mexico State University. [ENG]

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Daniel Archuleta joined the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity as a Fellow.

Accomplishments: Mr. Archuleta represents clients in the energy industry, with a particular focus on regulation/competition issues. He represents natural gas pipelines, local distribution companies, electric utilities, energy traders, and transmission companies before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and state public utility commissions, including in administrative proceedings. He does Pro Bono work with Kids in Need of Defense, the Tahirih Justice Center (human rights) and Gifts for the Homeless organization.

Zachary Hendren, Research Environmental Engineer, RTI International, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. [ENG]

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Dr. Hendren earned the Ph.D. from Duke University, and the M.S. and B.S. from New Mexico State University.

Accomplishments: Holds a Provisional Patent entitled “Electrically Conductive Membrane Assembly and Related Systems and Methods; awarded funding for four grants from the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense, the WaterReUse Foundation, National Science Foundation, the Office Naval Research, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, spanning a wide spectrum of technologies and end-user population sizes and contaminants of concern. This work has resulted in numerous publications, presentations, and technical reports for users.

Ben Rael, Ph.D., Intel Corporation, Process Engineering, 2016-Present, Alb., NM. [ENG]

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Ben Rael, University of New Mexico Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Mechanical Engineering; LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

Accomplishments: B.S. in Physics, University of New Mexico; Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, University of New Mexico, 2016. Authored publications; Fulbright Alternate, in which he performed discrete element modeling in Nantes, France in Exchange Program; Study Abroad Award Diversity Programs, School of Engineering, University of New Mexico; 2nd Place award for Best Graduate Student Paper in the 2011 American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Gulf-Southwest Conference, TX, and awarded NSF IGERT Fellowship.
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Anthony Torres, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Concrete Management Industry, Texas State University. [ENG]

Anthony Torres has authored three publications and developed five courses.

Accomplishments: B.S. degree in Civil Engineering, New Mexico State University; M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, Civil Engineering, University of New Mexico. Worked as a Materials Engineer at Applied Technology Associates (ATA); Space Scholar, Materials Engineer, Air Force Research Lab.; Structural Engineering Intern, Chavez-Grieves Consulting Engineers, Inc.; Engineering Intern, NM Office of the State Engineer. Dr. Torres has served as a Graduate Research Assistant and Instructor at UNM.

Angelica Benavidez Sanchez, Ph.D. is a Research Assistant Professor at University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. [ENG]

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Dr. Benavidez is a former NSF Graduate Research Fellow Program recipient and a LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate participant in Chemical Engineering/ Nanomaterials at the University of New Mexico.

Accomplishments: Dr. Benavidez earned the B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of New Mexico in 2009. One highlight of her graduate studies was the opportunity to attend the Fifth San Luis Symposium on Surfaces, Interfaces, and Catalysis Conference in September, 2010 in San Palo, Brazil with Jon Paiz, Bridge to the Doctorate VIII participant, also from the University of New Mexico. The event was part of a series of symposia targeted to unite Latin American and U.S. scientists in the area of surface science.

Shakti Davis, Ph.D., Technical Staff,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Lincoln Laboratory, Boston, MA. [ENG]

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Shakti Davis was named Most Promising Engineer at a U.S. Black Engineer of the Year Award Conference in 2010.

Accomplishments: B.S. degree, New Mexico State University (1999); Ph.D., University of Wisconsin in Electrical and Computer Engineering (2006); received a U.S. patent for microwave-based examination of medical conditions using hypothesis testing; was a National Institutes of Health Post-Doctoral Fellow, Graduate Engineering Research Scholar, AT&T Laboratories Fellow; and recipient of IBM Almaden Research Internship Award. She authored, “Breast Tumor Characterization based on Ultra-Wideband Microwave Backscatter”.

Antonio Rivera, Ph.D., Yield Engineer, Intel,
Hillsboro, OR. [ENG]

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President of the American Physics Society and former Senior Scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge TN.

Accomplishments: Ph.D. degree recipient in Nanoscience and Microsystems from the University of New Mexico. 10 First Author publications in journals and proceedings; one patent earned for Thermal Neutron detection method; and 42 publications as First Author or Co-author. NSF MAINST NMCR Research Scholar; Minority Graduate Education at Mountain States Alliance Research Scholar; NM AMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow; Integrating Nanotechnology with Cell Biology and Neuroscience/ Integrative Graduate and Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT).
Matthew Rush, Post-Doc at Northern Arizona University. [ENG]

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Dr. Rush was a Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow at the University of New Mexico. Dr. Rush has authored 11 Publications.

Accomplishments: B.S., New Mexico Tech, Mechanical Engineering; M.S. in Nanoscience and Microsystems Engineering, University of New Mexico. Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico Nanoscience & Microsystems Engineering. Former Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. Graduate Research Asst. in Center of Integrated Nano Technologies at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Received the Brian Colon Exemplary Service Award; was Graduate Student Commencement Speaker for College of Engineering; awarded Distinguished Leader of the Year Award, (Photo: Top Center, pointing.)


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Theodore Mansfield served as Data Fellow at the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.

Accomplishments: Dr. Mansfield earned a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Engineering in at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. He earned the M.S. in City and Regional Planning and in Environmental Sciences and Engineering. He earned the B.S. in Civil Engineering with a math minor. He published four articles. He was awarded the Doctoral Completion Fellowship, authored an article selected for media outreach by the Society for Risk Analysis, including the Boston Globe and Wall Street Journal.

Chris Torres, Ph.D. In process in Chemical Engineering (Ph.D. anticipated in May 2023) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was an outstanding NM AMP SCCORE, URS, and Transfer Stipend participant. [ENG]

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Recent recipient of the Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship and currently has five publications.

Accomplishments: Christopher Torres has a B.S., in Chemical Engineering with a Minor in Mathematics and Chemistry in from the University of New Mexico. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program; GEM Associate Fellow; Sloan Scholar, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation’s Minority Ph.D. Program; University of Illinois Graduate College Fellow; University of Illinois Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering- Samuel W. Parr Fellow; and named NM-S-STEM NSF Scholar.

Steven P. Sandoval, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Klipsch School of Electrical Engineering, New Mexico State University. [ENG]

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Dr. Sandoval has authored 25 publications, including 12 publications as First Author.

Accomplishments: Dr. Sandoval earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from New Mexico State University; earned the Ph.D. from Arizona State University. Dr. Sandoval was an R.A. in the Electrical Engineering Department and worked on advance technologies in speech processing. Sandoval’s research resulted in a speech coding patent and a published journal paper. Dr. Sandoval participated in NM AMP’s Undergraduate Research Scholars (URS) program and was a recipient of the New Mexico Space Grant Fellowship.
Accomplishments: Dr. Hardin received the Ph.D. from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado in Electrical Engineering (2015), an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from New Mexico State University (2010), and B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics from New Mexico State University (2007). He served as a Graduate R.A. at Colorado State University and as a Graduate R.A. at New Mexico State University. Dr. Hardin was a NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholar at New Mexico State University and presented at the NM AMP 2005 Student Research Conference.

Accomplishments: Dr. Ibarra’s research for New Mexico Alliance for Minority Interests include electromagnetics, energy-harvesting, and mixed-signal integrated circuits. He joined Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2017 after working in industry and pursuing his Ph.D. part-time. Dr. Ibarra has two publications, including one publication as First Author. Dr. Ibarra participated in the Undergraduate Research Scholars program at New Mexico State University.

Accomplishments: Dr. Jerrad Auxier earned the A.A.S. from Northern New Mexico College, B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He served as the Vice Chair of the American Nuclear Society, the President of the Student Chapter of the American Nuclear Society; was awarded Best Ambassador for the Dept. of Nuclear/Radiological Engineering. He participated in NM AMP-supported research at Northern New Mexico College.

Accomplishments: Dr. Marcak has worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard for four years, with the position of Lead Industrial Engineer since July 2018 to the present. Dr. Marcak was awarded the 2009-10 Intel Minority Scholarship. He participated in the New Mexico State University NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholars and presented at several AMP Student Research Conferences as well as national conferences.
**Johnathan Paiz, Ph.D.** Commercial Specialist, Inorganics at Sasol. [ENG]

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Dr. Paiz worked in the area of Chemical Engineering in the Ph.D. and the M.S programs in Heterogeneous Catalysis, Nanoscience and Microsystems.

Accomplishments: Dr. Paiz earned the Ph.D., with a Minor in Nano Science and Microsystems Engineering and the B.S. from the University of New Mexico in Chemical Engineering with a second major of Spanish. He attended Universidad de Guadalajara in an Engineering Semester Exchange Program and also attended the LeRoy Winter School on Electron Microscopy. Johnathan participated in the NM AMP University of New Mexico Bridge to the Doctorate Program.

**Jessica Perea Houston, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering New Mexico State University (NMSU). [ENG]

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Dr. Houston was selected for the National Science Foundation CAREER Award. She has authored 24 publications.

Accomplishments: Dr. Houston was an LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate recipient at Texas A&M. She was selected for the Director’s Post-doctoral Fellow at Los Alamos National Laboratory; received the Faculty Fulbright Fellowship; NMSU Early Career Award, the NMSU Outstanding Junior Faculty Award by the Hispanic Faculty/Staff Caucus; was selected as the International Society for Advancement of Cytometry Scholar. Earned B.S., NMSU; M.S. and Ph.D., Texas A&M. Participated in NM AMP in undergraduate years.

**Marco Dunwell, Ph.D.** Chemical Engineering; teaches at Lincoln High School in Newark, NJ. [ENG] Authored 23 publications.

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Dr. Dunwell was mentored by University of Delaware Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Dr. Bingjun Xu, who remarked that Dunwell was an extraordinary mentee who followed his passion to teach at-risk students, although he received other more prestigious offers.

Accomplishments: Dr. Dunwell made the decision to teach at-risk high school students because of his passion to help underrepresented students and to give back what he had been given. He holds a B.S., Chemical Engineering, NMSU, and Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, University of Delaware. Dr. Dunwell interned as an undergraduate at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**Jose “Leo” Bañuelos, Ph.D.,** Professor of Physics University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Has authored over 20 publications. [MPS]

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Dr. Bañuelos did his Post-Doctoral work at the Geochemistry and Interfacial Sciences Group in the Chemical Sciences Division of Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Accomplishments: Former Bridge to the Doctorate Cohort II participant; Post- doctoral work at Oak Ridge Laboratory; Larmor Instrument Specialist at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in the UK where he was employed for several years before returning to the U.S. to work as Professor of Physics at UTEP. B.S. and Ph.D. from NMSU.
John. D. Auxier, II, Ph.D., MRSC, New Mexico.
Actinide Analytical Chemist, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) New Mexico. [MPS]

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Author over 28 publications, five patents under review/patent-pending.

Accomplishments: earned A.A.S., Northern New Mexico College; B.S. in Chemistry, Adams State College; and Ph.D., Inorganic and Nuclear Chemistry, U of Tennessee, Knoxville. Awarded the 2019 LANL Chemistry Division Award, the Research Excellence Award for UTK Nuclear Engineering Department in 2016 and 2018. Team Leader, Actinide Analytical Chemistry, LANL; Joint Professor in the Mechanical, Aerospace/ Biomolecular Dept. at UTK. National Security Complex; Guest Scientist at LANL; Guest Scientist at Oak Ridge.


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Dr. Nieto served as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the University at Pennsylvania and a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Drexel University.

Accomplishments: Dr. Nieto earned the B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Texas at El Paso in 2002 and the Ph.D. in Chemistry from New Mexico State University in 2009. He was a participant in the Bridge to the Doctorate II program, and he was the recipient of an Alfred P. Sloan Neurobiology in 2014, the M.S. in Fellowship and a National Institutes of Health Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Fellowship.

Belin Tsinnajinnie, Associate Professor and Co-Chair of Mathematics, Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, NM. [MPS]

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Belin Tsinnajinnie served as Assistant Professor at the Institute of American Indian Arts for 8 years.

Accomplishments: Received the B.S. degree in Distributed Mathematics in 2004 from the University of New Mexico, where he participated in NM AMP; he received the M.S. in Mathematics from the University of Arizona in 2006, and the Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Arizona in 2018. He served as a Graduate Research Assistant at the University of Arizona for two years.

Rose Perea, Ph.D. Post-Doc Researcher at National Research Council/National Academics of Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine, Nashville, Tennessee. [MPS]

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Dr. Perea is a former NM AMP Bridge to the Doctorate V participant as well as the Fisk-Vanderbilt Ph.D. Bridge Program.

Accomplishments: Rose Chavarria Perea, former Bridge to the Doctorate participant, earned the B.S. Degree in Engineering in 2007, and the M.S. in Physics in 2010, both from New Mexico State University. She was in the Fisk-Vanderbilt Masters-to-Ph.D. Bridge program at Fisk University to Vanderbilt University, both in Nashville, TN and earned a Master's in Physics from Fisk University then progressed to earn the Ph.D. from Vanderbilt. She was a CRESST Summer Intern at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.
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**Danielle Miranda**, Research Protocol Specialist, Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ. [OTH]

Earned the B.S. in Microbiology from New Mexico State University and awarded the Ph.D. in Translational Science at Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, AZ.

**Accomplishments:**
Currently works in the Clinical Studies Unit at Mayo Clinic and is involved in multiple clinical studies and also assists physicians with development of their clinical protocols. Former accomplishments: participated in the NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholars program and the Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SCCORE); interned at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

**Victoria Carpenter** earned the Ph.D. from Duke University in the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina area. [OTH]

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**Accomplishments:**
Victoria Carpenter is working on the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree, anticipating a graduation date of 2021 from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

**Chelsea Rodriguez**, Pharm D. M.B.A.; Pharmacy Resident, University of New Mexico Hospitals, Albuquerque, NM. [OTH]

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**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Rodriguez received the B.S. degree in Biology from the New Mexico State University and participated as a URS Scholar working with mentor Dr. Giancario Lopez-Martinez, Assist. Prof. in the Dept. of Biology. Dr. Rodriguez is a member of ASHP (Pharmacists Advancing Healthcare), which represents pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians who serve as patient care providers in acute and ambulatory settings.

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**Alicia Arguelles Gardner**, Pharm-D, ED Pharmacist, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Rio Rancho, NM. [OTH]

**Accomplishments:**
Alicia Arguelles received the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) in 2013 from the University of New Mexico Pharmacy School; she was a Bridge to the Doctorate V student at New Mexico State University for the Master’s program in Biology, and she earned the B.S. in Biology from University of New Mexico.

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**Accomplishments:**
Currently employed with Presbyterian Healthcare Services. After she earned the PharmD, Dr. Arguelles-Gardner worked as a Pharmacy Intern at Cardinal Health, at Lovelace Westside Hospital as a Pharmacy Intern/Pharmacist, then a Pharmacist for Lovelace Heath System and Walmart.

**Dr. Carpenter** was an R.A. at Duke University where she studied Cellular and Molecular biology. Dr. Carpenter was formerly a NM AMP URS Scholar and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Scholar. Dr. Immo Hansen, Professor of Biology at NMSU was her research mentor. She wrote two published articles and presented at two international scientific conferences from her work on yellow-fever mosquitoes.
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Jaminelli Banks, Doctor of Podiatry Medicine, Research Fellow at Phoenix VA Healthcare System, Phoenix AZ. [OTH]

Dr. Banks participated in an internship at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for two years prior to entering the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine in Pennsylvania. Dr. Banks research was published in *Molecular Pharmacology and the National Ronald E. McNair Journal*. Dr. Banks was in NM AMP research program and attended the NM AMP Conference and won First Place for her Oral Presentation. She presented 30 times at various national conferences on her research.

Melanie C. Baca, M.D., Asst. Prof. in the Dept. of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico (UNM). [OTH]

Dr. Baca completed a residency in Family Medicine at UNM in then went on to complete an Adolescent Medicine Fellowship at UNM.

Dr. Baca earned a B.S. in Biology, with a Chemistry Minor, graduating Summa Cum Laude from the University of NM.

Accomplishments: Dr. Baca participated in the NM AMP Undergraduate Research Assistant’s (URA) program and presented at the NM AMP Research Conferences. Currently, Dr. Baca sees patients at the Atrisco Heritage Center for Family and Community Health. She is part of a multi-disciplinary research group conducting a five-year research study entitled “Prevention of Teen Pregnancy through Screening and Brief Intervention in Primary Care.” Dr. Baca has a Board Certification in Family Medicine.

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Serina R. Padilla, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, General Pediatrics, at the University of Kansas. [OTH]

Dr. Padilla earned the B.S. in Microbiology in 2007 from NMSU. Dr. Padilla participated in the NM AMP Undergraduate Research Assistant’s (URA) program and presented at the NM AMP Research Conferences.

Accomplishments: Listed as First Author on a valuable and significant publication: “Kansas Provider Report of Adolescent Vaccinations in Their Practice.” This article focuses on Kansas’ pattern of falling below average for adolescent vaccination of meningococcal, human papillomavirus, and influenza. For this study, the members of Kansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics were administered a confidential electronic survey soliciting their impressions of vaccination in their practice. Dr. Padilla analyzed and reported on the results, which is helping with awareness of the issue.

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Marissa N. Martinez Meissner, M.D.
Rheumatologist affiliate with Geisinger Medical Center and Geisinger-Bloomsburg Hospital, Danville, PA. [OTH]

Dr. Meissner graduated from the University of Texas School of Medicine in San Antonio, TX.

Accomplishments: Dr. Meissner earned the B.S. in Microbiology in 2007 from New Mexico State University. She was a NM AMP Undergraduate Research Assistant (URA). Medical Certifications: Rheumatology and Internal Medicine from the American Board of Internal Medicine. She has been in the medical specialization area of Rheumatology for over nine years.
Gizelka David-West, M.D., Employed at Westchester Medical Center, NY, where she practices gynecologic oncology and obstetrics. [OTH]

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Dr. David-West graduated Summa Cum Laude from Eastern New Mexico University with a B.S. degree in Biology and a Minor in Chemistry. She earned the Medical Degree at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Accomplishments: Dr. David-West completed an internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York. She participated in an internship from New York University Langone Medical Center, New York, where she obtained certification as a robotic surgeon. She has authored ten publications. Participated in the NMSU NM AMP Undergraduate Research Program.

Kelly Upshaw-Bia, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Navajo Nation Veterinary and Livestock Program at Tse Bonito Clinic [OTH]

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Dr. Upshaw-Bia received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) from the Colorado State University Biomedical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine in 2005.

Accomplishments: Dr. Upshaw-Bia received the B.S. degree in Biology & General Studies in 2001 from Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM. Dr. Upshaw-Bia served as a Student Intern at the USDA-APHIS-VS in Fort Collins from 2004-2005 while completing the DVM from Colorado State University. The clinic at which Dr. Upshaw-Bia is employed is part of the Navajo Nation Veterinary Program, established in 1982 to provide low cost, quality veterinary services to the Navajo People.

Nikki Rendon, Ph.D. Senior Medical Writer at Avant Healthcare in Evanston, Illinois. [OTH]

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Dr. Rendon received the Ph.D. in Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior, with an area Certificate in Animal Behavior. [OTH]

Accomplishments: Dr. Rendon earned the B.S. in Biology, with a Minor in Chemistry from Northern New Mexico College and the M.S. in Biology and Psychology. Dr. Rendon was employed as a Medical Writer at Avant Healthcare in Chicago, Illinois, then as a Biological Researcher at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. She worked as a Business Strategist for Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, and as an Asst. Instructor at Indiana University—Bloomington. Dr. Rendon participated in the NM AMP URS Program as an undergrad.

Christella Anne Lovato, Pharm D, employed at CVS Pharmacy as Staff Pharmacist, Holman, NM. [OTH]

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Dr. Lovato received the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD.) Nuclear Pharmacy in 2018 from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Accomplishments: Dr. Lovato earned the B.S. degree in Biology in 2012 from Northern New Mexico College in Española, NM. At Northern New Mexico College, she participated in the NM AMP Undergraduate Research Scholars program. At Purdue, she was a member of the Society of Nuclear Pharmacy and the Purdue Student Chapter (2012-Current), as well as a member of the Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International.
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Ryan Watley, Ph.D. - Organic Chemistry – University of Oklahoma
(Oklahoma). LSAMP (University of Oklahoma)

CEO of Go Forward Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff, AR [MPS]

Accomplishments: Dr. Watley holds a doctoral degree in organic chemistry from the University of Oklahoma where he designed and synthesized novel drugs for cancer. Published in high impact journals and he was awarded a United States patent for his drug development methodology. He has lead citywide efforts to promote UAPB.

Kara Chapman-Kaney, Ph.D. – Applied Physics – Texas A&M University
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (East Central University)

Process Engineer, Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, OR [MPS]

Accomplishments: During her time at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, Dr. Kanedy worked using scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) to perform nanoscale analysis of semiconductor materials. Currently she is working as a Process Engineer.
Environmental Specialist and Data Analyst, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma City, OK. [A]

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Joseph Dyer studied Fisheries Conservation and received a BS in Life Science from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and his Ph.D. in Natural Resources Management from Oklahoma State University as a BD Fellow. Dr. Dyer was a Robert L. Lochmiller II Endowed Fellow and has seven publications.

Tomica Blocker, Ph.D. and MD - Zoology - Oklahoma State University and University of Kansas Medical Center

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Langston University)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Blocker received her BS from Langston University, Ph.D. in Zoology, from OSU, where she was an OK-LSAMP BD Fellow, then an NSF Graduate Research Fellow (GRFP). She returned home to Kansas to complete an MD at the University of Kansas. She has three publications, two were selected for highlight by ScienceDirect and National Geographic.

Donita Boan (Kennedy), DO – Osteopathic Medicine – Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (East Central University)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Boan received a BS in Physics from East Central University. She completed he requirements for a Doctor of Osteopathic medicine OSU Center for Health Sciences and is currently an anesthesiologist in Joplin, Missouri.

Brandon “Bubba” Brooks, Ph.D. - Plant & Microbial Biology - University of California Berkley

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**Accomplishments:**
As an NSF GRFP fellow and UC Berkley Chancellor’s Fellow Dr. Brooks acquired his PhD from UC Berkeley. He studies microbes in the built environment and how they affect the human microbiome, or the microbes living on and in people. He is currently working with Prescient Metabiomics, focusing on developing non-invasive microbiome test for detection of colon polyps and colorectal cancer. He has over 15 peer reviewed journal publications.
Nicole Bryant (Parker), Ph.D. - Plant Sciences - Oklahoma State University

Accomplishments:
As a Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow Dr. Bryant received her Ph.D. in Plant Sciences. She is currently a faculty member in the Department of Plant Biology, Ecology and Evolution at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Bryant has three publications.

Sidney “Sid” Carter, Ph.D. – Developmental Biology/Genetics - Stockholm University

Accomplishments:
Dr. Carter received his PhD in Developmental Biology/Genetics in Stockholm University. After a Postdoctoral fellowship in Karolinska Medical Institute he has been in Massachusetts General Hospital where he has continued his research and has five publications.

Ana Chicas-Mosier, Ph.D. - Integrative Biology – Oklahoma State University

Accomplishments:
Dr. Chicas-Mosier has mentored numerous undergraduate students, served as Graduate Society for Interdisciplinary Toxicology President for 2 years, presented at 32 scientific conferences including 12 national and 2 international, 5 invited speaker presentations, recipient of over $250,000 in grants and awards, and 9 years of broader impacts experience focused on under-representation in STEM fields. She has seven publications.

Steven Harris, Ph.D. - Biochemistry – University of Oklahoma

Accomplishments:
Dr. Steven Harris received his BS in Chemistry from Langston University and completed his Biochemistry PhD as a BD Fellow from the OU and was a Fellow in University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in the Seeding Postdoctoral Innovators in Research Education (SPRIE) program. He is currently a Faculty member in University of Florida.
Jadith Ziegler, Ph.D. - Cell Biology - University of Oklahoma Health Sciences

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Cameron University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Jadith A. Ziegler is from sunny California. She attended Cameron University in Oklahoma and studied Cell Biology. For her Ph.D., Jadith attended the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to study biomedical sciences. Her research focused on Glioblastomas, brain tumors, in the Pathology department. Jadith now is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at OUHSC/Dean McGee Eye Institute and studies corneal stem cells. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Biology at the Oklahoma City Community College.

Jorge Lightfoot, Ph.D. - Microbiology and Molecular Genetics - Oklahoma State University

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Jorge Lightfoot Jorge Lightfoot graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a degree in Biology. He received his MS and PhD from Oklahoma State University. His project focused on creating a novel RNA interference mechanism to metabolically engineer the fungal cell factory Aspergillus nidulans. Dr. Lightfoot has three publications.

Jacob Manjarrez, Ph.D. - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology - Oklahoma State University

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Jacob Manjarrez received his BS and PhD from Oklahoma State University in Biochemistry and Molecular biology as part of the first Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship at OSU. He is now an Associate Researcher for the University of Tulsa in the Computational Neuroscience and Adaptive Systems Lab. He has nine publications.

Josh McLoud, Ph.D. - Biological Sciences - University of Tulsa

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (University of Tulsa)

**Accomplishments:** Dr. McLoud was awarded an NSF GRFP Fellowship for his PhD. He was a graduate student mentor in the Science Scholars – Native American Path, SACNAS. A Chapman Scholar – Distinguished PhD Students Research Assistantship, University of Tulsa, Dissertation Scholar – Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), institutionally funded scholar and has nine publications.
Abigail Ntreh, Ph.D. – Chemistry - University of Oklahoma
(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Southwestern Oklahoma State University)

Associate Professor of Chemistry at Collin College McKinney, TX. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
As a Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow Dr. Ntreh acquired her PhD in 2016 from the University of Oklahoma. She is currently an Associate professor of Chemistry at Collin College. Currently, she is continuing investigations on the recently discovered triclosan-specific efflux pump TriABC-OpmH of Pseudomonas aeruginosa. Dr. Ntreh was awarded the Lloyd E. Swearingen Award and has four publications.

Elizabeth Saladin, M.D. - College of Medicine - Howard University College of Medicine.
(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Southwestern Oklahoma State University)

Physician Family Medicine, Little Axe Health Center, Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System Norman, OK. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Elizabeth Saladin received her BS in Biological Sciences from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She obtained her MD from Howard University College of Medicine, then returned to Oklahoma to practice medicine and serve her tribal community as part of the Absentee Shawnee tribal health system.

Lila Peal, Ph.D. - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Oklahoma State University
(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Langston University)

Associate Professor of Chemistry, Langston University, Langston, OK [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Peal acquired her PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Oklahoma State University as part of the first Bridge to the Doctorate program. She then went to be a faculty member at Cameron University and has currently returned to her alma mater Langston University as an Associate Professor of Chemistry.

David Supeck, D.O. /Ph.D. - DO – Osteopathic Medicine – Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Southwestern Oklahoma State University)

Resident Physician, St. John Medical Center, Tulsa, OK. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Supeck finalized his DO/PhD studies and is a Resident Physician in St. John Medical Center in Tulsa. Dr. Supeck was awarded the National Institutes of Health Intramural Research Training Award, Alfred P Sloan Foundation Scholar, National Science Foundation BD Fellowship, SACNAS Board of Directors Student Member Nominee and was a graduate student mentor in the Science Scholars – Native American Path, SACNAS.
Accomplishments: Dr. Valdez received her PhD from Harvard University and was named Assistant Director for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at Harvard University. Currently, she serves as the inaugural Director of the Ronald E. McNair Postbacalaureate Achievement Program at Wellesley College, which provides academic and professional support to first generation, low income, and students of color on their path to STEM graduate education.

Cammi Valdez, Ph.D. - Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology - Harvard University
Director, McNair Scholars Program & Faculty Member, Biological Sciences Wellesley College, MA [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Wilkins is the Chief Operating Officer at Family and Children’s Services - Women in Recovery and Chief Technology Officer at Ambre Health. There he oversees the development and commercial implementation of Ambre Health’s predictive analytic software technologies. He leads the technical development and explores relevant hidden patterns in large data sets through nonlinear data analysis techniques and deep-learning machine learning processes.

Brek Wilkins, Ph.D. - Biomedical Sciences - Cardiovascular Physiology/Nonlinear Dynamics - Oklahoma State University
Chief Operating Officer at Family and Children’s Services, Tulsa, OK [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Wright completed her MS degree in Microbiology as part of the first BD Cohort in Oklahoma State University. She acquired her Doctorate in Pharmacology from the University of Oklahoma. She currently practices as a CVS Pharmacist in her home state of Louisiana.

Cristee Wright, Pharm.D. - Pharmacology - University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
Pharmacist, CVS, Shreveport, LA [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Brown completed his PhD in Educational Technology in Oklahoma State University. He currently uses his experience as a research consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the Information Technology and services industry. Skilled in Data Analytics, Microsoft Excel, and Computer Technology, he has published three peer reviewed journal articles.

Wilmon Brown III, Ph.D. - Educational Technology - Oklahoma State University
Senior Consultant, Desiree Brown Consulting, OKC, OK [EDU]
Kristen (Enyart) Young, Pharm.D. - Pharmacology - University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

(Oklahoma) OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

Clinical Pharmacist, Indian Health Services Claremore, OK [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Young completed BS Microbiology and Cell & Molecular Biology from Oklahoma State University. She acquired her Doctorate in Pharmacology from the University of Oklahoma. She is a Clinical Pharmacist currently practicing in a pharmacist managed ambulatory care clinics (CHF, Cardiovascular Risk Reduction, Hepatitis C and Anticoagulation) along with inpatient and outpatient clinical pharmacy duties.

Linzi (Thompson) Bhatta, MS - Environmental Engineering - Stanford University

(Oklahoma) OK-LSAMP (East Central University)

Environmental Specialist/Field Chemist, Stericycle, Dallas, TX [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Ms. Linzi Bhatta completed her two BS degrees in Chemistry and Environmental Health Science from ECU. As an environmental health intern with the Southeast Alaska Native Health Consortium, she worked in conjunction with the Indian Health Services to promote health for Alaskan natives. In 2018 she completed her MS in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University.

Shane Morrison, Ph.D. - Environmental Toxicology - Oklahoma State University

(Oklahoma) OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

Senior Toxicologist, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Lansing, MI [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Morrison is a toxicologist. His current involvement includes vapor intrusion, site specific evaluations, and criteria development. His research lead to collaboration on projects linking environmental fate, exposure, and effects of pesticides, personal care products, munitions constituents and trace metals within several risk assessment frameworks. Through the process of authoring and co-authoring 11 peer-reviewed research articles, he has advanced his skills as a chemist, toxicologist, biologist/ecologist, and mathematician.

Lydia Meador, Ph.D. - Biological Design - Arizona State University

(Oklahoma)OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

Postdoctoral Researcher at University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix, AZ [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Meador is an immunologist with interests in infectious diseases and vaccines. She developed and tested an HIV vaccine for her doctoral studies using plant-produced HIV virus-like particles and attenuated, virus vectors. Currently, she studies skin cancer immunology with a focus on CD4 T cells and regulatory T cells.
**Brett Cowan, Ph.D. - Civil Engineering - Oklahoma State University**

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**Director, Engineering at Explorer Pipeline, Tulsa, OK [ENG]**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Cowan spent approximately 15 years in the civil and construction management industry before joining Explorer Pipeline. Brett joined Explorer Pipeline as a project engineer, and has been providing expertise in construction management to the Project Engineering team within Explorer Pipeline. He has moved up the ranks as Supervisor, Project Engineering and Manager, Project Engineering and currently serves as Director.

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**Cara Cowan-Watts, Ph.D. - Bio Systems Engineering - Oklahoma State University**

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**CEO, Tulsa Pier Drilling, Tulsa, OK [ENG]**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Cara Cowan-Watts was Awarded Charles Chibitty Family Community Award by the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission; selected to represent the Cherokee Nation on the Oklahoma Water Resources Board EPA-funded Technical Advisory Group; selected for the 2010 Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women Helen Cupcho Award as the ‘Outstanding American Indian elected official’ who promotes and is committed to the advancement of American Indians across Oklahoma and selected for the 2010 Oklahoma Magazine 40 under 40 representing a diverse group of young professionals who are moving up and giving back.

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**Zach Dunn, Ph.D. - Electrical and Computer Engineering - University of Oklahoma**

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (University of Oklahoma)

**Engineer, Raytheon, Dallas, TX [ENG]**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Dunn completed his PhD in Electrical Engineering as a BD Fellow at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Dunn has seven publications and is currently employed with Raytheon in Dallas, Texas.

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**Paul De La Cerda, MBA - Business Administration - University of Oklahoma**

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**Dean of Academic Affairs, East Los Angeles College, Los Angeles, CA [ENG]**

**Accomplishments:**

Paul De La Cerda is current Dean of Academic Affairs in ELA College and is pursuing a doctorate in Education: Organizational Change and Leadership, intended to complete Dec 2020. Mr. De La Cerda Launched the first incubator of its kind for minorities and women. Has been a Saugus Union School District Board Member for 15 years, was named 2019 NCCHC Fellow and has five publications.
Jacob Henderson, Ph.D. - Engineering - University of Oklahoma

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (University of Oklahoma)

Director of Engineering, Simergent, OKC, OK [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Henderson completed his PhD in Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. He has published three articles and is currently the Director of Engineering at Simergent in Oklahoma City, OK, a company that develops automated peritoneal dialysis devices for the US and beyond.

Quintin Hughes, Ph.D. - Industrial Engineering - University of Oklahoma

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Langston University)

Site Facilitator, GEAR UP for the PROMISE, OKC, OK [ENG]

Accomplishments: Dr. Quintin Hughes has served the K20 Center as a GEAR UP for the PROMISE site facilitator with Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) since 2012. Dr. Hughes works with the faculty and students of Douglass Mid-High and Northeast Academy, helping them implement GEAR UP for the PROMISE services.

Cody Pinkerman, Ph.D. - Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering - Oklahoma State University

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

Senior Systems Engineer, Lockheed Martin, Dallas, TX [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Pinkerman completed his PhD in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering as a BD Fellow from Oklahoma State University. He proposed a research endeavor to determine feasibility of avian based theory for detecting thermal updrafts; developed ground based sensor network to record changes in air properties (temperature, static pressure, relative humidity, wind speed and direction) and designed visual interface to display ground sensor data and store results locally.

Steven “Brett” Walker, Ph.D. - Mechanical Engineering - University of Illinois

(Oklahoma). OK-LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

CEO, Electroninks, Austin, TX [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Brett Walker obtained his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from University of Illinois. He has six publications. In 2015 he was recognized as one of Forbes 30 under 30. Dr. Walker is Co-founder and CEO of Electroninks, a company that is revolutionizing the way electronics is taught in school. They created Circuit Scribe - a pen that will write conductive ink.
Daniel H. Wilson, Ph.D. - Robotics – Carnegie Mellon University
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (Tulsa University)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Wilson earned a Ph.D. in Robotics from Carnegie Mellon University, and Master’s degrees in Machine Learning and Robotics. He has published over a dozen scientific papers and holds four patents. He is a contributing editor to Popular Mechanics magazine and the author of numerous science fiction books including several whose movie rights have been purchased. He has had his own TV show, The Works, and is working on a project for Nickelodeon. He is the author of the New York Times bestselling *Robopocalypse* and its sequel *Robogenesis*, *How to Survive a Robot Uprising*, *The Clockwork Dynasty* and *Amped*.

Lauren Miller-Simkins, Ph.D. - Geology – University of California Santa Barbara
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (Oklahoma State University)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Miller-Simkins is a Geologist and studies the behavior of deglaciation from about 30,000 years ago to the present in order to help constrain models of future sea-level change. Some of her awards and honors include: Coastal Geological Society Scholarship Award; UCSB 2013-2014 NSF LSAMP BD, UCSB 2010-2012 and NASA Oklahoma Space Grant Fellowship. She has sixteen publications in peer reviewed journals. Currently she is an Assistant Professor in Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia.

BJ Bench, Ph.D. - Chemistry - Texas A&M University
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (Southeastern Oklahoma State University)

**Accomplishments:**
As an NSF BD fellow at Texas A&M University he acquired his Ph.D. in Chemistry. Dr. Bench’s responsibilities include direct oversight of all Tyson Foods’ poultry animal edible ingredients including rendered meals and fats, wet pet (ground chicken and hearts/livers), nutraceuticals, palatants, flavorings and animal feed blends. He was an NIH Minority Biomedical Research Fellow and was awarded the Fellowship of a NIH grant for the Chemistry/Biology Interface Training Program. He has eleven peer reviewed publications, a book chapter, and numerous presentation awards.

Eric Butson, Ph.D. – Chemistry – Oklahoma State University
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (Northeastern State University)

**Accomplishments:**
Dr. Butson is currently working on determining the mechanical and electronic properties of cobalt-doped zinc oxide, as a function of doping concentration, using density functional theory. He has four publications. Currently Dr. Butson is an adjunct faculty instructor at Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus, where he teaches general chemistry I and II, and at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, where he is teaching the physical chemistry lab.
Cortes Williams III, Ph.D. – Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering - University of Oklahoma

Research Scientist, Biomaterials. NAMRU-SA, San Antonio, TX [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Williams’s research interests throughout his graduate career included perfusion bioreactors for bone tissue and tumor engineering, computational fluid dynamic modeling, and biomaterial fabrication. Dr. Williams has three papers published in peer reviewed journals. He is a Research Scientist in Biomaterials at the Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio, one of the leading research and development laboratories of the U.S. Navy under the Department of Defense.

Heather Hannah, Ph.D. - Mathematics – University of Notre Dame

Assistant Professor of Math, East Central University, Ada, OK [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Heather was part of EDGE (Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education): A Mathematics Program for Women—sponsored in part by the National Science Foundation while at the University of Notre Dame. In 2007, she received her PhD and returned to ECU as an Assistant Professor. She is the advisor/mentor for the ECU Math Club as well as a McNair Mentor and a Project NExT (New Experiences in Teaching) Fellow sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). Dr. Heather has three peer reviewed publications.

Jeremy Harrison, M.D. – Duke University

Psychiatrist/ General Psychiatry, Addiction Greensboro, NC [MPS]

Accomplishments: Dr. Harrison received his BS degree in Physics from East Central University, his MS degree in psychology from Emory University and an M.D. from Duke University. Currently, Dr. Harrison is a practicing psychiatrist in North Carolina.

RaiAnna Arscott-Hopson, Ph.D. - Chemistry - Oklahoma State University

Associate Scientist, AMVAC Chemical Corporation, Mobile, AL [MPS]

Accomplishments: Dr. Arscott-Hopson is an active member of the American Chemical Society and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. She earned her PhD in chemistry at Oklahoma State University. During her time at OSU, she was an NSF BD Fellow and Skinner Fellow and was awarded the Walt Kolb Scholarship. She has published three research papers and has over 17 honors and awards. Dr. Arscott-Hopson was awarded the National Research Council Research Associateship, and she served as a fellow with the United States Air Force. She is currently employed as a scientist for a major agricultural company near Mobile, Alabama.
Ryan Johnson, Ph.D. - Chemistry - Louisiana State University
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (Langston University)

Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Johnson graduated last year from Louisiana State University and was welcomed to SWOSU as a new professor last August, 2019. He has three peer reviewed publications including *Highly active cationic cobalt (II) hydroformylation catalysts* published in Science.

Lorne D. Jordan, Ph.D. – Chemistry and Biochemistry – Kansas State University
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (University of Oklahoma)

Process Development Research Scientist. Ventria Bioscience, Junction City, KS

Accomplishments:
After receiving his Ph.D. from KSU Dr. Lorne Jordan became a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Kansas working in Dr. Lynn Hancock’s laboratory in the Department of Molecular Biosciences. He then joined Haskell Indian Nations University as an Adjunct Professor. Dr. Jordan has a total of five publications. Currently he works as a Process Development Research Scientist at Ventria Bioscience. Ventria Bioscience’s internal therapeutic pipeline is focused on safely improving clinical outcomes in infectious disease and inflammatory disease.

Jennifer McLoud-Mann, Ph.D. - Mathematics - University of Kansas
(Oklahoma). OK- LSAMP (East Central University)

Division Chair & Professor of Mathematics. UW Bothell, Bothell, WA [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Dr. McLoud joined the UW Bothell faculty in 2013 as a tenured associate professor. Prior to joining, she worked at the University of Texas at Tyler. At UT Tyler, she gained experience as a tenure-track faculty and served as the Associate Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Her current research interests include various areas in discrete mathematics including knot theory, tiling theory, and combinatorics. She is the principal investigator on a NSF REU grant, the first NSF REU site at UW Bothell. In 2015, a tiling theory research result after 30 years was the discovery of the 15th pentagon to tile the plane.
Porsha Gibbs, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (The University of Memphis)
Adjunct Professor Loewenberg College of Nursing [OTH]

Accomplishments: Recipient of Robert Wood Johnson New Careers in Nursing Scholarship, University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) Chancellor’s Diversity Scholarship, UTHSC Black Student Association Outstanding Academic Performance and Community Service Award, UTHSC Student Service Award, and UTHSC College of Nursing Alumni Award. She is a member of numerous organizations including the Tennessee Association for Student Nurses as a member of the Board of Directors.

Stefan Nwandu-Vincent, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville) [ENG]
Stefan participated as a TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2006 until graduation in 2011. He was very active in NSBE, PEER, and interned at Kimberly Clark. Stefan graduated with a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2014 and is currently working as lead design engineer at Cadence Design Systems.
Chatoria Kent Franklin, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Middle Tennessee State University)
Adjunct Professor at Motlow State Community College, Nashville, TN. [EDU]

Accomplishments: 2019 participant / presenter in the Tennessee Department of Education grant-funded Project IMPACT which helps teachers improve K-8 math instruction through risk-taking. Tennessee Educators from several from other counties within the state attended the conference as well. Chatoria has also served as both a Science Content Specialist and Science Instructional Coach with Teach For America since 2016.

Tamara Augustine, M.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Middle Tennessee State University).


Joseph Adjei Boachie, M.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Middle Tennessee State University).


Danielle Terrell, M.D., MPH
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Middle Tennessee State University).

Neurological Surgery Resident, Shreveport, LA

Accomplishments: Magis Award Winner, Jack and Joan Mullins Scholarship award, Barbaro Scholarship award, PUBLICATIONS: Access to Care: Measuring Low-Income Adult Access to Medical Specialists Based on Physician Reports: Various other publications surrounding women in neurosurgery, surgical re-vascularization for sickle cell patients with moya-moya syndrome, neuro-oncology.

Letimicia S. Fears, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Middle Tennessee State University)
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Science Outreach/Department of Teaching and Learning at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN [BIO]

Accomplishments: 2019 Presenter at Disruptive Women Lead, hosted by The Wondry at Vanderbilt University, focusing on strategies to prepare women of color in the Vanderbilt community for leadership on and off-campus. Recipient of the Vanderbilt University / Peabody College Teaching Fellowship to explore the effectiveness of the Phenomenon Based Learning (PhenoBL) method in a classroom with a high English Language Learner (ELL) population through design, co-teaching, data collection and assessment; PUBLICATIONS: Fears, L.S., Curtis, M.E., Johnson, T.L., Fentress, H.M. “Pharmacological Properties of Chromobacterium violaceum Violacein at the Human Serotonin 2C Receptor”. EC Pharmacology and Toxicology 7.2 (2019): 103-111.
Christopher C. Jett, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Associate Professor, Georgia [MPS]
Accomplishments: 2019 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE); 2019 Early Career Award from the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE); National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Awardee (2016–2021); Mathematically Gifted and Black Honoree (2020); Co-Editor of Critical Race Theory in Mathematics Education (Routledge, 2019); 20 articles along with other ancillary publications.

Tamara J. Martin, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Project Coordinator (Project Management Academy) at Covance, Lab Corp, Nashville, TN [BIO]
Accomplishments: Graduated from TSU with a PhD in the fall of 2018. This was followed by a post-doctoral fellowship at Meharry Medical College. Presented at multiple conferences including ASBMB (ASPET), American Chemistry Society (Toxicology), TLSAMP, and the TN State Capital conferences/seminars. Also, selected at a PhD fellow in the POTUS program at TSU underneath Title III. Currently, has five publication in peer reviewed journals such as Journal of Applied Toxicology, Archives of Toxicology, and Journal of Immunotoxicology. Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, The National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, The American Chemistry Society (Toxicology), The America Society for Biochemistry and American Biology.

Victor Roland II, Ph.D.
(Tennessee). Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey Lower Mississippi-Gulf Water Science Center [ENG]
Regional Education Board Doctoral Fellowship, Former President of National Association of Black Geoscientists (University of Arkansas-Fayetteville), recipient of Van Brahana Award of Excellence, recipient of Helen Barrett Award for graduate research, publication of three water quality models and interactive web mapping tool for the Southeast United States.

Roneisha Worthy, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Associate Professor of Environmental Engineering, Marietta, GA [ENG]
Accomplishments: Currently Chair-Elect of the National Society of Black Engineers and Associate Professor at Kennesaw State University, Marietta, GA. The first African American recipient of the Ph.D. Degree in Environmental Management Studies at Vanderbilt University, Gates Millennium Scholar, Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellow, Outstanding Contribution Diversity Award, over 10+ publications in peer-reviewed engineering, educational and social science journal.
James Tyus, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)

Accomplishments:
NSF Graduate Teaching Fellow, AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow, Former Ag Policy Advisor at the US House of Representatives, Former National Student Director of the Poultry Science Association, Current member of the NC Science Fair Foundation Board of Directors, Current member of the AFIA Nutrition Committee, 11 peer-reviewed journal articles and 24 abstracts, 6 US and 9 international invited lectures, 12 competitive top honors and awards for research, Directed $1.15M in R&D and Regulatory research within first 5 years of professional career.

Gary Kelley Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Product Sales Specialist for Genomics and Protein Biology in North and South Carolina [A, BIO]

Dr. Kelly received his doctorate in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Agricultural Biotechnology and Molecular Biology from Tennessee State University. Accomplishments: NSF Graduate Fellowship, Scientist in the Classroom Graduate Fellow, 4 Outstanding Sales Specialist Awards, Scientific Consumables High Impact Performer Award, 5 Publications in Journal of Animal Science and Genetics Research, Certified Laboratory Animal Technician

Marcella D. Carnes, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Structural Engineer, Alabama Department of Transportation in Montgomery, AL [ENG]

Accomplishments: Obtained her undergraduate degree at Tennessee State University in Architectural Engineering and her graduate degrees (both Master’s and PhD) at Florida A&M University in Civil Engineering. During her Masters, she studied “Progressive Failure Mitigation” of steel- framed structures and her doctoral studies consisted of examining the “Width Effect of Multiple Strips on the de-bonding of FRP- Concrete Interface”. Through her matriculation in school, she was awarded the Title III Fellowship and the Transportation Research Board Minority Fellowship. She was also afforded the opportunity to become a DREAM (Diversity in Research and Engineering of Advanced Materials) fellow and study abroad to Poland for six weeks. She published “The effect of materials and surface preparation on joining methods: A Review” in the Journal of Reinforced Plastics and Composites and is awaiting the publication of her dissertation. She is a member of NSBE and ASCE.

Lyria M. Chism, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (The University of Memphis)
United States Department of Defense Applied Research Mathematician [MPS]

Accomplishments: Recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship, National Urban League Scholarship, the NSF GAANN fellowship, the Southern Regional Educational Board, the Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate and the Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi has honored her for her research. She volunteers at summer camps, local schools, colleges and organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters.
Martene Stanberry, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Mathematics
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Tennessee State University)
Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN [MPS]

Accomplishments: Dr. Stanberry received her doctorate in Applied Mathematics from North Carolina State University. Fellowships/Internships: Tennessee Board of Regents Research Academy Fellow 2011-2012, National Physical Science Consortium Fellow 2005-2010; Awards and Honors: Tennessee Board of Regents High Impact Practice Academic Mindset Faculty Learning Community Summa Cum Laude Honor 2017-2018, Tennessee State University Research and Sponsored Programs Million Dollar Club Inductee 2016, American Society for Engineering Education: Engineering Academic Leadership Academy 2012 Number of Publications: 6 Dr. Stanberry has served as the PI or Co-PI on five grants totaling almost 1.4 million dollars, and all of them have impacted underrepresented minority students.

Timothy Yokley, Jr., Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (The University of Memphis)
Ohio State University Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar Program [MPS]

Accomplishments: He completed his PhD program focusing on the interface of organic and inorganic chemistry through investigation into designing transition metal-based catalysts to store, capture, and convert greenhouse gases (i.e. carbon dioxide) into a usable form to reduce emissions produced by the burning of fossil fuels. His postdoctoral research continues to concentrate on developing transition metal-based catalysts to transform small molecules into sustainable, renewable, and “green” energy.

Andre Stevenson, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Combination Products Platform Technologist - W.L. Gore & Associates [ENG]

Accomplishments: Andre Stevenson received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2012 and went on to achieve a Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech University in 2018. He is currently a Combination Products Platform Technologist at W.L. Gore and Associates.

Charreau Bell, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Senior Data Scientist - Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN [ENG]

Accomplishments: Charreau Bell received her Bachelor of Engineering from Clemson University in 2011 and earned two Master of Engineering degrees from Vanderbilt University in 2014 and 2016. In 2018, Charreau achieved her Ph.D. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Vanderbilt University where she is now a Senior Data Scientist.

Erica Bozeman, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Senior Scientist, The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies [BIO]

Accomplishments: After receiving her Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2007, Erica Bozeman went on to achieve her Ph.D. in Immunology and Molecular Pathogenesis from Emory University in 2013. She is now a Senior Scientist of Immuno-oncology (CAR-T) at The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson.
Imade Imasuen, Ph.D.  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow – National Cancer Institute [BIO]

Accomplishments: After receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in 2012, Imade Imasuen went on to achieve her Ph.D. in Pancreatic Cancer from Indiana University School of Medicine in 2019. She is now a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the National Cancer Institute.

Jessica Haley, Ph.D. 
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University) 
Advanced Research Reservoir Engineer, ExxonMobil [ENG]

Accomplishments: After receiving her Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2010, Jessica Haley went on to achieve her Master’s degree in Environmental Engineering and Ph.D. in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering from Vanderbilt University in 2010 and 2015. She is now an Advanced Research Reservoir Engineer at ExxonMobil.

John Fonge, M.D. 
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University) 
Attending Physician - University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria, IL

Accomplishments: After receiving his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2008, John Fonge went on to achieve his M.D. from Ross University School of Medicine in 2014. He is currently an Attending Physician at University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria.

Kia Jones, M.D. 
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University) 
Otolaryngologist - Community Physician Network

Accomplishments: After receiving her Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2006, Kia Jones went on to achieve her M.D. from Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2010. She is currently an otolaryngologist with the Community Physician Network.

Michael K. Poku, M.D. 
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University) 
Medical Director - Signify Health

Accomplishments: Michael earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 2009 from Vanderbilt University and went on to earn an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 2014 and an M.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 2015. He is currently the Medical Director of Signify Health.

Marc Panu, Ph.D. 
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University) 
Consultant and Sustainability Advocate, Boston Consulting Group, MA [ENG]

Accomplishments: After receiving his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2014, Marc Panu went on to achieve his Master’s degree in Chemical Engineering and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Texan A&M University in 2019. He is now a consultant and sustainability advocate with Boston Consulting Group.
Nikolas A. Nordendale, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Manager of Structural Systems - The Aerospace Corporation [ENG]

Accomplishments: Nikolas Nordendale received a BE and MS in Civil Engineering from Vanderbilt University. He was an outstanding member of the TLSAMP program. He currently works as a Manager of Structural Systems with The Aerospace Corporation.

Rachel E. Harsley, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Software Engineer – Google [ENG]

Accomplishments: After receiving her Bachelor of Science degree from Vanderbilt University in 2011, Rachel Harsley went on to achieve her Ph.D. from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2017 and she is currently a Software Engineer at Google.

Tracy Holmes, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Senior Commercial Development Manager – Abcam [ENG]

Accomplishments: Tracy Holmes graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 2005. He then earned a Master’s degree in Medicine and Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at Stanford University in 2012. Tracy is currently a Senior Commercial Development Manager at Abcam.

Paul A. Sparks, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University) [ENG]

Accomplishments: Paul Sparks received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2008 followed by a Master’s degree in Civil Engineering in 2011 and a Ph.D. in Computational Mechanics in 2015.

Theodore Malik Russell, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee-LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Ergonomist & Digital Product Specialist – Target [ENG]

Accomplishments: Theodore Russell graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering, Engineering Management, and Chinese Language and Culture. Theodore completed his graduate work at University of Minnesota earning his Master of Science degree in 2017 and a Ph.D. in Human Factors and Ergonomics in 2019. He is currently an Ergonomist and Digital Product Specialist for Target.

Justin D. Glenn, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (Vanderbilt University)
Target Discovery Scientist - REGENXBIO Inc. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Justin Glen received his Bachelor of Engineering degree from Vanderbilt University in 2009 and went on to achieve a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Medicine from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2014. He is currently a Target Discovery Scientist for REGENXBIO Inc.
Brittany N Boyd, DNP, FNP-C  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (LeMoyne-Owen College)  
Family Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Manager at Health First Family Care, PC in Memphis, TN

Accomplishments:  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center Diversity Scholar, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, 2 Research Publications

Amber Johnson, Ph.D.  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (LeMoyne-Owen College)  
Software Engineer at Northrop Grumman, Columbia, MD [ENG]

Accomplishments:  
The first African American female recipient of the Ph.D. Degree in Computer Science at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, National Physical Science Consortium Fellow, BRIGHT-CS Mentor, Girls Who Code Instructor, Black Girls Rock Tech Instructor, Louis Stokes Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation (LSMAMP) Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, Founder of “The Kidult Life

Nickyla Alliowe, M.D.  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)  
Chemical Engineering

Nickyla participated as TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2003 until graduation in 2008. She was very active in National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Nickyla graduated with M.D. at the University of Louisville in 2012 and currently working as Attending Physician of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Jamie Anderson-Porter, Ph.D.  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)  
The Johns Hopkins University [ENG]

Jamie participated as TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2004 until graduation in 2008. Jamie presented her research at the TLSAMP Undergraduate Research Conference 2008. She was very active in National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Jamie graduated with Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2012 and currently working at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

Luis Castellanos, Ph.D.  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)  
Maintenance Planner, Pepsi Beverages Company, Nashville, TN [ENG]

Luis participated as TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2008 until graduation in 2012. Luis very active in Engineering Diversity Programs serving as a counselor for both pre-college/bridge summer programs and academic tutor. Currently, he serves as a Maintenance Planner at Pepsi Beverages Company Located in Nashville, TN. Luis graduated with Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2018 and currently working at Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC as a Core Engineer.

Hillary Ashley Holback, Ph.D.  
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)  
Chemical Engineering [ENG]

Hillary participated as a TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2003 until graduation in 2008. She was very active in NSBE. Hilary graduated with Ph.D. in Industrial & Physical Pharmacy and currently working for Regulatory & Scientific Role in Regulatory Affairs.
Honest Mrema, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)
Aerospace Engineering [ENG]
Honest participated as a TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2009 until graduation in 2012.
He was very active in NSBE and Engineering Diversity Programs.
Honest graduated with a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2018.

Karmen McPherson, M.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)
Karmen participated as TLSAMP scholar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville from 2006 until graduation in 2010. She was very active in National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). Karmen graduated with M.D. at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2015.

Terence Randall, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (UT-Knoxville)
Lead Design Engineer, Cadence Design Systems [ENG]
James Fells, Ph.D.
(Tennessee) Tennessee LSAMP (The University of Memphis)
Merck Computational Research Chemist [MPS]
Accomplishments: As a computational chemist at Merck & Co., he applies structure-based and ligand-based drug design along with predictive modeling to advance drug discovery projects. He is a contributor to four Merck & Co. preclinical candidates: MK-4710, MK-4334, MK-1167, & K-1942. He published 23 publications (six 1st author), is a recipient of the American Cancer Society Postdoctoral Fellowship, the American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship, the FASEB Postdoctoral Professional Development & Enrichment Award, and the Office of Research Integrity Postdoctoral Scholar Research Integrity Ambassador Award.
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Florida

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Kathryn Bailey, Ph.D.,
Research Microbiologist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments:
Postdoctoral Researcher, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; GEM Fellowship and Graduate Student Researcher (Pacific Northwest National Lab - PNNL); Graduate Student Researcher, Brookhaven National Lab - BNL; USF Graduate Student Success Fellowship; USF Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship (USF).

Natasha Cover-Samuels, Ph.D.
Research Scientist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments:
Processing Scientist, Johnson & Johnson; Invited Panelist, Institute on Teaching and Mentoring; GEM Fellowship (Johnson & Johnson); Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; McKnight Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 1 Publication; 1 Patent.

Tamina Johnson-Jeffers, Ph.D.
Senior Scientist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments: Process Development Scientist; Amgen; Served as Intellectual Property Intern to assess the commercial potential of USF research; McKnight Dissertation Fellowship Award; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

Eloy Martinez, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments:
Management officer III, Guánica State Forest; an UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources; Postdoctoral Researcher, Virginia Commonwealth University; College of Marine Science Bridge to the Doctorate Endowed Fellowship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 12 Publications.
Adonis McQueen, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Researcher
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
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NIH IRACDA Postdoctoral Researcher
Stony Brook University

Accomplishments: NIH Postdoctoral IRACDA NY-CAPS Scholar in the Department of Pharmacological Sciences; Byrd-Dunn Presentation Award (Southeastern Society of Parasitologists); McKnight Dissertation Fellowship Award; Sloan Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 2 Publications.

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Postdoctoral Researcher, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Accomplishments: NIH Predoctoral Fellowship Award (Medical University of South Carolina); Invited Speaker, Ernest E. Just Symposium (2020); ARO Travel Grant Awardee; UNCF United Negro College Fund (UNCF)/Merck Science Initiative Scholarship; ABRCMS and ERN Travel Grant Recipient (University of South Florida), 8 Publications.

Natasha Mendez Ferrer, Ph.D.
Fishery Biologist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Accomplishments: Staff Environmental Scientist Southwest Florida Water Management District; Graduate Student Researcher, SRI International; Johanna M. Resig Fellowship; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; USF Mayor’s Advisory Council Fellowship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; USF Successful Latina Student Award.

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Chemical & Biological Research Fellow
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Research Fellow, U.S Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (Washington, DC)

Accomplishments: National Research Council (NRC), Research Associateships Chemical & Biological Defense Fellowship; Best Presentation Award – Microbiology, 58th Annual National Student Research Forum; Best Presentation Award, USF Health Research Day, NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.
Glenn Simmons Jr., Ph.D.,
Assistant Professor
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Accomplishments:
Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Pre-K Discovery Scholar, University of Minnesota, Medical Center; Fellow, Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology; Postdoctoral Research Fellow UT Southwestern Medical Center and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center; NIH Predoctoral Fellowship Award (Meharry Medical College), President, FGLSAMP Student Organization (University of South Florida).

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Research Assistant Professor
(Florida-Georgia), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments: PI of NSF NRT INFEWS grant (DGE #1735222) to provide interdisciplinary research training for master’s students at the University of the Virgin Islands; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 4 Publications.

Ransford Hyman, Jr., Ph.D.
Machine Learning Engineer
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Sensei On-Device Machine Learning Engineer, Adobe Corporation

Accomplishments: Profiled in USF Envisions Magazine (Spring 2019); Best Presentation Award, Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing (2011); McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Award, NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; NSF S-STEM Scholar (University of South Florida); 4 Publications.

Karyna Rosario, Ph.D.
Research Associate
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Research Associate, University of South Florida College of Marine Science

Accomplishments: Co-PI, $1M NSF Award (DEB #1239976); ASM Career Development Grant for Postdoctoral Women; USF Sackett Prize for Innovative Research; NSF East Asia and Pacific Summer Institutes (EAPSi) in New Zealand Fellowship; NSF-sponsored International Polar Year – Research Opportunities in Antarctica for Minorities; USF Successful Latina Student Award; USF College of Marine Science Endowed Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship (USF); 28 Publications.
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Assistant Professor
Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP (University of South Florida -USF)

Accomplishments: Grantee, Sloan Scholars Mentoring Network; Former Senior Postdoctoral Researcher, Louisiana State University, Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; Graduate Student Success Fellowship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship (USF); 4 Publications.

Olukemi Akintewe, Ph.D.
Teaching Assistant Professor/Instructor
(Florida), Florida-Georgia, LSAMP (University of South Florida, USF)

Teaching Assistant Professor (Instructor), Medical Engineering at the University of South Florida

Accomplishments: NIH Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Boston University; UNCF/Merck Graduate Science Dissertation Research Fellowship; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; NSF Florida Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 9 Publications; 2 patents.

Christopher Alexander, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP (University of South Florida - USF)

Assistant Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of South Florida

Accomplishments: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sandia National Laboratories; McKnight Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award; DOW BEST Symposium; University of Michigan NextProf, NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow (University of Florida); 11 Publications, 1 Patent, Best Presentation Award, NSF FGLSAMP Expo (University of South Florida Florida)

Frank Alexander, Jr, Ph.D.
Research Scientist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP University of South Florida-USF)

Research Scientist, The Geneva Foundation

Accomplishments: Senior Staff Engineer, Hesperos, Inc.; Whitaker Foundation Scholar Award; NSF/ASEE Engineering Innovation Fellowship; NSF Graduate Research Fellowship; NSF International Research & Education in Engineering (IREE) in China Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 10 Publications.
Edikan Archibong-Ogunnaike, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Researcher
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida)

Postdoctoral Researcher, North Carolina
State University/University of North
Carolina at Chapel-Hill

Accomplishments: NIH T32 Postdoctoral
Trainee at UNC-Chapel Hill; Grantee, Sloan Scholars
Mentoring Network; Lead Organizer, STEM Outreach
Program, 2019 World Congress of Biosensors;
Featured, Diversity in Action Magazine;
McKnight Dissertation Fellowship, Sloan Foundation Minority
Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to
the Doctorate Fellow (University of South Florida); Student Researcher, Naval Research
Lab; 16 publications/technical reports.

Quenton Bonds, Ph.D.
Deputy Engineering Lead at NASA
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida -USF)

Deputy Engineering Lead and Research
Electronics Engineer at NASA Goddard Space
Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD

Accomplishments: Motivational speaker and
trainer who has given talks and served on
panels at national; SBIR Co-Lead at NASA
Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC); McKnight
Doctoral Fellowship; NASA Graduate Student
Researchers Fellowship, NASA Harriett Jenkins Predoctoral Fellowship;
NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate
Fellowship; 16 Publications/ Proceedings.

Jorge Calabria, Ph.D.
Water Resources Engineer
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida)

Water Resources Associate, Applied Sciences
Consulting, Inc.

Accomplishments: Visiting Doctoral
Researcher IHE Delft Institute for Water
Education; Invited Presenter, McKnight
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award; 1st
place, 2016-2017 AEESP/EESEF Student
Video Competition - Team member; Sloan Foundation UCEM
Minority Graduate Scholarship; 5 publications;
3 patents.

Vinicio Carias, Ph.D., R&D Systems Engineer
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida -USF)

R&D Systems Engineer at Sandia National
Laboratories (Albuquerque, New Mexico)

Accomplishments: U.S. Fulbright Student Program
Research Grant Award (University of Freiberg,
Germany); Fellow, USF Graduate School
Leadership Institute; USF Graduate Student Success
Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate
Fellowship; 3 publications.
Shamara Collins, Ph.D., Science Policy Fellow
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Science and Technology Policy Fellow, Solar Energy Technology Office, U.S. Department of Energy

Accomplishments: U.S. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Science, Technology and Policy Fellowship; NSF Graduate Research Fellowship; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 13 Publications.

Pablo Cornejo Warner, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering at California State University (Chico State), Chico, CA

Accomplishments: 2019 Best Paper Award from the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Environmental Engineering Division; Co-PI, NSF NRTINFEWS (Chico State); McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; Sloan Minority PhD Graduate Scholarship; NSF Graduate Research Fellowship – Honorable Mention; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 12 publications.

Emma Lopez – Ponnada, Ph.D.
Engineering Consultant
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Staff Professional Engineer, Carollo Engineers Inc.

Accomplishments: STEM Graduate Intern, Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) for U.S. Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (now chair, House Science, Space and Technology Committee); NSF East Asia Pacific Summer Institutes (EAPSI) in Singapore Fellowship; Best presentation award, Tampa Bay STEM Summit (first place); 1st place, 2016-2017 AEESP/EESF Student Video Competition; 4 publications.

Domingo Mateo Feliciano, Ph.D.
Research Engineer
Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, Tampa)

Optical Coating Manufacturing Engineer at Lockheed Martin

Accomplishments: Student Coordinator, USF NSF REU site in Applied Physics; Mentor for minority graduate students in the USF APS Physics Bridge Program; Presenter, American Physical Society (APS) Annual Meetings; NSF Florida Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.
Ophir Ortiz, Ph.D., Associate Director
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida - USF)

Accomplishments: Co-PI,
NSF Award (CONMED and University of South Florida), NIH T32
Postdoctoral Trainee, New Jersey Center of Biomaterials (Rutgers University), McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, NSF GK-12 Fellow, Alfred P. Sloan Minority Graduate Scholar (University of South Florida); 6 publications; 2 patents.

Alisha Peterson, Ph.D.
Product Regulatory Engineer
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments: Invited Speaker at Alabama State University, NSF Center of Research Excellence in Science and Technology (CREST) Excellence for Nanobiotechnology; GEM Fellowship (Johnson & Johnson); McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

Tony Price, Ph.D.
Process Engineer
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Accomplishments: Process Engineer, Intel; Best Student Paper Award, 2009 WAMICOM Conference; Graduate Student Intern, The Aerospace Corporation; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; NSF Graduate Research Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

Javier F. Pulecio, Ph.D., Device Scientist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida – USF)

Accomplishments: National Research Council (NRC) Research Associateship Fellowship, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Postdoctoral Researcher, Brookhaven National Lab, Best Dissertation Award (2011), USF; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship (USF); 15 Publications/Conference Papers.
Brandon Richard, Ph.D., P.E., Staff Engineer
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Electrical Engineer at Collins Aerospace

Accomplishments: Senior Electrical Engineer, Lockheed Martin; Product/Device Engineer, Qorvo, Inc.; Electrical Engineer, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Ph.D. Student Intern, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL); McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 2 publications and 1 patent.

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Senior Engineer, RTI Surgical; Former Research Scientist, Community Tissue Services; Former Research Fellow, University of Michigan

Accomplishments: NIH Cardiovascular Research Trainee, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; President Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) – Graduate Component; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program - Honorable Mention; Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention; 13 Publications.

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Process Engineer I3 Microsystems

Accomplishments: President/CEO, The Rogers Connection; Yield Engineer, Aurora Semiconductor; Senior Process Engineer, Draper Lab; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; Summer Institute (EAPSI) in Taiwan Fellowship; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 2 Publications.

John Shelton, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
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Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Northern Illinois University

Accomplishments: Postdoctoral Researcher, Carnegie Mellon University; U.S. Department of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) Postdoctoral Fellowship; GEM Fellowship; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 11 Publications/Conference Papers.
[MPS] Mathematics, and Physical Sciences

Regina Easley, Ph.D., Research Chemist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida - USF)

Research Chemist, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Gaithersburg, MD

Accomplishments:
Profiled in Chemical and Engineering News (C&EN); Invited Speaker, 2017 NOBCChE National Conference; National Research Council (NRC) Research Associateship Fellowship, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST); Spent over 120 days at sea in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Arctic Ocean on research cruises; Served as a contractor on the Deepwater Horizon oil spill; Sloan Minority PhD Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 8 publications.

Jasmine Oliver Graham, Ph.D.
Medical Physicist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida - USF)

Assistant Member, Medical Physicist, Department of Radiation Oncology

Accomplishments:
Travel Grant Recipient, 64th Annual Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting; McKnight Doctoral Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; Best Presentation Award (2nd Place) Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in STEM, 2015; 8 Publications.

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Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Antillean Adventist University
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Accomplishments:
Travel Grant Recipient, Society for the Advancement of Hispanics, Chicanos, and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Annual Conference; USF Successful Latino Student Award, 2011; USF Graduate Student Success Fellowship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 2 Publications.

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Technical Project Coordinator
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Technical Project Coordinator at Pinellas County Government (St. Petersburg, FL)

Accomplishments:
Profiled, Diversity in Action Magazine; NASA Earth & Space Sciences Fellowship; ARCS Foundation - Tampa Bay Scholar; USF Dissertation Success Fellowship; USF Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate; USF Successful Latina Student Award; 6 publications.
Andrea Rocha, Ph.D., Research Scientist
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
(University of South Florida, USF)

Scientist at Geosyntec Consultants

Accomplishments:
Profiled, Department of Energy (DOE) Women @Energy Series; Postdoctoral Research Associate, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); Graduate Student Researcher, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL); Featured, American Society of Microbiology Minority Microbiology Newsletter; USF Graduate Student Success Fellowship; GEM Fellowship; Successful Latina Student Award; Sloan Foundation Minority Graduate Fellowship; NSF Florida-Georgia LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship (USF); 8 Publications.

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Department of Defense Subject Matter Expert
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
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Subject Matter Expert and Technology Policy Advocate at the US Department of Defense, and Nonresident Fellow at the Atlantic Council

Accomplishments:
AAAS National Science Foundation Science and Technology Policy Fellow at United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and as an Executive Branch Fellow for the National Science Foundation (NSF); Sloan Minority Graduate Scholarship; NSF GK-12 Teaching Fellowship; NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship.

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Data Analyst
(Florida), Florida-Georgia LSAMP
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Data Analyst at Rakuten Marketing and Science Communicator

Accomplishments: Trained science communicator and Educator; Completed nine-month training program in environmental education and science communication at the University of Idaho; NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Sloan Minority Graduate Fellowship, NSF FGLSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship; 2 publications
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SUNY Orange-Orange County Community College
SUNY Schenectady County Community College
University at Albany
University at Buffalo

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Boonshift School of Medicine

(Mississippi). SUNY LSAMP (New Paltz)

Resident Physician at the University of Mississippi Medical Center [BIO]

Accomplishments: Licensed orthopedic surgeon and a resident physician at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He also earned a Master’s in Physiology and Biophysics from Stony Brook University, and a Master’s in Public Health from SUNY Downstate Medical Center’s School of Public Health with a focus on Community Health and Preventative Medicine. In 2016, he was one of 15 medical students nationwide to receive the 2016 American Medical Association Foundation Physicians of Tomorrow Award. He currently serves as a mentor for Mentoring in Medicine, an organization created to increase the diversity of the U.S. physician workforce.
Ramon Emilio Fernandez, Ph.D.-Stony Brook University

Accomplishments: Having completed my Ph.D. timely, and going straight from the Ph.D. into a Tenure Track position as Assistant Professor of Mathematics is my most proud professional accomplishment. It gave me access to my calling, my true source of accomplishment, which is my commitment to bring heart, love, empathy, and comprehension into the classroom, together with delivering the highest of academic content I am capable of delivering.

Arindel S.R. Maharaj, M.D., Ph.D., Harvard University

Accomplishments: Medical Scientist Training Program graduate Harvard Medical, School 2009; Residency, Ophthalmology - Baylor College of Medicine; Glaucoma fellowship, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute 2014; Publications: 16 peer reviewed papers, 1 book chapter; Mentoring for the Advancement of Physician Scientist award by the American Glaucoma Society, 12/16; Michael Redmond MD Outstanding Young Ophthalmologist Leadership Award, by Florida Society of Ophthalmology, 6/18.

Jacqueline Richardson-Melecio, LMSW, Ph.D. - University at Albany

Accomplishments: Experienced professional, having worked in the fields of human services, education, and training and with over 20 years of executive level management experience and a commitment to quality result driven service delivery. For over 20 years she has been a consultant for organizational diversity and inclusion, cultural competence training, and workforce development in behavioral health and human service industry. Fellowships and Awards: National Association of Social Workers, Eileen Blackey, Doctoral Fellowship, 2013, and University at Albany, School of Social Welfare, Dissertation Research Fellowship 2013-2015.

Bethany K. Asare, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo [BIO]

Accomplishments: Biologist at the National Cancer Institute Biological Testing Branch, where she maintains a repository of experimental animal and human tumor cell lines for research performed by a variety of qualified investigators. Her work has appeared in 7 journal publications including. Her awards include the Graduate Student Award of Excellence for Promoting Inclusion and Cultural Diversity, and American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award.
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> His teaching responsibilities include instruction of undergraduate and graduate organic chemistry courses. His research specialization is the discovery of novel organometallic transformations towards the synthesis of biologically active small molecules and imaging agents. His scholarly work has appeared in <em>Organic &amp; Biomolecular Chemistry</em> and <em>Advanced Synthesis &amp; Catalysis</em>.</td>
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(Assistant Professor, Material & Chemical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, San Jose State University [ENG])

Accomplishments: Teaches courses and mentors students in Biomedical, Chemical and Materials Engineering. His courses include *Physiology for Engineers* and *Heat Transfer for Electronics*. His research focuses on biomedical applications of nanotechnology including: drug delivery, quantum dots, biocompatibility, graphene, silicon and mobile imaging platforms. He has over 40 publications and was a 2011 recipient of the Ford Foundation Fellowship.

Ivonne M. Ferrer, Ph.D. – University at Buffalo

(Associate Analytical Manager at Corteva Agriscience, Pittsburgh, CA [MPS])

Accomplishments: Completed a post-graduate post at California Institute of Technology before taking a position with Dow Chemical in Pittsburgh, CA. She recently moved into a position as an Analytical Manager with Corteva Agriscience. She has a chapter in the ACS Symposium Series, *New Approaches to Monolithic Columns*; and her work appears in journal publications including *Chemistry of Materials*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Applied Spectroscopy*, *Surface Science*, and *Thin Solid Films*.

Pablo E. Guzmán, Ph.D. - Emory University

(Illinois. I-LSAMP (Chicago State University))


Karen Holness, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo

(Assistant Professor, Material & Chemical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, San Jose State University [ENG])

Accomplishments: Her research interests include macroergonomics, sociotechnical system design, decision making in engineering systems, human-automation task allocation, applied systems engineering in defense acquisition, applied human systems integration in defense acquisition, design and improvement for operator and maintainer usability. She has research and her work appears in journals such as *Human Factors and Ergonomics in Manufacturing, Theoretical Issues in Ergonomics Science* and *The Grounded Theory Review*.
Richard Linares, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo

Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical, Computer, and Telecommunications Engineering, Rochester Institute of Technology, [ENG]

Accomplishments: After a number of valuable research and teaching experiences, he recently joined the Space Systems Lab at MIT. His research interests include astrodynamics, estimation and controls, satellite guidance and navigation, space situational awareness, and space-traffic management. Dr. Linares has over 100 publications and several research projects to his credit.

Shola Olabisi, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo

Charles Stark Draper Assistant Professor; Co-Director, Space Systems Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston, MA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Administers the RAVVEN lab within the College of Engineering Technology at the Rochester Institute of Technology. The lab combines practical real-world know-how with the latest hardware and theoretical frameworks to create cutting edge technologies the world has never seen before. The lab’s focus areas include FPGA-based on-board video processing for GPS-denied navigation and object classification via quantized neural networks.

Adonis Pimienta-Penalver, Ph.D. – University at Buffalo

Senior GNC Engineer at Raytheon, Tucson, AZ [ENG]

Accomplishments: He is a senior guidance, navigation, and control (GNC) engineer for Raytheon, advancing research and development in both the defense and commercial aerospace sectors. During his doctoral studies at the University at Buffalo (UB), he worked in the Nanosat lab, a partnership with the US Air Force Research Lab, NASA, and Moog, Inc., to build satellites from concept to launch. He has work published in journals including Advances in the Astronautical Sciences, and Journal of Guidance Control and Dynamics.

Johnathan Rivera, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo

Project Engineer at Thornton Tomasetti, Boston, MA. [ENG]

Accomplishments: Senior engineer with Thornton Tomasetti, where he uses his knowledge to optimize the design and performance of structures, materials and systems for a number of projects in the Boston area and beyond. His research specialties include new construction, tenant fit outs, and connection design. His scholarly work includes a number of conference papers, technical resorts and articles.
Courtney M. Saenz, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo (Roswell Park Graduate Division)/MD

Post Medical Graduate at Heart Center of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV. [BIO]

Accomplishments: Employed with the Heart Center of Nevada, a comprehensive cardiovascular clinic. In June 2020, she will begin an Internal Medicine residency at Valley Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. Through many ups and downs, she remained determined and used every experience to grow, and gain knowledge and confidence. Her awards include the National Institutes of Health Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research. She has publications in the *Journal of Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines* and *ACS Chemical Biology*.

Sean R. Semper, Ph.D. - University at Buffalo

Engineer, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. [ENG]

Accomplishments: NASA engineer in the Components and Hardware Systems branch, which is responsible for the development of advanced guidance, navigation and control (GN&C) component technologies. He is the Station Explorer for X-ray Timing and Navigation Technology (SEXTANT) ground system lead. His scholarly work includes conference proceedings, and articles in *IEEE Aerospace Conference Proceedings*.

Jesús Velázquez, Ph.D. – University at Buffalo (Puerto Rico). PR LSAMP (University of Puerto Rico, Cayey)

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Davis [MPS]

Accomplishments: Materials chemist with particular interests in the synthesis, characterization, and device integration of micro/nanomaterials and their potential for the advancement of applications in energy conversion and storage, electronics and environmental remediation. He has won numerous awards. Dr. Velázquez’s is developing a robust publication record with articles in many journals. The *Journal of Physical Chemistry C*, *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces*, *Proceedings of SPIE - The International Society for Optical Engineering*, *Journal of Materials Chemistry* and *CrystEngComm*.

Stephen Collazos Ph.D. - University of Minnesota

Assistant Professor of Mathematics, University of Minnesota [MPS]

Accomplishments: Charter member of Pu Mu Epsilon, Recipient of NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), specialization within Applied Mathematics and Computational Neuroscience.
Giancarlo Cuadra, Ph.D. - Binghamton University
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**Accomplishments:**
Postdoctoral Fellowship in Host-Bacteria at the University of Florida.

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**Senior Scientist, Merck [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**
NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at PharmaSeq, Inc. in New Jersey, four publications across various journals.

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**Immuno-Oncology Postdoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**
NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow, Postdoctoral Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

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**Professor of Biology, Valencia College, Florida [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**
Attained his Ph.D. from Stanford University, Post-Doctoral Fellow at Emory University School of Medicine, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Scholar and publications in various journals.
Santedym Willis, Ph.D. - Duke University

North Carolina). SUNY LSAMP (Binghamton University)

Accomplishments: Doctoral degree attained from Duke University School of Medicine, Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Gordon Research Conference- Italy, three publications.

Associate Technical Director, LabCorp. [BIO]

Mikhail Coloma, Ph.D. - Binghamton University

(Washington, D.C.). SUNY LSAMP (Binghamton University)

Senior System Engineer at Definitive Logic [ENG]

Accomplishments: Clifford D. Clark Fellow, Technical Writer, Mechanical Engineering Consultant, five publications.

Renan DelValles, Ph.D. - Binghamton University

(California). SUNY LSAMP (Binghamton University)

Software Engineer at Paypal [CISE]

Laura Waterbury-Mangus, D.V.M-Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

(Pennsylvania). SUNY LSAMP (SUNY New Paltz)

Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian at USDA-FSIS, Erie Pennsylvania [BIO]

Accomplishments: Completed an internship at South Shore Animal Hospital before beginning her career in companion animal medicine. After several years, she followed her true passion in public health and is now the Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian at the USDA Food Safety Inspection Services. Her responsibilities include: Supervising, Humane Handling, Antemortem and postmortem inspection, HACCP plans, and sampling.
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<td>Elena Adjei, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Howard University</td>
<td>Research assistant at the Howard University Hospital. She was an AGEP Fellow at Howard University and has published three articles on her research on Sickle Cell Disease in the American Journal of Hematology, and Blood (American Society of Hematology).</td>
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<td>Alexis Santana, Ph.D.</td>
<td>Stony Brook University</td>
<td>Business Development Manager in the Northeast at Champions Oncology completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the New York University School of Medicine’s Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology in the Carrucci Lab. Her research involved developing novel cell and animal models to investigate genetic and immunological pathways pertaining to development and progression of cutaneous SCCs. While completing her doctorate, she was the recipient of the NIH T32 Grant in 2015 and the Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship. Her work appears in 5 journal publications.</td>
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<td>Cesar Perez, Ph.D.</td>
<td>New York University</td>
<td>Director of Division 2: Establishment Support at the Office of Regulatory Programs at the FDA. His responsibilities include the development and implementation of policies and processes related to medical device imports, registration and listing, exports, regulatory inspections and audits, and compliance programs. He previously served as a Branch Chief and Senior Regulatory Operations at the FDA. Dr. Perez’s work appears in the Journal of Virology.</td>
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<td>Maria Davison (Rodolis), Ph.D.</td>
<td>University of Warwick</td>
<td>Assistant Manager for the Government and Public Sector at EY. She is also an Associate Chartered Accountant. After completing her Ph.D., she worked at Stony Brook University as a Post-Doctoral Research Associate and was the recipient of the NSF ATEP-T Frame Postdoctoral Fellowship. She was also the recipient of an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship and her work appears in 4 journal publications.</td>
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BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES [BIO]

**George A. Brusch IV, Ph.D., Biology, Arizona State University**

CSU-LSAMP (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo) [California]

Postdoctoral Scientist at the French National Center for Scientific Research in Chizé, France

**Accomplishments:** Ph.D. from Carnegie Melon. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, NSF EAPSI Fellowship, ASU School of Life Sciences Outstanding Graduate Award, Faculty Women’s Association Distinguished Graduate Student Award, 13 peer-reviewed publications, over $250,000 in competitive grants and fellowships, starting as Assistant Professor in animal physiology at Oklahoma State University in the fall 2020.

**Carlos Gonzalez, Ph.D., Chemical and Systems Biology, Stanford University, School of Medicine**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University San Marcos) [California]

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California San Diego. Studying host microbiome interactions using multiple 'omic' technologies

**Accomplishments:** Ph.D. from Stanford University in Chemical and Systems Biology. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship; HHMI Gilliam Fellowship Recipient; Stanford Graduate Fellowship; UCSD IRACDA Fellowship. Currently five publications with four more in the pipeline.

**Temet McMichael, Ph.D., Viral Immunology, Ohio State University**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University San Marcos) [California]

CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer; Communicable diseases, Epidemiology, and Immunization Branch.

**Accomplishments:** Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in microbial parthenogenesis. ASM Robert D Watkins fellowship; HHMI Gilliam fellowship; CDC EIS officer. 13 publications. First Native American with doctorate from the La Jolla band of Luiseno Indians.

**Brendan Doiron, DVM, Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University**

CSU-LSAMP (Humboldt State University) [California]

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Valley Veterinary Clinic, Rainier, Oregon

**Accomplishments:** Works with exotic animals including black bears, mule deer, kit fox and Tule Elk relocation and mobile veterinary service. Organized and directed Zoo, Wildlife, and Exotics Symposium 2017. Elected to Society of Phi Zeta, Honor Society of Veterinary Medicine.
Jorge Dinis, Ph.D., Microbiology, University of Wisconsin-Madison


Khavong Pha, Ph.D., Cellular and Molecular Biology, UC San Francisco

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, UCSF

Accomplishments: Recipient of the Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, the American Society of Microbiology (ASM) Robert D. Watkins Graduate Fellowship, and the NIH F32 Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Fellowship. Has four publications. Received the UCD Graduate Studies Matching Commitment Award, Biochemistry, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology (BMCDB) Spring Award, and ASM2012 General Meeting Student Travel Award.

Natalie Chavez Lau, Ph.D., Biology, Stanford University


Vanessa L. Gonzalez, Ph.D., Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University

Computational Genomics Scientist, Global Genome Initiative, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution

Accomplishments: After receiving a Ph.D. from the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology and the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University in 2013, began research at the Smithsonian focusing broadly on biodiversity genomics, systematics, and invertebrate biology. She currently lists 87 publications on researchgate.net.
Maura Palacios Mejia, Ph.D., Wildlife & Fisheries Scientist, Texas A&M University

CSU-LSAMP BD-V (California State University, Long Beach; Cal State LA) [California]

HHMI Post-Doctoral Scholar, Department of Environmental DNA Research, Education, and Outreach, UC Los Angeles

Accomplishments: Maura is carrying out research in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy in the Mojave Desert, as well as landmark locations in Los Angeles, like the L.A. River, developing two first year students course on environmental DNA through the new eSIE: environmental DNA for Science Investigation and Education Program, and assisting in community driven science through theCALeDNA program.

Monica Delgado Moreno, Ph.D., Immunology, UC Davis School of Medicine

CSU-LSAMP BD-V (California State University, Los Angeles)

Scientist, xCella Biosciences

Accomplishments: Monica was a postdoctoral scholar at Stanford University, where she studied myelin repair and neuroinflammation in multiple sclerosis. During her career, she has 10 publications. While at Stanford, she twice received a T32 training grant. She is currently working on the development of therapies to improve anti-tumor immune responses in patients.

Mayra Pastore, Ph.D., Endocrinology & Reproductive Physiology, University of Wisconsin, Madison

CSU-LSAMP BD-IV (San Francisco State University) [California]

Clinical Education Liaison/Medical Science Liaison, Bristol Myers Squibb

Accomplishments: Dr. Pastore’s accomplishments include the UCSF IRACDA Postdoctoral Fellowship; Ronald K. Meyer Graduate Trainee Award for Scientific Productivity and Scholarly Activity; Bay Area Badger Bascom Scholarship; Training, Education, And Mentoring in Science Scholarship; Burroughgs Welcome Travel Fellowship; and the Kennedy-King Scholarship. She is a member of 10 professional organizations, and has 7 publications.

Cecilia Zurita Lopez, Ph.D., Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, UC Los Angeles

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Los Angeles [California]

Assistant Professor of Biochemistry, California State University, Los Angeles

Accomplishments: Dr. Zurita Lopez was a postdoctoral researcher, where, under the direction of Dr. Andrea Armani at the University of Southern California (USC), she took part in the development of a noninvasive detector for early-stage cancer cells. Her research centered on the crosstalk between arginine methylation and phosphorylation of histone proteins. She was the recipient of the Kirschstein-NRSA pre-doctoral fellowship.
**Alison Dawn Scott, Ph.D., Botany, University of Wisconsin, Madison**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Los Angeles) [California]

**Postdoctoral Researcher, Neale Lab, UC Davis**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Scott graduated with Honors in Biology and cum laude from CSU, Los Angeles, representing the top 5% of students in her college. Upon entering the Ph.D. program in Botany at the University of Wisconsin, she received an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, and two fellowships from the University of Wisconsin. Despite Alison’s busy schedule, she has returned to CSU Los Angeles several times to conduct workshops for LSAMP students interested in applying to Ph.D. programs.

**Pingdewinde Sam, Ph.D. Candidate, Cellular & Molecular Biology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**

CSU-LSAMP (Sonoma State University) [California]

**Accomplishments:** NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2016); Founder & Executive Director for Teebo.org, U.S.-based nonprofit organization focused on eliminating poverty and hunger, providing clean water, and improving health for Burkinabés. Co-founder of the EDEN school that advocates for STEM education of boys and girls in Burkina Faso.

**Ameer Thompson, Ph.D., Physiology, Biophysics and Systems Biology, Cornell University**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Sacramento) [California]

**Dean, Natural, Social, and Applied Sciences, Contra Costa College**

**Accomplishments:** NSP Graduate Research Fellowship; founding Director of Caminos a las Ciencia, providing leadership, coordination, and resource management of a strengths-based program that promotes inclusive excellence for Latinx, first-generation, and low-income students. Established a scholarship within the Sac State SEE Program; the de la Porte, Johnson, Thompson Endowed Scholarship supports science students who advocate for women in the sciences.

**Nadine R. Martinez, Ph.D., Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology, UC Santa Barbara**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Los Angeles) [California]

**Postdoctoral Fellow, Winn Lab, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Stanford**

**Accomplishments:** Stanford University Mass Spectrometry Seed Funding Grant; IRACDA Postdoctoral Fellow; Child Health Research Institute (CHRI) Grant & Postdoctoral Award; MCDB Merit Fellowship; DOW-MRL Travel Fellowship; 2014 Outstanding Mentor Award; Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP) Fellowship.
Mario Saldana, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Colorado School of Mines

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Fresno) [California]

Senior Mechanical Engineer, Concepts & Prototyping Lead, Roccor, LLC

Accomplishments: Joined Roccor in 2016 as Sr. ME for thermal management’s products. His PhD research project focused on the design of a variable pressure flow reactor and the experimental investigation of alkane pyrolysis at high pressure and temperature. At Roccor, he leads the Concepts and Prototypes team as well as the development of test protocols for the FlexTherm™ and FlexCool™ product line.

Corey Baker, Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

CSU-LSAMP (San Jose State University) [California]

Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Computer Science, University of Kentucky

Accomplishments: Recipient of the UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCSD, GEM PhD Fellowship, Intel Scholarship, McKnight Dissertation Fellowship, and the NSF LSAMP BD Fellowship. Corey has served on the board of directors of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) numerous times as a two term National Treasurer and CFO, two term National Treasurer Emeritus, and as the Region 6 Chairperson.

Christopher Gutierrez, Ph.D., Computer Science, Purdue University

Security Solutions Research Scientist, Intel Labs

Accomplishments: Christopher has more than a dozen publications to his name, including first author for multiple scholarly papers in Association for Computing Machinery and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers journals. He was a McNair, Marc U*Star, and CSU-LSAMP Scholar. He is currently working with the research division at Intel Labs in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Monica A. Kapil, Ph.D., Bioengineering, University of California, Berkeley

Device Engineer, The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson

Accomplishments: CSU Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program; National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship; University of California Dissertation –Year Fellow; the College of Engineering Graduate Student Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley. She also received the Scott T. Axline Memorial Student Award for Excellence in Service (2009). She has four publications and is part of three professional organizations.
Andrea Arauza Rivera, Ph.D., Mathematics, UC, Riverside

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Stanislaus) [California]

Assistant Professor of Mathematics at California State University, East Bay

Accomplishments:
- Eugene-Cota Robles Fellow at the University of California, Riverside.
- Latinx Diversity Fellow at CSUEB. Lead Organizer of the 2020 Pacific Math Alliance Conference.

Edward Steven Jimenez, Ph.D., Applied Mathematics, Univ. of Arizona

CSU-LSAMP (San Diego State University) [California]

Principal Optical Engineer and Scientist at Sandia National Laboratories

Accomplishments:
- 2019 National Academy of Engineers Frontiers of Engineering Conference Attendee (100 invitations for early-career scientists); 2 Lab Directed Research and Development grants ($2M total); 2014 Great Minds in STEM HENAAC Awardee for Most Promising Scientist – Ph.D.; Inventor for the world’s first Hyperspectral Computed Tomography for Industrial and Security applications; 43 Patent disclosures in review; 39 Peer-reviewed publications.

Emilio Cardenas, Ph.D., Organic Chemistry, Purdue University

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Fresno) [California]

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Dept. of Medicinal Chemistry

Accomplishments: CSU-LSAMP PROUD Scholar, ACS Organic Chemistry Outstanding Undergraduate Research, College of Science and Mathematics Outstanding Undergraduate – B.Sc. Chemistry, Purdue Doctoral Fellowship, Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship, Alice Watson Kramer Research Scholar Award, 4 co-authored publications and 2 first co-authored publications in various chemistry and medicinal chemistry journals.

Josh Casara, Ph.D., Physics, UC Merced

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Stanislaus) [California]

Product Engineer, Lam Research Corporation in Fremont, CA

Accomplishments: Recipient of the President’s Dissertation Year Fellowship, MACES Summer Graduate Student Research Fellowship, and Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship. Contributed toward 5 publications in various Scientific Journals. Now the product lead on various projects aimed towards the development of next generation hardware for plasma etch chambers.
Anastasia Chavez, Ph.D., Mathematics, UC Berkeley

CSU-LSAMP (San Francisco State University) [California]

Post-Doctoral Scholar, Dept of Mathematics, UC Davis


Cindy Pham, Ph.D., Chemistry, UC Davis

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Long Beach) [California]

Senior Systems Integration & Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin Corporation

Accomplishments: Dr. Pham received the Graduate Assistant in Areas of National Need Fellowship at UCD. After receiving her Ph.D. in Chemistry from UCD, she received a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Molecular Biophysics & Integrated Bio imaging at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in the Yano/Yachandra Group. She has 10 publications listed, and is currently a Senior Systems Integration & Test Engineer in the Missiles and Fire Control Department at Lockheed Martin Corporation.

Eduardo Montoya, Ph.D., Statistics & Applied Probability, UC Santa Barbara

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Bakersfield) [California]

Associate Professor, Dept. of Mathematics. California State University, Bakersfield

Accomplishments: Faculty Professional Development Grant, CSUB Teaching and Learning Center, Fall 2015; Stabilizing generalized cross validation in a functional data linear model, CSUB RCU, Spring 2014; Relative efficiency gains of monotone functional non-linear model, CSUB Research Council of the University (RCU), Spring 2011; CSUB Center for Climate Change and Carbon Sequestration, NSF (HRD-1137774), CSUB, Fall 2011; Project NExT fellow, Mathematical Association of America, sponsor: American Statistical Association, 2009-2010

Andro Rios, Ph.D., Organic Chemistry, UC San Diego

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Sacramento) [California]

Research Scientist, Blue Marble Space Institute of Science, NASA Ames Research Center

Accomplishments: Martin D. Kamen Prize for 2012-2013; Teaching Assistant Excellence Award; Graduate Diversity and Outreach Award; ACS Award for Outstanding Oral Research Presentation; NSF GK-12 Graduate STEM Fellowship in K-12 Education; Molecular Biophysics Training Grant for 2007-2009; First Place, Undergraduate Biological and Agricultural Sciences; ACS Scholars Program.
**Allison Renee Moreno, Ph.D., Earth Systems Science, UC Irvine**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Monterey Bay) [California]

Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California Los Angeles, Marine Biogeochemistry

**Accomplishments:** NSF GRFP Fellow, UCI OCEANS Fellowship, UCI Chancellors’ Club Fellowship; creator of a new assay for ocean biogeochemistry; chemical oxygen demand. Co-founded two different scientific symposiums (1. Environmental Research Symposium at UC Irvine and 2. Southern California Biogeochemical Ocean Observations and Models (SoCal BOOM) Symposium.

**Juan Mendoza, Ph.D., Molecular Biophysics, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center**

CSU-LSAMP BD I (San Francisco State University) [California]

Assistant Professor, University of Chicago, Dept. of Molecular Engineering & Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Accomplishments:** As a postdoctoral scholar at Stanford University, his honors included a National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Cancer Institute Career Development Award, and prestigious fellowships from the Helen Hay Whitney Foundation and the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation.

**Philip Cooksey, Ph.D., Robotics, Carnegie Mellon University**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Monterey Bay) [California]

Sr. Technical Professional – Software Engineering for KBR working at NASA Ames, Mountain View, CA as a Robotics Engineer

**Accomplishments:** Currently working on the Distributed Spacecraft Autonomy (DSA) project and the Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER), a Lunar Rover project.

**Diana Azurdia, Ph.D., Molecular Biology & Biochemistry, UC Los Angeles**

CSU-LSAMP (California State University, Los Angeles) [California]

Director for Recruitment & Inclusion for Graduate Programs in Bioscience

**Accomplishments:** Leads the development and implementation of a strategic plan to enhance diversity in the biomedical graduate student population. Dr. Azurdia uses her platform as a National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) Master Facilitator to promote inclusive mentoring practices at UCLA where she is the Director of the UCLA Entering Mentoring Training Program. Howard Hughes Science Education Fellow. Board of Directors for the SACNAS.
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- University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
- University of California, San Diego, CA

### Brandon Brown, MPH, Ph.D.

**California Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-CAMP) (University of California, Irvine)**

**Associate Professor: University of California, Riverside Public Health**

**Accomplishments:**

Dr. Brown is the faculty director of CAMP at UC Riverside. He received a B.S. in Applied Mathematics from UC Irvine, earned an MPH from UCLA in epidemiology and received his Ph.D. in International Health (Global Disease Epidemiology and Control) from Johns Hopkins University. He has over 100 publications but shares that he is prouder of the CAMP Scholars that continue to impress him with their intelligence, peer mentorship, drive to succeed and resilience.

### Luis Bathen, Ph.D.

**California Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-CAMP) (University of California, Irvine)**

**Research Staff Member: IBM Research, San Jose, CA [TECH]**

**Accomplishments:**

Dr. Bathen has won numerous awards including the Great Minds in STEM Most Promising Engineer Award, Best Interactive Presentation Award from DATE, and Best Paper Candidate at Codes-ISSS. In addition, Dr. Bathen has four software releases and 13 patents, earning him five IBM Invention Plateaus.
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<td>California Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-CAMP) (University of California, Davis)</td>
<td>Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Hanna H. Gray Fellowship, 2017 – Present, Carl Storm Underrepresented Minority (CSURM) Fellowship recipient, Thematic Poster Award in Chemical Biology, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Poster Award and four Publications – See Google Scholar</td>
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<td>Andre Pinesett</td>
<td>California Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-CAMP) (University of California, Irvine)</td>
<td>Dr. Andre Pinesett completed his anesthesia residency at the University of California, San Diego and medical internship at Scripps Mercy. He is also an award-winning mentor and founder of StudentTransformation.com, where he is on a mission to empower one million students.</td>
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<td>Qyana Griffith</td>
<td>California Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-CAMP) (University of California, Irvine)</td>
<td>Dr. Qyana Griffith was recently awarded the AMA Women Physician Section Inspirational Physician Award, Polished Diamond Award, and was voted the highest ranked resident by all attending and staff in the UCLA – San Fernando Valley Psychiatry Residency Program. Further, she has received numerous national and societal grant awards. Dr. Griffith has five publications with the University of California Irvine, two of which were published as an undergraduate student.</td>
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<td>Roberto Tinoco</td>
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<td>Dr. Roberto Tinoco’s research interests include chronic diseases like HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and cancers that evade the immune system. He has over fourteen publications and has received grants from the National Institute of Health, Melanoma Research Alliance, the Department of Defense, and the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant.</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Dr. Michael Velez received his B.S. in Biological Sciences from UC Irvine. He invented a medical device and has licensed it to a company. The device will be in clinical practice soon. He has three granted US patents associated with this device. US patents (US10573150, US10269225, US9773393)</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Dr. Michael Cervantes received his B.S. at UC Riverside and DDS from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. He was part of a research team project for Factors Influencing Oral Health Disparities in the Inland Empire selected to present at the ADEA.</td>
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<td>Head of Biology: Cleave Therapeutics, San Francisco, CA [BIO]</td>
<td>Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA) [BIO]</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Dr. Jesse Vargas is spearheading efforts in drug discovery oncology and neurodegenerative diseases for Cleave Therapeutics, a biotech company. He is responsible for all aspects of preclinical research and discovery for small molecule inhibitors of key cellular stress response pathways for therapeutic use in oncology and neurodegenerative diseases, with a current focus on hematology/oncology indications. Dr. Vargas has authored nine publications.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Earned Ph.D. in Biology at Stanford University developing a new diagnostic technology for the rapid and simple detection of tuberculosis (TB) at the point-of-care. Her work was translated into a public benefit corporation and, as a co-Founder of OliLux Biosciences, Inc. - a company dedicated to providing low-cost, portable and reliable diagnostic devices in low-resource settings. She earned her M.S. from UC Berkeley Molecular and Cell Biology and B.S. from UC San Diego in Biochemistry and Chemistry.</td>
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<td>Assistant Professor of Biomolecular Engineering at UC Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA) [BIO]</td>
<td>Emergency Medicine Specialist at St. John’s Regional Medical Center, Oxnard CA [BIO]</td>
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**Accomplishments:** Key researcher in the Pan-Cancer genome mapping project, Postdoctoral Fellow at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/Broad Institute, Ph.D. in Molecular and Cell Biology at UC Berkeley, B.S., Biology with Specialization in Bioinformatics at UC San Diego. The Scientist One to Watch, University of California, Santa Cruz Women in Science and Engineering.

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<td>Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston TX [BIO]</td>
<td>Senior User Researcher at IBM Watson Health Imaging, Cambridge MA [BIO]</td>
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**Accomplishments:** Earned Ph.D. at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He was also a NIH Environmental Toxicology and Epidemiology Training Program Fellow with four publications in scientific journals.

- **Accomplishments:** Earned Ph.D. at the University of Michigan Medical School followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He was the winner of the Best Mental Health Hack by MIT Hacking Medicine Grand Hack which provided $20K startup seed funds, 16 publications in scientific journals.
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Dr. Magalhães is the founder and CEO of a biotechnology and drug development startup company, developing diagnostic tools and targeted therapies against multi-drug resistant cancers. She has been the recipient of fellowships from NSF-AGEP, NIH, and UNCF/MERCK. Dr. Magalhães was a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California, San Diego and has authored 14 publications.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> M.S. in Mechanical Sciences and Engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at UC Merced. SURGE Fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and three publications in scientific journals.</td>
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<td><strong>Senior Multi-disciplined and Process Engineer at Raytheon [ENG]</strong></td>
<td><strong>Postdoctoral Scholar at UC San Francisco (San Francisco, CA). [ENG]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering at UCLA, B.S. in Material Science and Engineering at UC Merced. She was a Metallurgical Engineering Intern at Arconic and Alcoa, Andrew W. Mellon Junior Research Fellow, and is in the process of publishing three articles.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Gaby did her Ph.D. studying the role of osmotic swelling in articular cartilage and meniscal fibrocartilage tissue mechanics and structure. Gaby was awarded several fellowships including the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Stanford Bio-X, Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) and a Sloan Ph.D. Fellowship. In 2013 Gaby received the Graduate Student Role Model SHPE Technical Achievement Recognition (STAR) Award, the highest award given to a student for their selfless and outstanding contributions to the Hispanic community.</td>
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<td><strong>Co-Founder and President of Tri-D Dynamics (Los Angeles, CA) [ENG]</strong></td>
<td><strong>Senior Process Development Engineer at Apeel Sciences, Santa Barbara CA [ENG]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Co-founded Tri-D Dynamics to pursue Cold Metal Fusion in additive manufacturing with over $1 million in funding, Masters in Aerospace, Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering at Purdue University, part of a team to build the first 3-D printed rocket engine at University of California San Diego, NACME Scholar.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Received doctorate in chemical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, seven publications in scientific journals. He is currently developing and scaling-up continuous chemical production and with a diverse team of chemist, material scientist, and biologist in designing sustainable chemical processes.</td>
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<td><strong>Ph.D. Candidate at Stanford University (Palo Alto, CA). [ENG]</strong></td>
<td><strong>Instructor of Engineering at Antelope Valley College, Lancaster CA [ENG]</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> DARE: Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Fellow, NSF Graduate Research Fellowships Program Fellow, work focuses on production of alternative and sustainable fuels Magna Cum Laude, NACME Scholar, Research Presentation Award, McNair Scholar, Outstanding Student Scholarship, Robert N. Chang Scholarship, five publications.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> As an instructor, has increased student success and retention by 10% at Antelope Valley College, awarded the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research, two publications in scientific journals and one patent.</td>
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<td>Senior Forensic Analytical Chemist, University of Georgia, Department of Chemistry, [MPS]</td>
<td>Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Norco College (Norco, CA) [MPS]</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> NIH Postdoctoral Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellowship. Three publications</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of California Riverside. Christopher was an active member of CAMP and continues his support of underrepresented students at the community college where he currently teaches chemistry.</td>
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<td>Professor of Physics, Boston University (Massachusetts) [MPS]</td>
<td>Senior Manager: Business Strategy and Operations, Infectious Diseases Therapeutic Area, Janssen BioPharma (San Francisco, CA) [MPS]</td>
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<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Dr. Suarez is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics at Boston University. She completed her doctorate at Texas A&amp;M University and is a member of the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) Collaboration at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) where she worked on searches for new heavy particles and studied associated production of the newly discovered Higgs Boson with W bosons. She is also a former NSF Graduate Research Program Fellow and UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow at UCSB. In addition to research and teaching, she actively participates in science outreach efforts to increase the participation of traditionally underrepresented populations in STEM fields.</td>
<td><strong>Accomplishments:</strong> Dr. Williams earned a BS in Chemistry from UC Irvine, then was awarded the LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship or her MS from California State University, Los Angeles. Additionally, she received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from UC Riverside, and an MBA from both Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management and Smith School of Business at Queen’s University. Dr. Williams’ accomplishments include serving as a member of the board of directors for Relimagine Science (2020), being Founder and CEO of BioTune Computations, and being a foster parent.</td>
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Shanise Walker, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, WI

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

First African American recipient of a Ph.D.

Degree in Mathematics at Iowa State University. The first recipient of the Vicki Lord Larson and James Larson Tenure-track Time Reassignment Collaborative Research Program Award at UWEC
Margaret Akinhanmi, Ph.D., Health Policy Leadership Fellow

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

Health Policy Analyst & Research Fellow with the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine

Accomplishments: Selected as a Featured Force for Science by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Acknowledged within Top 25% of trainee abstract submissions at the National Clinical & Translational Science Meeting, National Association for Clinical and Translational Science Graduate Trainee, Mayo Clinic Graduate School Dean’s Fellowship Award, 2 national conference travel awards, 3 oral presentation awards, & 4 peer-reviewed publications related to health disparities.

Turquoise C. Alexander-Perlote, Ph.D., United States Department of Agriculture, Jackson, MS

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University) NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate (Jackson State University)

Natural Resource Specialist at USDA-NRCS and NRCS Coordinator Southeast Leadership Development Program, Jackson MS.

Accomplishments: Received the National Science Foundation Louis Stokes Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation Bridge to Doctorate (NSF-LSAMP-BD) fellowship to complete her master’s degree in Biology at Jackson State University. She later received funding from Title III and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to support her doctoral studies. She has published several editorial reviews, peer-reviewed articles and a book chapter of her dissertation research.

Chidi I. Amah, M.D., Resident, Atlanta, GA

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Kennesaw State University – Kennesaw Campus)

Made the Dean’s list and graduated from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN in 2019.

Accomplishments: Received his M.D. from the Meharry Medical College, and was awarded the The Walter J. Riley, M.D., ’64 Family Endowed Scholarship in 2019. Prior to the medical school, he received a BS degree in biology from Kennesaw State University. Originally from Houston, Texas.

Melvin O. Atueyi, PharmD., Pharmacist, Kaiser Permanente, Baltimore MD

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

Area Champion of Clinical Initiatives, KPMAS and Oversee pharmacy operations at the Baltimore Harbor and South Baltimore Medical Centers.

Accomplishments: Pharmacist’s Pharmacist Award, Notre Dame of Maryland University. Maryland Pharmacist Association; American Pharmacist Association; Area Champion of Clinical Initiatives, KPMAS. Oversee pharmacy operations at the Baltimore Harbor and South Baltimore Medical Centers. Implement policies and procedures relating to professional practice standards.
Shantonio W. Birch, Ph.D. Candidate, Mechanical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

(Georgia). Peach State LSAMP (Georgia Perimeter College and Georgia Institute of Technology)

Current GEM Fellow (2019) at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Three journal publications are currently in progress.

Accomplishments: Doctoral Candidate in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he is researching efficient ways for harvesting waste heat using thermoelectric generators. As Shantonio transitions into his final stages of his Ph.D. studies, he hopes to continue his research endeavors at a national research facility.

Sherri B. Briggs, Ph.D. Postdoctoral Research Associate at Georgia State University’s Neuroscience Institute, Atlanta, GA

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University)

First African American to graduate from the University of Georgia with a Ph.D. in Neuroscience (2014)

Accomplishments: Recipient of the Michael A. Johnson Graduate Fellowship, the Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship, the University of Georgia’s Graduate School Research Fellowship, the James H. Porter Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship. Former President, Vice President, Treasurer, Research Festival Co-chair, Career & Professional Development Chair of Scripps Research Institute’s Society of Research Fellows. Mentees on the Move Mentor, School District of Palm Beach County. Ten research publications.

Maya Carrasquillo, Ph.D. Candidate, Environmental Engineering, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Georgia Institute of Technology)

GEM and McKnight Doctoral Fellow, as well as an Alfred P. Sloan Minority Graduate Scholar. Will complete Ph.D. August 2020 and begin working as a water engineer and consultant with Arcadis

Accomplishments: Notable accomplishments include being a recipient of the GEM Fellowship, McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, and being an Alfred P. Sloan Minority Graduate Scholar, and an NSF Collaborative Research Trainee at USF. Maya is also a certified Envision Sustainability Professional and has done community-based research at the intersection of environmental justice, urban water management and sustainable development.

Kimberly Collins, Ph.D., Assistant Research Scientist, Indiana University School of Medicine, [DMS/NIGMS], Indianapolis, IN

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University)

Past-Chair of the Webinar Committee for the American Society of Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics with 1 patent, 2 grants and 18 publications in journals.

Accomplishments: Completed PhD in Pharmacology, Certificate in Clinical Research, and American Board of Clinical Pharmacology Training Program at Indiana University School of Medicine. Recipient of over 20 awards including the Adam W. Herbert Graduate Fellowship, Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholar, K.K. Chen Fellowship in Pharmacology & Toxicology, Diversity Emissary Award, and several top abstract awards.
Eric Corbett, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Fellow NYU, Brooklyn, NY
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Savannah State University) and Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

Smart Cities Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at NYU’s Center for Urban Science and Progress with 8 publications in top Human-Computer Interaction Conferences

Accomplishments:
Completed his Ph.D. in Digital Media at Georgia Institute of Technology in 2020, under advisor, Dr. Christopher Le Dantec. Received the following awards: 2019 GEM Ph.D. Science Fellowship; 2018 Microsoft Dissertation Grant; 2015 Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Fellowship and 2012 National Science Foundation Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship. Has 8 publications.

Rosa L. Cromartie, Ph.D. Candidate, Chemistry, Florida International University, Miami, FL

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia) and LSAMP BD Fellow Florida-Georgia LSAMP (Florida International University). NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate and McKnight Doctoral Fellow with one journal publication at Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Accomplishments:
Recipient of NSF LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, semi-finalist of the Department of Defense SMART Scholarship, Outstanding President of the Forensic Science Graduate Student Organization, and one publication in the Royal Society of Chemistry Journal.

Anquilla V. Deleveaux, M.D., Morehouse School of Medicine Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency, Atlanta, GA
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

President of Medical Students for Choice, an International group advocating for women’s reproductive rights and justice, health education, family planning, health advocacy and medical school curriculum reform.

Accomplishments:

Noel Gardner, Ph.D., Chemistry Professor and Natural Science Chair, Hinds Community College, Jackson, MI
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University)

Principal and Co-Principal Investigator of multiple grants

Accomplishments:
Recipient of the NASA Faculty Fellowship (received the fellowship twice) and worked on the NASA Fingerprinting Program, Principal Investigator for the NASA Community College Aerospace Program, Three publications in The International Journal of Research and Educational Perspectives, Journal of Molecular Modeling and Journal of Structural Chemistry.
Alexander Gilmore, M.D., Resident, Levine Children’s Hospital, Charlotte, NC

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Kennesaw State University)

Currently in a pediatrics residency program with Atrium Health at Levine Children’s Hospital (LCH) at Carolinas Medical Center (CMC) in Charlotte.

Accomplishments: Received his M.D. from the Medical College of Georgia, and a BS degree in biology from Kennesaw State University. His travel to India helped to fuel his dreams of international medicine in pediatrics. He was born and raised in Livingston, NJ.

Stephen Gitau, PharmD, Pharmaceutical Care Pharmacist, Atlanta, GA

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Kennesaw State University-Kennesaw Campus)

Responsible for the coordination of pharmacy services. Provides consultative and clinical services, including antibiotic dosing of vancomycin and aminoglycosides, initial Coumadin dosing, renal dosing, and IV-to-PO conversions.

Accomplishments: Completed his Doctor of Pharmacy at Lipscomb University. A background in providing distributive services. Responsible for adhering to the Federal Pharmacy Law and practicing within the guidelines of Georgia State Pharmacy Law and in good standing with the Georgia board of pharmacy. Brings to the table six years of pharmacy experience. Excellent track record of maintaining positive relationships with patients, coworkers, medical professionals, drug vendors, and insurance providers.

Albreia Hall, D.M.D., Byron Family Dentistry, Byron, GA

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley)

General Dentist developing personalized intervention plans to promote good oral health in Georgia.

Accomplishments: Received a Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the Dental College of Georgia in Augusta, GA (May, 2018); a Master’s of Science in Biology from Georgia State University in Atlanta, GA (December, 2013); and a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology Fort Valley State University, – Fort Valley, GA (May, 2012. Dr. Hall is currently an active member of the American Dental Association and Georgia Dental Association.

Tenecia Hall, D.M.D., Associate Dentist, Macon, GA

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University)

Practicing general dentistry in Macon, Georgia as a licensed dentist for 5 years.

Accomplishments: Presidential scholar at Fort Valley State University. 3 time Intern at the National Science Foundation’s National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates in conjunction with the University of Iowa, Department of Biostatistics. United Concordia Scholarship award recipient. Recipient of the Regional Leadership Award for GEO-TEX Above and Beyond Award.
Marcus Herndon, Ph.D., Senior Mechanical Engineer, MITRE Corporation, Bedford, MA

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Kennesaw State University-Marietta Campus) and (Florida) Florida Georgia LSAMP BD (Florida International University)

Founder of the party game Choosin, USA, LLC; Producer and hip-hop lyricist by name of MARC.MADE.

Accomplishments:
Earned Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Florida International University under various graduate fellowships including NSF Bridge to the Doctorate, GEM, McKnight Doctoral, Delores A. Auzenne, and Start-Up FIU fellowships, and the Lion Battery Technologies Inc. grant. Dr. Marcus Herndon also co-authored multiple publications.

Marcus Hines, Marcus Hines, Ph.D., MD Candidate, New York University Grossman School of Medicine c/o 2021, New York City, NY

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

Adjunct Professor in Biological Sciences at Borough of Manhattan Community College (New York).

Accomplishments:
Received a PhD Degree in Pathology (Immunology) at NYU Sackler Program of Graduate Sciences. NYU Presidential Service Award (Individual) – Spring 2017, NYU School of Medicine Office of Diversity Leadership Award – Spring 2016. 2 publications (Cell Reports 2016, Journal of Immunology 2018), 1 submitted publication.

Shaletha S. Holmes, Ph.D., Senior Clinical Research Associate, IQVIA – Remote

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Savannah State University)

Evaluates the quality and integrity of study site practices related to the proper conduct of the protocol and adherence to applicable regulations. Escalate quality issues to Project Manager (PM), Clinical Lead (CL) and/or Resource Manager (RM). She has more than 5 publications and numerous oral presentations.

Accomplishments:
Started at IQVIA in July, 2018 as a Clinical Research Associate II, and promoted to Senior Clinical Research Associate in August, 2019. Honors and Awards include American Physiological Society: Physiology and Gender Travel Award in November 2015; and NIH Neurobiology of Aging (NBA) Training Grant T32, June 2013 – December 2015. An Associate Member of Sigma Xi since 2014.

Edidiong Inyang, Ph.D., Bioengineering Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University) Bridge to the Doctorate-University of Texas at Arlington

Holds a provisional Patent for drug combination and nano-delivery to the brain endothelium.

Accomplishments:
Recipient Drs. Alfred and Janet Potvin Award, The Pickett Award, The Scientist Mentoring Diversity Program (SMDP) Award and the GAANN Fellowship. Member of Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society (BKX), and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE).
Published a paper on the restoration of brain endothelium post traumatic brain injuries (TBI) in Nature Scientific Reports and the most recent discovery in drug combination and Nano-delivery to the brain endothelium led to a provisional patent.
Whitney Ingram, Ph.D., Senior Member of Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)
**First Black female to graduate from the University of Georgia with a Ph.D. in Physics (2016) and join an elite group of fewer than 100 Black women who have Ph.D.’s in physics in the United States.**

**Accomplishments:**
Science Graduate Research Fellowship with the Department of Energy and a fellowship with the Southern Regional Education Board. Ingram was also one of 65 U.S. students selected to attend the annual Nobel Laureate Conference in Lindau, Germany.

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Derrious Lowe, Ph.D., Chemist, Southeast Food and Feed Laboratory (SFFL), Atlanta, GA
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University)
**Supporting the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) mission to protect the public health and to create new knowledge in the field of regulatory science.**

**Accomplishments:**
Excellence in Public Health Protection (Domestic) Award, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellowship, MBRS RISE Research Assistantship, and NSF Research Fellowship. Supporting the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) mission to protect the public health and to create new knowledge in the field of regulatory science.

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Bianca Mondesir, MD, Emergency Medicine Physician, Atlanta, GA
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Kennesaw State University-Kennesaw Campus)
**Emergency medicine specialists diagnose and treat patients with life-threatening conditions like heart attack, drug overdose, shock, or massive bleeding.**

**Accomplishments:**
Received her M.D. from Morehouse School of Medicine, where she developed a passion for caring for an underserved population of people in a major city. She completed her residency at John Hopkins Emergency Medicine Residency program. Born and raised in Long Island, New York, and attended college at Kennesaw State University in Georgia, where she majored in biology, graduating summa cum laude.

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Randy Montgomery, JD, Patent Attorney, Ballard Spahr LLP, Atlanta, GA
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (Georgia Perimeter College)
**Patents ideas with inventors, engineers and entrepreneurs relating primarily to electronics, communications, software, and machine learning.**

**Accomplishments:**
Obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a law degree from Georgia State College of Law. He states that: "Peach State LSAMP allowed me to be involved in research and experiences that are not routine for students that look like me. The involvement with the program enabled me to excel beyond societal barriers and hone my vision for success."
**Daniel Piqué, Ph.D.,** MD Candidate, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

**First Hispanic MD/PhD student to successfully defend Ph.D. Thesis in Dept. of Systems and Computational Biology at Einstein.**

**Accomplishments:**
Completed Ph.D. thesis in 3 years. First Hispanic M.D. /Ph.D. student to successfully defend Ph.D. in Dept. of Systems and Computational Biology at Einstein. Will graduate from M.D. /Ph.D. program in May 2020. Matched to pediatrics residency at Univ. of California, San Francisco. During graduate school, published 2 first author papers, 2 coauthored papers, and 2 peer-reviewed software packages.

**Shelina Ramnarine, Ph.D.,** Senior Manager, Janssen Business Development Diagnostics & Enabling Technologies Janssen Pharmaceuticals in NJ
(Georgia). Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

**Honored as the New Jersey Tech Council 2018 Innovator to Watch.**

**Accomplishments:**
The first African American recipient of the Ph.D. Degree in Human and Statistical Genetics from Washington University in St Louis 2016. Five publications. Honorable Mention 2011 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

**Jessica Simpson, Ph.D.,** Associate Director of Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, GA
(Georgia). Peach State LSAMP (Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley)

**Currently is an Administrator at her alma mater, FVSU. Founder and Owner of Suddly Soaps Homemade Bath and Skincare.**

**Accomplishments:**
The recipient of the Ph.D. Degree in Chemistry-Polymer Concentration at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, LA, The first NSF EAPSI Fellowship recipient in the department of Chemistry at Louisiana State University, NOBCChE Winifred Burke-Houck Graduate Leadership Award, AAAS CASE Ambassador, four scientific peer-reviewed publications, former ACS Scholar recipient.

**Ukachi I. Ugorji, DVM,** Associate Veterinarian, Craig Road Animal Hospital, Las Vegas, NV
(Georgia) Peach State LSAMP (University of Georgia)

**Upholds a high standard of veterinary medical care through the implementation of exemplary preventative medicine and client education.**

**Accomplishments:**
Completed a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from The University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. Received the following awards: Certificate of International Agriculture from The University of Georgia College of Agriculture; Smithsonian Institution Minority Awards Fellowship (Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute);
Christopher Hoffman, M.D.
Psychiatry (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

U.S. Air Force - Captain
MC Medical Director [OTH]
ADAPT PM / Staff Psychiatrist

Accomplishments:
Member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Certified Psychiatrists, United States Air Force Captain, Staff Psychiatrist, Program Manager for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment.

Ashiya Buckels, Ph.D.
Cancer Biology (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Field Representative / Liaison [OTH]
Third Channel, Tampa / St. Petersburg

Accomplishments:
Summer project selected for presentation at ABRCMS National Conference, selected to present research findings at summer commencement ceremony, Scientific Research for Merck in Boston Massachusetts. 15 research publications.
**Accomplishments:**
COS Highest Undergraduate Achievement Award, Dean’s Service Award, UAH Martin Luther King Jr. Award, Distinguished Student Leader in a Multicultural Organization, Co-Founder/Co-President of Honors Diversity Student Initiative program, College of Science Ambassador, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Ambassador, Honors College Dean’s List, College of Science Dean’s List, RCEU Scholar, Alpha Epsilon Delta Member, Honors Junior Service Award and ANSEP Conference State of Alabama representative.

**Kimberly Green Hobbs, Ph.D.**
Biotechnology Science and Engineering (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Assistant Professor [BIO]
The University of Alabama in Huntsville
Huntsville, AL

**Accomplishments:**
Graduate Research Assistant at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, member of the UAH Minority Graduate Student Association, and the American Association for University Women.

**Joy Agee McDaniel, Ph.D.**
Biotechnology Science and Engineering (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center [BIO] Texas

**Accomplishments:**
Graduate Research Assistant at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, profiled in the Clinton Global Initiative National newsletter, Morehouse/Spelman Professional Network member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Phi Beta Kappa, the American Association for University Women, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, Leadership Huntsville/Madison County, and the UAH Alumni Association.

**Kathryn T. Picard, Ph.D.**
Biology (North Carolina)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama

NSF Postdoctoral Fellow [BIO]
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

**Accomplishments:**
Ten refereed and 2 non-refereed publications, NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Bass Instructional Fellowship, Stern Dissertation Fellowship, Mycological Society of America Research Fellowship, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, and research support for multiple NSF and Smithsonian Institution initiatives.
Accomplishments: Duke University School of Medicine summer intern, recipient of the Cancer Research Training Award at the National Institutes of Health, member of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Sigma Iota, Omicron Delta Kappa, Hispanic Christian Ministry, American Chemical Society, NASA summer intern recipient, Minority Medical Student Award, Medical Student Rotation Award, Chemistry Teaching Assistant and a College of Science Ambassador.

Accomplishments: Member of the National Society of Black Engineers and Treasurer of the Healthcare Innovation Special Interest Group within that organization. Part of the Marcus Autism Center and managed research and technology development there. Additionally, started a small consulting firm, TRN3 Consulting LLC, dedicated to helping businesses create sustainable products within the technology space. Excellence in Doctoral Research and the Chemistry Award for Outstanding Service.

Accomplishments: Research focused on successfully discovering 100+ drug candidates for Mycobacterium tuberculosis and discovering an antifungal drug which shows promise against several cancers, awarded young faculty research development grant (3X), NSF Co-PI for HBCU-UP grant and Professor mentor to UAB postdocs selected for the Mentored Experiences in Research, Instruction, and Teaching (MERIT) Program, funded by NIH.

Accomplishments: Graduate Student Research Exchange Competition Winner (UAB), Graduate Student Research Days Competition Winner (UAB), Outstanding Short Talk presentation Awardee (Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology, Germany), 3 Minute Thesis Finalist, Graduate Student of the Year, 5 protein structure deposited in The Protein Data Bank, 4 journal publications.
Norris I. Hollie, II, M.D., Ph.D.  
Pathobiology and Molecular Medicine (Ohio)  
Alabama LSAMP  
Oakwood University  
Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Resident [BIO]  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center  
Boston, MA  

Accomplishments:  
Licensed Physician; Subspecialty Fellowship: Hematopathology; Scholar programs: Medical Scientist Training Program, Yates Scholar; Awards: 2 (Pathology Award, Milestone Achievement Award [both during MD/PhD studies]); Publications: 5 (4 first author); Competitive research grants: 2 (National Heart Lung and Blood Institute [National Institutes of Health] Predoctoral; American Heart Association Predoctoral); American Society for Clinical Pathology Career Ambassador.

Aqueasha Martin-Hammond, Ph.D.  
Computer Science (South Carolina)  
Alabama LSAMP  
Clemson University  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Assistant professor at SOIC [CISE]  
Indiana University  
Indiana  

Accomplishments:  
Completed postdoctoral training at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; research focuses on human-computer interaction, examining health and accessibility challenges, and ways to design and develop technology that can help.

Edward C. Dillon, Jr., Ph.D.  
Biotechnology Science and Engineering (Maryland)  
Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama  
Assistant Professor [CISE]  
Morgan State University  
Baltimore, MD  

Accomplishments:  
Southern Regional Education Board Fellowship Scholar, 16 refereed publications, Lead PI of NSF federal grant, Co-PI of NIH federal grant, Co-PI of Maryland Center for Computing Education state funded grant. Received the PowerLive 2019 Faculty Award (Teaching and Mentoring).

Christophe E. Jackson, Ph.D., DMA, PA  
Bio-Engineering (Alabama)  
Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
CEO/Chief Clinical Design Engineer [ENG]  
Gideon Group  
Birmingham, AL  

Accomplishments:  
Awarded a Ford Foundation fellowship, received postdoctoral training in Neuroscience at Tulane University, extensive scientific, engineering, design, and clinical training as well as experiences in bridging the gaps between healthcare, engineering, technology, and research, has worked and consulted with several top medical tech companies.
**Stephanie Watson, Ph.D.**  
Civil Engineering (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  

Environmental Engineer [ENG]  
Michigan Electric Utility Company Upstate  
Michigan

**Accomplishments:** Collaborated with numerous emergency managers across the United States, has made many research presentations and received numerous awards while completing her graduate education, the most notable among them, being named Alabama’s University Transportation Center Student of the Year.

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**Candace Watson, Ph.D.**  
Civil Engineering (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  

Senior EH&S Coordinator [ENG]  
Collins Aerospace  
Gatlinburg, TN

**Accomplishments:** Participated in a study abroad program in Cairo, Egypt, has authored and presented papers at fourteen various professional conferences, both nationally and globally, traveling to Xi’an, Shaanxi, China, Candace received the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) accreditation from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

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**Derrick D. Stokes, Ph.D.**  
Materials Science (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama  

Staff R&D Engineer [ENG]  
Collins Aerospace  
Chula Vista, California

**Accomplishments:** Collins Aerospace; ASG; AFF Co-Founder and President, R&D Excellence Award for Achieving Competitive Excellence, R&D Innovation Award for Friction Stir Welding, Internships at Carrier Corporation Metallurgy and Structures Group, Corning Incorporated Reliability and Mechanical Science Group as well as Specialty Materials Group, plus five additional internships.

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**Johnathan Shields, M.S.**  
Cyber Security (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama in Huntsville  

Software Programmer [ENG]  
Boeing  
Huntsville, AL

**Accomplishments:** Graduated top of his class for bachelors and master’s degrees (4.0 for both degrees), NASA Alabama Space Grant Scholarship recipient, Draper Memorial Church Scholarship recipient, University of Alabama Huntsville Foundation Presidential Scholarship recipient, SGA Student Council, Honors College mentor, College of Science Ambassador, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Research Initiative at Hudson Alpha.
**Sharniece Holland, Ph.D.**  
Materials Science (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
Alabama State University  
The University of Alabama

Lecturer [ENG/MPS]  
Washington University  
St. Louis, MO

Accomplishments:  
Washington University Summer Engineering Fellowship Mentor,  
Greater Alabama Black Belt Region LSAMP Advisory Board,  
postdoctoral fellow at Auburn University,  
multiple publications,  
Southern Regional Education Board Dissertation Scholar Fellowship, Alabama NASA EPSCoR Round 11 Graduate Research Scholars Program.

**Hadiyah-Nicole Green, Ph.D.**  
Physics (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
Alabama A&M University  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

President, Founder and Spokesperson [MPS]  
Ora Lee Smith Cancer Research Foundation  
Atlanta, Georgia

Accomplishments:  
National Physical Science Consortium Fellowship, has trained at the Laboratory of Physical Science at the University of Maryland with the Department of Defense, presented some of her results at an international conference and was invited to be the SPIE Student Representative to Congress, presented her research at several conferences in her field and received several awards.

**Kendrick White, Ph.D.**  
Applied Mathematics (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Professor [MPS]  
Stillman College  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Accomplishments:  
His research is focused on developing topological models of Julia sets associated with holomorphic functions. The Julia set is the location in a system’s phase space where chaotic dynamics occur, characterized by sensitivity to initial conditions, the structure of Julia sets has been exploited to devise control strategies that have been used in the positioning of satellites and stabilization of heart rates.

**Kevin Ingles**  
Theoretical Particle and Nuclear Physics (Ohio)

Alabama LSAMP  
University of South Alabama

Graduate Student [MPS]  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, OH

Accomplishments:  
Recipient of the Dean’s Distinguished Graduate Enrichment Fellowship and GEM Fellowship and has completed internships at Fermi National Accelerator Lab and a summer internship in Science & Technology. Co-founder of early arrival program URSA with the OSU Departments of Astronomy and Physics, part of the Polaris Group. Offered a SMART scholarship through the Department of Defense to work in Rome, NY at the Informational Directorate. Author of six publications.
Joseph Williams, Jr., Ph.D.
Organic Chemistry (Washington, D.C.)

Alabama LSAMP
Miles College

Chemist [MPS]
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.

Accomplishments:
Clinton Health Access Initiative Recipient of Research Funding, GK-12 Fellow, published author, Returned Peace Corps volunteer who served in West Nile, Uganda as a lecturer for the National Teachers College Muni from 2013-2015, co-lead facilitator for lessons taught on chemistry and HIV at GirlTech, adjunct professor of chemistry at Bowie State University.

Kendra J. Royston, Ph.D.
Biological Sciences (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Publication Planning Associate-Consultant
Eli Lily and Company [OTH]
Indiana

Accomplishments:
Fifteen scientific publications. President and Founder of “Stupid Science”, Genetics Club, LSAMP Mentor TRIO Student Support Services, Tutor Black Graduate Student Association, Phi Sigma Biology Honors Society.

Joseph Lionel Waters, Ph.D.
Materials Science (Alabama)

Alabama LSAMP
The University of Alabama

Process Engineer / Scientific Analyst [TECH]
Intel Corporation
Chandler, AZ

Accomplishments:
Material Science Fellowship, 2nd place AL EPSCoR poster, EPA P3 Student Competition Grant, GK-12 fellowship, Graduate Council, Last Lecture Committee, President of African American Graduate Student Association, 6 publications.

Crystal S. Lewis, Ph.D.
Inorganic Chemistry (New York)

Alabama LSAMP
Oakwood University

Senior Formulation Specialist [OTH]
Evolved by Nature
Medford, MA

Accomplishments:
While pursuing her Ph.D. at Stony Brook University she was a Turner and AGEP-T Fellow and published 9 journal articles. Upon graduating, Dr. Lewis also received the Chemistry Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and the Chemistry Award for Outstanding Service.

Accomplishments: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. NSF EPScor Fellow. NSF ISSBB Scholar. Received his Bachelor’s Summa Cum Laude in Biology and earned his PhD from Brown University in Functional and Computational Genomics. Currently he is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Carnegie Institute for Science and is author of four peer reviewed publications.

Cindy Colon Bergeron, Ph.D., (Texas). Garden State-LSAMP (Rutgers University – Newark) – Adjunct Professor at Lone Star College.

Accomplishments: Received her Bachelor’s in Geology and her PhD from Louisiana State University in Structural Geology and Tectonics. After working as an Exploration Geologist for many years, she is now an Adjunct Professor of Geology at Lone Star College in Texas where she has also volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters. She has one publication.
Maryam Alapa, Ph.D. (New Jersey). Garden State LSAMP (Montclair State University) – Scientist and Writer at Bristol-Meyers Squibb.

Accomplishments: Earned a Bachelor’s degree in Chemistry and a Master’s in Biochemistry at Montclair State University and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science at Rutgers University, where she was a Sloan Scholar Teaching Assistant. Interested in science communication, she began writing for the Interdisciplinary Job Opportunities for Biomedical Scientists (iJOBS) blog, becoming senior editor. She has had two articles published and has another in process. Currently, she is a scientist at Bristol-Meyers Squibb and a reviewer for Seeding Labs.

Marvin Andujar, Ph.D., (Florida). Garden State-LSAMP (Kean University) - Assistant Professor and Director of the Neuro-Machine Interaction Lab in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of South Florida.

Accomplishments: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, GEM Fellow, Generation’s Google Scholar, Intel Scholar. His research concentration is on Affective Brain-Computer Interfaces where he focuses on measuring and decoding the user’s affective state from the brain during human-machine interaction. He has more than two dozen published papers and is the Co-Founder and CEO of Brain Drone Racing League, a non-profit organization which sets rules and aids the organization of brain-drone racing.


Accomplishments: Received his Bachelor’s in Biotechnology at William Paterson University and his PhD in Biomedical Sciences from Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, where he worked in the lab of Dr. Benjamin tenOever. Participated in NIH Summer Undergraduate Research Program as both a rising junior and rising senior. He held Post-Doctoral Fellowships at both Icahn School of Medicine and at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, where he is now employed as a scientist. His graduate and post-doc work focused on mainly on Influenza A viruses (he calls himself a “flucionado”) and he is currently investigating autoimmune disorders with a focus on developing therapies to treat them. He has six publication.

Ivan de la Grange, Ph.D. (candidate) (Indonesia). Garden State-LSAMP (New Jersey City University) – Fulbright Fellow at Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya.

Accomplishments: Golden Key International Honor Society Member. Earned his Bachelor’s Cum Laude in Environmental Science. Awarded a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to student Environmental Chemistry in Indonesia where he is studying the use of Moringa Oleifera seed to remove pesticides. He currently has one publication.
Rubens Dort, Ed.D., (Massachusetts). Garden State-LSAMP (Bloomfield College) – Program Director of STEM for Boston Public Schools.

Accomplishments:
Received a Bachelor’s in Mathematics, a Master’s in Secondary Education Mathematics from Mercy College and an Ed.D. from Northeastern University. He worked as a Math tutor as an undergraduate and became a Math Teacher upon receipt of his MS, focusing on working multilingual and underrepresented groups of students in both secondary and higher education. Currently, he is the STEM Program Director, developing, delivering and supporting implementation of STEM initiatives and projects from the Office of Academics.

Carlos J. Garcia, Ph.D., (New Jersey). Garden State-LSAMP (Kean University) – Associate Medical Strategist at GSW Advertising.

Accomplishments:
Earned a Bachelor’s in Biotechnology from Kean University and a PhD in Medical Microbiology and Bacteriology from Rutgers – Newark. After graduate school, became a Medical Writer and Medical Affairs Intern. He is a Board-Certified Medical Affairs Specialist. Currently an Associate Medical Strategist, he develops science-based strategic insight into the current and future therapeutic market to meet brand objectives.

Binta Jalloh, Ph.D. (2020), (Georgia). Garden State-LSAMP (Montclair State University) – Graduate Student at Emory University.

Accomplishments:
Received Bachelor’s in Biology at Montclair State University and is working towards a PhD in Genetics and Molecular Biology at Emory University. Prior to starting graduate school, she was a research technician at the Center for International Health at Case Western Reserve University, characterizing different malarial species in a small population in Madagascar. She is currently studying intellectual disability in humans using the *Drosophila* model system.

Humberto Jaramillo, Ph.D., (California). Garden State-LSAMP (Rutgers University – New Brunswick) – Project Engineer at SPI, The Membrane Technology Consultants.

Accomplishments:
After receiving his BS Summa Cum Laude in Civil Engineering, he also received an MS, MPhil and PhD in Environmental Engineering at Yale University as a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. Eight peer-reviewed articles on desalination, reverse osmosis and biofouling.

Accomplishments:
- National Institutes of Health Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellow.
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow.

She received her Bachelor’s in Biology from Rutgers - Newark, her Master’s of Business and Sciences in Biotechnology and Genomics from Rutgers – New Brunswick and her PhD in Immunology from Columbia University. She has authored nine peer reviewed articles and is currently an Investigator in Functional Genomics at GlaxoSmithKline.

Lider Leon, Ph.D., (North Carolina). Garden State-LSAMP (Montclair State University) – Post-Doctoral Fellow at North Carolina State University.

Accomplishments:
- Awarded NSF Data-Enabled Science and Engineering of Atomic Structure Fellowship.
- Received MS and PhD degrees from North Carolina State University in Applied Mathematics. He has eight published articles. His current research is on uncertainty analysis of model-based control algorithms for ferroelectric material-powered devices, such as micro air vehicles (MAV).


Accomplishments:
- NASA Earth and Space Science Fellow.
- Completed his PhD in Applied Physics and Applied Math at Columbia University, where he also earned both an MS and MPhil. Co-founded qSTEM, organization for queer graduate students. As an undergraduate, he served as President of Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society. He currently teaches math and science at The Winchendon School in Brooklyn.

Michael Little, Ph.D., (New Jersey). Garden State-LSAMP (Montclair State University) - Research Investigator at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Accomplishments:
- Selected for Rutgers University's Research in Science and Engineering Summer Research Program.
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow.
- Recipient of the Society of Toxicology Undergraduate Education Award. Earned his PhD in Chemistry from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where he was a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. Currently works as a Research Investigator at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Accomplishments:
Member of National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars. Received her Bachelor’s in Biology, Master’s from Columbia University in Epidemiology and is working towards her PhD in Public Health/Epidemiology at City University of New York where she is a Doctoral Student Representative to the Faculty/Student Council and for the Transition Committee and a fellow for CUNY’s Immigrant, Refugee, and Global Health Center. She is also Adjunct Lecturer of epidemiology at Hunter College. She is the author of five peer reviewed articles and two white papers.

Renata Martin, Ph.D., (California). Garden State-LSAMP (Essex County College) – Research Scientist at Genetic Engineering.

Accomplishments:
After completing her A.S. in Biology, she continued her education at Brown University where she earned a B.S. in Immunology and at Stanford University where she earned a PhD in Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine. She is currently a Research Scientist at Genetic Engineering with eight peer reviewed publications. In addition, she is a singer/songwriter with several videos posted to YouTube.

Oscar Patterson-Lomba, Ph.D., (Massachusetts) Garden State-LSAMP (Montclair State University) – Manager of Health Economics and Outcomes Research at Analysis Group

Accomplishments:
Received his Bachelor’s in Physics after emigrating from Cuba. Earned his PhD in Applied Mathematics from Arizona State University, where he had participated in an REU in Mathematical and Theoretical Biology as an undergraduate. He was a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Harvard T.H. Chang School of Public Health prior to joining Analysis Group. He is very interested in studying contagion processes within social contexts by developing novel mathematical, computational and statistical models to study the spread and evolution of infectious diseases.

Ramon Peña, Ph.D., (New Jersey). Garden State-LSAMP (Rutgers University – New Brunswick) – Senior Engineer at ExxonMobil

Accomplishments:
Recipient of Altria Group Scholarship and National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering Scholar Research Grant, Member of Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honor Society. Earned both his Master’s and PhD in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University. Currently is a Senior Engineer at ExxonMobil with six peer reviewed publications.

Accomplishments:
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation’s Sloan Minority PhD Program Scholarship.
Received her Bachelor’s in Chemistry from Bloomfield College and her PhD from Rutgers University in Biomedical Sciences, Immunology, Inflammation and Infectious Diseases. She is currently a Scientist at Anthem United State of Beauty where she is Lead for Stability and Safety Testing in Research and Development. She has also returned to her alma mater, Bloomfield, as an Adjunct Professor of Anatomy and Physiology.


Accomplishments:
Received his Bachelor’s in Ecology and Natural Resources. National Science Foundation Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow.
Earned his PhD in Ecology from Drexel University. He has three peer reviewed publications. He is currently Director of Conservation Science at Pinelands Preservation Alliance, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the Pinelands of New Jersey, where his research interests include fire ecology, plant – insect interactions, mycology, and rare plant demography.

Andrea Suria, Ph.D., (North Carolina). Garden State-LSAMP (Fairleigh Dickinson University) – Post-Doctoral Fellow at University of North Carolina.

Accomplishments:
Earned her Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University and her Ph.D. in Marine Microbiology from University of Connecticut. She was a STEM tutor and PLTL lead while an undergraduate and participated in NSF REU at Duke University as a rising senior measuring photo- and geo-taxis in estuarine crab larvae. She has five peer-reviewed publications. Currently, she is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Marine Science at UNC studying host-microbe interactions.
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El Camino Community College District
Hampton University
Harford Community
Howard Community College

John Tyler Community College
Morgan State University
Norfolk State University
Prince George’s Community College
University of the District of Columbia
Virginia State University
**Taylor S. Hailstock – Biotechnology – M.S.**  
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP  
(Bowie State University)

**Biotechnician, U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Research Service [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:** A Pathways Intern for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Animal Parasitic Diseases Laboratory.

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**Samelia Okpodu-Pyuzza, Ph.D.**  
Physiology & Biophysics – Howard University

(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP  
(Norfolk State University)

**Executive Project Manager - Chesapeake Church Ministries (End Hunger in Calvert County & Honduras Compassion Partners), Huntingtown, MD & La Paz, Honduras**

**Accomplishments:** After graduation, Dr. Okpodu-Pyuzza left her career as a molecular biologist at the National Institutes of Health and spent a year devoted to national service in AmeriCorps. That experience transformed her life and she now uses her passion for data, data visualization and program development to manage executive projects for the CEO of End Hunger in Calvert County, serves as the Director of Women’s Empowerment for Honduras Compassion Partners, Inc., NEI Scientific Director Group Award and Presidential Volunteer Gold Service Award. She has two publications.

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**Martha D. Gay, Ph.D. – Pharmacology**  
Howard University

(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP  
(Norfolk State University)

**NIH-TL-1 Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science Postdoctoral Scholar at Georgetown University, DC [BIO]**

**Accomplishments:**  
My overall goals are to provide community health awareness about fatty liver disease, improve healthcare modalities, and provide knowledge to cancer patients that are in high-risk communities. Minorities in Cancer Research Scholar from American Association for Cancer Research Award, Georgetown University Medical Magazine Fellow, Women in Cancer Research from American Association for Cancer Research Award. Dr. Gay has two publications.

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**Cpt. LeTasha McFarlane, M.S., CISSP, CISM, CSM, CASP, ITIL, CEH – Howard University**

(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP  
(University of the District of Columbia)

**74th Troop Command, Headquarters and Detachment Commander, DCARNG**

**Corporate Information Systems Security Manager, SAIC [CISE] [TECH] [OTH]**

**Accomplishments:**  
Captain McFarlane is a CyberCorps Scholarship Recipient and Department of Homeland Security Pathways Intern.
Vic L Boddie II, Ph.D. – Biology – Howard University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University)

Consumer Safety Officer
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Veterinary Medicine [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Vic Boddie is a Consumer Safety Officer with FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Boddie is dedicated to protecting public health and has multifaceted experiences directly managing numerous projects and policy initiatives to support CVM’s mission. Dr. Boddie is considered a subject matter expert, working with industry leaders to ensure that animal drugs on the market are safe and effective. In this capacity, was recognized by FDA, and given an award for working with agency leaders to remove fraudulent cancer products from the market.

Bethrice Elliot, Ph.D. – Molecular Biology
Howard University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University) – BD

Research Associate, Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) at Clark Atlanta University [BIO]

Accomplishments:
IRTA Postdoctoral Fellow, National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD. Received the RCMI Pilot Project Program at the CCRTD Research Awards. Five publications in the last five years to include the Journal of Reproductive Medicine and Endocrinology.

Cameron Davis Clarke – M.S. in Public Policy – Oxford University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University)

Research Fellow at Planned Parenthood Federation of America (NYC) [MPS]

Accomplishments:
2017 Rhodes Scholar Recipient, Howard University Award for Excellence in Biology, Member Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Kourtney Fulton-Miller, Ph.D.
Mathematics – Howard University
Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University) – BD

Principal and Head of School at Cesar Chavez Public Charter School for Public Policy in Washington, DC [MPS]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Fulton-Miller founded her own company, Fulton Tutorial Services, LLC where she worked full-time serving over 100 clients while working at schools in Prince George’s County and charter schools in the district until August 2011. She then transitioned to teaching full-time on the high school level at Cesar Chavez and served as the senior class advisor, pageant coordinator, instructional coach and assistant principal. She has been promoted three times within six years.
Joseph Williams, Jr., Ph.D. – Organic Chemistry – Howard University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP (Howard University) – BD

Accomplishments: Dr. Williams traveled to Uganda as a Peace Corps Volunteer. He has one publication in the *Tropical Journal of Pharmaceutical Research*.

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Thomas J. Hardy, Ph.D. – Biology
Howard University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP (Howard University)

Accomplishments: Tenured Professor awarded over $40,000 in grant funding for scholarly activity and outreach activities. Scott and Stringfellow Outstanding Professor Award. Published in the *Investigations in the Biology Laboratory Manual*.

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Sulman J. Rahmat, Ph.D. – Anatomy
Howard University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP (Howard University)

Assistant Professor in Howard University College of Medicine, Washington DC [BIO]

Accomplishments: Howard University College of Medicine Top-rated Anatomy Medical Educator; Howard University College of Dentistry Teacher of the Year Award; Dr. Rahmat has 14 publications including the *Journal of Anatomy* and the *International Journal of Paleobiology*.

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Adana Llanos, Ph.D., MPH – Genetics & Human Genetics – Howard University; Epidemiology – Ohio State University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP (Howard University)

Assistant Professor
Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Rutgers School of Public Health, Fanwood, NJ [OTH]

Accomplishments: Dr. Llanos is a molecular epidemiologist, with training and expertise in population health and cancer health disparities with over 40 publications. Minority Faculty Scholar in Cancer Research Award, American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)-Minorities in Cancer Research Council; New Jersey Health Foundation (NJHF) Excellence in Research Award and Excellence in Teaching Award.
Healey LaCator – M.S. - Economics
Rutgers University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University)

Founder, STEM Magnet School
Johannesburg, South Africa [BIO] [EDU] [MPS] [OTH]

Accomplishments:
Major accomplishments to this day are the opening of a school focused on STEM subjects and speaking around the Johannesburg metropolitan area on curriculum development and education related to the STEM disciplines.

John Patrick Rogers, Ph.D. – Chemistry
University of California, Davis
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University)

Lecturer, Department of Chemistry
Howard University, Washington, DC [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Recipient of several awards and accolades including Lendon N. Pridgen GlaxoSmithKline NOBCCHE Graduate Fellowship, HHMI Integrating Medicine into Basic Sciences Training Grant, Alfred P. Sloan Ph.D. Minority Scholarship, UNCF Merck Science Initiative Undergraduate Fellowship. Dr. Rogers has three publications.

Belinda R. Hauser, Ph.D. – Genetics & Human Genetics – Howard University
(Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University) – BD

Acting Director, Office of Education
Intramural Training Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, NIH; Bethesda, MD [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Hauser is an NIH postdoctoral IRTA fellow for 5.5 years working at National Institutes of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). She is now the acting director, office of training and education at NIDCR. The Office of Education is an access point, advocate, and resource for intramural trainees and candidates. She has four publications.

Chinyere Knight, Ph.D. – Microbiology
Howard University
Washington, DC) WBHR-LSAMP
(Howard University)

Assistant Professor Diversity, Ecology and Evolution -Department of Biology at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL [BIO]

Accomplishments: She has numerous awards and accolades including but not limited to: National Institutes of Health (NIH) Build Post-Doctoral Training Fellowship; Scientist Mentoring and Diversity Program for Medical Technology (SMDP); Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Fellowship; Edith Hambie Award/ Outstanding Fellow; National Science Foundation (NSF)/ Graduate Research Fellowship Program; and the Republic of Cuba (Medical School Scholarship) just to name a few.
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Tiffany Bell, Ph.D.
(West Virginia) KY-WV LSAMP (Marshall University)  [BIO]
BS, biochemistry, Marshall University, 2012
BS, Japanese language and culture, Marshall University
MS, biochemistry, King’s College London, 2013
PhD, neurochemistry, University of Reading, 2017.

Jamar R. Grayson, DO
(West Virginia) KY-WV LSAMP (Marshall University)  [BIO]
BS, microbiology, Marshall University
DO, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, WV, 2015. Dr. Grayson is now a resident physician at Heber Valley Clinic in Heber City, UT.
Victoria Paige Cloud, Ed.D. Candidate  
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (Bluegrass Community and Technical College)  [MPS]  
AS, science, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College  
APS, civil engineering technology, BCTC  
BS, mathematics, University of Kentucky  
MA, education with a concentration on community college teaching, Western Kentucky University, Ed.D. ABD, education leadership and policy, Eastern Kentucky University. Victoria is currently an associate professor as well as the LSAMP campus coordinator at BCTC. By becoming a professor and a coordinator for LSAMP, Victoria comes full circle and continues the work of the LSAMP program.

Rebekah Dailey, DNP  
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (University of Kentucky)  [OTH]  
BN, nursing, University of Kentucky  
Doctorate of Nursing Practice, population and organizational systems leadership, University of Kentucky. Dr. Dailey has worked as an emergency room RN, an electrophysiology RN, and is now a nurse manager vascular surgery at Inova Health System in Washington, D.C.

Robert Rivers, Ph.D.  
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (Kentucky State University)  [MPS]  
BS, chemistry, Kentucky State University  
PhD, chemistry, University of Cambridge  
Dr. Rivers served as a peer mentor for the LSAMP program. He worked as a medical writer, served as a volunteer community organizer in Peru, received an American Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology Fellowship, and was a program officer at the National Cancer Institute focusing on proteomics research. He is now program director for the Office of Minority Health Research Coordination at the National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Brent Daniel Frederick, DO  
(West Virginia) KY-WV LSAMP (Marshall University)  [BIO]  
BS, microbiology, Marshall University, 2008  
DO, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, 2013  
Dr. Frederick did his residency in internal medicine at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He is now a physician at Wake Forest Baptist Health.
Eseosa Ighodaro, M.D./Ph.D.
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (University of Kentucky)  [BIO]

BS, biology, University of Kentucky
PhD, anatomy neurobiology, University of Kentucky
MD, University of Kentucky

Dr. Ighodaro is now a neurology resident at the Mayo Clinic.

Ricky Mason, Ph.D.
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (University of Kentucky)  [ENG]

BS, electrical and electronics engineering, University of Kentucky
MS, electrical and computer engineering, Johns Hopkins University
PhD, electrical and electronics engineering, University of Kentucky.

Dr. Mason is founder of KY AgriTech and BrainSTEM University. Kentucky AgriTech specializes in developing IOT, artificial intelligence, and blockchain technology for agriculture. BrainSTEM University provides STEAM education for students of all ages through classes, workshops, and summer camps. He is a board member of the Louisville MSD and chief technical officer of Bionic Innovations.

Dominique Razeeq, M.D.
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (University of Louisville)  [BIO]

BA, biology, University of Louisville
MD, University of Louisville

Dr. Razeeq is currently an Anesthesiology Resident at the UofL Hospital. During medical school, he led the Pre-matriculation Program for incoming minority and underrepresented students and helped form and teach curriculum for point of care ultrasound to 2nd year medical students. He served as SDA for the Summer Medical Dental Education Program and tutored gross anatomy. He was awarded the CODRE research grant while working on a basic sciences research project during his undergraduate experience.

Alexander J. Salazar, M.D. (West Virginia)
KY-WV LSAMP (Marshall University)  [MPS]

BS, biology, Marshall University
MD, Marshall University School of Medicine

Dr. Salazar was accepted to medical school while he was still an undergraduate. He successfully completed his residency in general medicine at the US Navy Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He now practices emergency medicine in Portsmouth, VA.
Joseph Wilkins, Ph.D.
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (University of Louisville) [GEO]

BS, atmospheric sciences and meteorology, University of Louisville
MS, meteorology, Saint Louis University
PhD, meteorology, Saint Louis University

He currently works as a physical scientist at the US Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Wilkins's published articles can be found in journals including the *International Journal of Wildland Fire, Remote Sensing, IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters and Atmospheric Environment.*

Astrid Suarez, Ph.D.
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (Western Kentucky University) [GEO]

BS, meteorology, Western Kentucky University
MS, meteorology, Penn State University
PhD, meteorology, Penn State University

Dr. Suarez serves as Analysis Branch Chief for the Meteorological Modeling and Analysis Mission at the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, FL. Dr. Suarez regularly serves as a national-level expert for work with major universities, national laboratories, and other U.S. government agencies.

Jordan Drew, Ph.D. Student
(West Virginia) KY-WV LSAMP (West Virginia University) [ENG]

BS, biometric systems, West Virginia University
Post-bac program, the National Institute for Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, PhD Student, biometrics, University of Washington. Jordan is now a third year PhD student in electrical and computer engineering studying audio signal processing and the neuroscience of hearing loss.

Trevor Claiborn, B.S.
(Kentucky) KY-WV LSAMP (Bluegrass Community and Technical College) [A]

AS, agriculture, Bluegrass Community and Technical College
BS, agriculture, agriculture operations, and related sciences, Kentucky State University.

Trevor has written and produced hip hop music videos on the subject of agriculture. Through these videos (which are posted on his website as well as YouTube), he hopes to encourage the next generation to know more about food and pursue degrees and careers in agriculture. In addition, he has written and published picture books for young children.
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Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

Ariel Ash-Shakoor, Ph.D., Syracuse University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [ENG]

Biomedical Engineer at FDA

Accomplishments:
Dr. Ash-Shakoor completed her undergraduate work at the University of Maryland, College Park and her Ph.D. in Bioengineering from Syracuse University. Dr. Ash-Shakoor completed a research project on drug coated balloons as an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education fellow.

Sofia Pezoa, Ph.D., University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [BIO]

Accomplishments: Dr. Pezoa completed her undergraduate work at Syracuse. She is a Company of Biologists Traveling Fellow and first author of two publications. Dr. Pezoa served as a Post Baccalaureate IRTA in which she studied blood vessel development in zebrafish with the National Institutes of Health.
Deshawn Coombs, Ph.D., Syracuse University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Dr. Coombs earned a Ph.D. in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Syracuse University. While in graduate school, Dr. Coombs served as an Intern at the Sandia National Laboratories where he assisted with the experimental investigation on the behavior of organic materials subject to heat flux and the development and application of droplet particle interaction model for coupled solid and fluid mechanic simulations.

Iriny Ekladious, Ph.D., Boston University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Cornell University) [ENG]

Senior Scientist at Merck

Accomplishments:
Dr. Ekladious earned a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Boston Uni. and is a recipient of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, the Boston University Cross-disciplinary Training in Technology for Cancer Fellow and the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association Undergraduate Research Award. Dr. Ekladious has first-authored five publications and received one patent. Her research developed and characterized novstems for the controlled delivery of chemotherapeutics and polymeric nanoparticle drug delivery systems.

Dane A. Dell, Ph.D., Syracuse University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [CISE]

Director of Library Information Systems at Onondaga County Public Libraries

Accomplishments:
Dr. Dell earned a Ph.D. in Information Science and Technology at Syracuse University where he served as adjunct professor and information management specialist for SU. Dr. Dell has one publication. While working as a Business Intelligence Analyst in the Advanced Manufacturing department at Marquardt Switches, Inc., Dr. Dell developed and implemented a comprehensive management dashboard.

Darvin J. Griffin, Ph.D., Cornell University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Cornell University) [ENG]

Global Clinical Strategy Lead for Smith and Nephew

Accomplishments:
Dr. Griffin completed his undergraduate work at Mississippi State University and earned a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at Cornell. His awards include the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, the 2016 New Faces of Engineering Award, the Mike Shinn Distinguished Graduate Student of the Year and the 2015 Cornell Zellman Warhaft Commitment to Diversity Award.
Kemardo Henry, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Wisconsin, Madison

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Mr. Henry received his Bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry from Syracuse. He is a recipient of the Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship, the Molecular Bioscience Training Grant Recipient (NIH T-32 Fellowship) and the William H. Peterson Predoctoral Fellowship. His research is on the Molecular Genetics of Bacteria and Phages. Mr. Henry has received awards to attend the Gordon Research Conference and the Raper Symposium.

Gerardo Martinez, Ph.D. Student, Colorado School of Mines

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [GEO]

Accomplishments:
Mr. Martinez is a Ph.D. student at the Colorado School of Mines, studying earth resources development engineering. He received his M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Davis. His master’s thesis focused on mercury contamination in watersheds due to uncontrolled gold mining in the Madre de Dios region of Peru. Mr. Martinez, a 2015 EPA STAR Fellow, is currently studying the opportunities and challenges associated with formalization of artisanal and small-scale gold mining in the Puno region of Peru.

Tagbo Herman Roland Niepa, Ph.D., Syracuse University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Asst. Professor, Chemical & Petroleum Engineering; University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Niepa earned a Ph.D. at Syracuse University in Chemical Engineering. He was a UPenn Postdoctoral Fellow for Academic Diversity and a UPenn Postdoctoral REACT Fellow-Act 2 Prevention of Infection Transmission. He is a founder and organizer of the Microbes at Biomedical Interfaces (M@BI) at the 2020 AIChE Conference. Dr. Niepa is Co-PI on a $1M NSF Grant for Graduate Engineering Education Scholarships. He has 17 publications and four patents.

Corey Oses, Ph.D., Cornell University

(New York). Upstate LSAMP (Cornell University) [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Postdoctoral Fellow at Duke University

Dr. Oses earned a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science through the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Dr. Oses has over 20 publications and three book chapters. Three publications in Computational Materials Science have received Editor’s Choice Awards.
Daniela Retelny Blum, Ph.D., Stanford University

(NeW York). Upstate LSAMP (Cornell University) [CISE]

**Director of Product at B12**

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Blum received a Ph.D. in Management Science and Engineering at Stanford. She is a Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow recipient, a member of the Stanford HCI Group and the Center for Work, Technology and Organization. Her dissertation on Flash Teams and Flash Organizations introduced computational approaches and organizational structures for on-demand expert crowd work.

Luis Romo, M.S., Syracuse University

(NeW York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [ENG]

**Founder and CEO of PurpleSun**

**Accomplishments:** Mr. Romo earned a M.S. in Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering at Syracuse. He is the founder of PurpleSun Healthcare Technology in which they created the first non-chemical based standard for automating the daily disinfection needs of all critical patient care equipment and spaces.

Camilla Nix, Ph.D., Drexel University

(NeW York). Upstate LSAMP (Syracuse University) [ENG]

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Nix’s research involves developing novel coating for inhibiting infection for patients requiring the use of a urinary catheter. Dr. Nix has worked within the Philadelphia school district introducing engineering concepts within science classrooms through hands on lessons and workshops and led projects in Githumu, Kenya to introduce Engineering Grand to students. Dr. Nix is a recipient of the Drexel Biomed “iCARE for Healthcare” GAANN Fellowship, the NSF Graduate Stem Fellowship in K-12 Education and the NSF Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship. Dr. Nix has seven publications.
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Accomplishments: Dr. Hardy is the recipient of the Scott Grundy Fellowship Award for Excellence in Metabolism Research, the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (T32), Multidisciplinary Research Training to Reduce Inequalities in Cardiovascular Health (METRIC) Program, Rollins School of Public Health, Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health, American Heart Association. Her peer reviewed articles have been published in Scientific Reports, JAMA Cardiology, Population Health and Journal of the American Heart Association.

Accomplishments: Fall 2020 Dr. Nock will transition to Assistant Professor with a joint appointment in Engineering & Public Policy and Civil & Environmental Departments at Carnegie Mellon University. She has been awarded a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, NSF Sponsored Wind Energy IGERT Fellowship, Northeast Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (NEAGAP) Program Fellow. Her articles have been published in Applied Energy, and Electricity Journal. She was invited to present at EAERE-FEEM VIU Summer School, Venice International University, Italy and Promoting Emerging Engineering Research Scholars (PEERS) Seminar Auburn University.
Accomplishments: Dr. Shelton is a recipient of the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Postdoctoral Research Award and the Sloan Fellowship and GEM Fellowship. His articles have been published in the Journal of Petroleum Science and Engineering and Journal of Mechanical Engineering Science. He has presented his research at the International Conference on Nanochannels, Microchannels and Minichannels in Alberta, Canada.

Accomplishments: Dr. Felton’s research focuses on LC-MS analysis of pre-clinical drug candidates in blood, plasma and tissue and the development of analytical techniques for measuring drug dissolution in the GI tract. He is the recipient of the Indiana University Kraft Fellowship and Graduate Scholars Fellowship.

Accomplishments: Prior to joining UMBC, Dr. McCauley was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the United States Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense. Her honors and awards include the NIH Meyerhoff Graduate Fellowship, Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Fellowship and the NSF Maryland BD Fellowship. She has presented her research at the National Environmental Measurements Conference and the Mid-Atlantic Prep & IMSD Research Symposium.

Accomplishments: Dr. Robinson’s research identifies cognitive and social barriers to participation in online socio-technical ecosystems. Her recent work dismantles barriers to participation taking advantage of identity deployment, peer parity, and community mentorship. She is a recipient of the National GEM Consortium Fellowship, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, and Microsoft Research Ph.D. Fellowship.
Khalia M. Braswell  
M.S. Information Technology (CSIE)  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Founder, INTech Camp for Girls  
Charlotte, NC

Accomplishments: Ms. Braswell is pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer Science at Temple University where she is a Presidential Future Faculty Fellow. She has been employed with Apple Inc. and Google. In 2014, she launched INTech Camp for Girls in her home town of Charlotte. Its mission is to inform and inspire girls to innovate in the technology industry.

Jocelyn R. Painter  
Forestry & Environmental Resources (GEO)  
North Carolina State University

Ph.D. Student, Forestry & Environmental Resources  
North Carolina State University

Accomplishments: Ms. Painter has a Bachelor of Science in Biological Engineering from North Carolina State University where she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Forestry & Environmental Resources. She is the recipient of the Nebraska Winnebago Scholarship and the National Science Foundation Lighting the Pathways Scholarship. Her research interest is in incorporating indigenous forms of knowledge into western science and making science more accessible and useful to tribal communities as it relates to water.

Dr. Candice Morrison Duncan  
Ph.D. Environmental Science (GEO)  
University of Arizona

North Carolina Louis Stokes STEM Pathways and Research Alliance: North Carolina Central University

Accomplishments: Dr. Duncan’s current research is in two areas: the use of phytoscreening to delineate contaminant transport in the subsurface and metal analysis in grave soil samples. She is the recipient of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Program in Mathematics, Science and Engineering Scholar, the NSF LSAMP Bridge to Doctorate Fellowship and the Excellence in Teaching Award. Her articles have been published in: Science of the Total Environment, Environmental Chemistry, and Journal of Contaminant Hydrology.

Dr. Chantel Y. Simpson  
Ph.D. Agriculture, Leadership & Community Education (AG&ES)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

North Carolina Louis Stokes STEM Pathways and Research Alliance: North Carolina A&T State University

Assistant Professor Agricultural Education  
North Carolina A&T State University

Accomplishments: Dr. Simpson returned to her Alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University in fall 2019 as a faculty member in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. At Virginia Tech she was a recipient of the George Washington Carver Fellowship. She has published research articles in: Science of the Total Environment, Environmental Chemistry, Journal of Contaminant Hydrology and the Journal of Career and Technical Education.
**Dr. Chaevia Clendinnen**  
Ph.D. Biology (BIO)  
Princeton University

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*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Assistant Dean, Student Advancement and Diversity  
University of Chicago

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Clendinen was a AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow National Science Foundation Strategic Human Capital Planning Branch, where she implemented a New Inclusion Quotient (IQ) program in collaboration with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to enhance employee engagement. As Assistant Dean, she develops and coordinates programs and workshops to meet the unique needs of Ph.D. and M.A. students from historically underrepresented groups.

**Dr. Erika L Young**  
Ph.D. Marine Science (BIO)  
University North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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*University of North Carolina at Pembroke*

Lecturer, Soil Chemistry  
University of Maryland at College Park

**Accomplishments:** Morehead Science Ambassador, UNC-Ch. Morehead Planetarium and Science Center: Inspiring Meaningful Programs and Communication through Science (IMPACTS) Program. Presentations: Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) Memphis TN; North Carolina Academy of Science UNC-Wilmington, Wilmington, NC.
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University of Illinois, Springfield
Accomplishments: Dr. Allen is an HIV/AIDS technical and virologist dedicated to the global advancement of sexual and reproductive health for marginalized populations. A leader with ten years of demonstrated proficiency in problem solving, critical thinking, identifying strategically addressing research and programmatic gaps, oral and written communication of science to experts and non-experts, and scientific research data analysis. She has six publications. From September 2016 to June 2018 she was awarded a fellowship with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and Technology Policy Fellow.

Accomplishments: Dr Clay is an experienced clinician with an extensive background and training in Pain Medicine and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He runs a private practice with an emphasis on interventional pain management techniques, regenerative medicine (including PRP, stem cell) and work comp/IME/medical – legal. He currently serves as a Board of Trustee member for Chicago State University.

Accomplishments: Dr. Nwani’s expertise includes project design and management, data analysis and interpretation and the development and implementation of research tools. Her research focused on identifying melanoma-secreted factors and the signaling pathways involved in the conversion of normal fibroblasts to tumor promoting fibroblasts. She utilized techniques in cell biology, biochemistry, immune histochemistry and molecular biology to answer those questions.

Accomplishments: Dr. Noelle Wakefield is an accomplished professional seeking to leverage five years of experience as an administrator and instructor in higher education. A self-motivated and creative thinker who thoughtfully engages internal and external stakeholders to support the development of student programming, student recruitment and the execution of retention initiatives. She also has experience in teaching.
Accomplishments: Dr. Goss is an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Chicago State University, where she designs modified DNA nanostructures that will be useful in molecular electronics. Currently, she collaborates with The Field Museum of Natural History and Fermi National Laboratory. Her areas of experimental and technical expertise include scanning microscopy of DNA nanostructures, XPS, UHV techniques, XRD, clean room, electron beam lithography, and POGIL (Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning) Teaching in the Physical Chemistry Laboratory. Her work is supported by the NASA Illinois Space Grant Consortium, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Education.

Yvette Hillard, Ph.D. (University of Illinois at Chicago) (Chicago). ILSAMP. Chicago State University.

Accomplishments: Dr. Hillard’s main project focuses on investigating the influence of maternal obesity on the metastatic success of OvCa in next generation offspring. Using established pre-clinical mouse models of diet-induced obesity and intraperitoneal metastasis, an integrated approach encompassing a variety of epigenetic, genetic, biophysical and micro-anatomical methods is used to investigate the mechanistic link between maternal obesity and OvCa metastasis in offspring. She has six publications.

Diana Mayweather, Ph.D. (Northwestern University) (Chicago). ILSAMP. Chicago State University.

Accomplishments: Dr. Mayweather is currently a Senior Laboratory Service Coordinator in the Chemistry Department at the University of Minnesota. Her duties include but are not limited to managing all laboratory teaching operations, managing the teaching budget and arrange of all equipment and chemicals to be ready for the operation of all labs. She was formerly the chair of the Chemistry Safety Committee at St. Cloud State University, where her responsibilities included organizing Safety Committee meetings, and assisting with updates to the Chemistry Department Chemical Hygiene Plan.

Stephen Smith, Ph.D. (Northwestern University) (Chicago). ILSAMP. Chicago State University.

Accomplishments: Dr. Smith worked as a Scientist with The Dow Chemical Company in the Dow Water & Process Solutions business. His professional work included developing applications for ion exchange and membrane technologies in the mining and industrial wastewater industries. Steve has authored several journal articles and book chapters including a co-first author publication in Nature. His research activities have taken him all over the world, where he has presented at conferences in Austria, Japan, Canada, and the USA.
Geraldine Cochran, Ph.D. (Florida International University) (Chicago). ILSAMP. Chicago State University

Assistant Professor, Office of STEM Education
Department of Physics & Astronomy – Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ. [EDU]

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Cochran is an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in the School of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Cochran is a physics education researcher. She earned her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a cognate in physics and her Ed.S. in science education with a specialization in teacher preparation from Florida International University in Miami, FL and her M.A.T. with a specialization in secondary school physics, her B.S. degree in physics and her B.S. degree in mathematics from Chicago State University in Chicago, IL. Cochran is a member of the TRIAD coalition within SAS’s Office of STEM Education. She supports STEM education research, outreach, and diversity, inclusion, and equity efforts. Cochran also serves on the SAS’s Assessment Committee. Dr. Cochran has seven publications.

Crystal Porter, Ph.D. (Missouri University of Science and Technology) (Chicago). ILSAMP. Chicago State University.

**Hair Scientist - Mane Insights. Chicago, IL [MPS]**

**Accomplishments:** Crystal is a hair scientist who provides mane insight to hair practitioners and cosmetic industry leaders. Her experience has provided her with a unique understanding of the way products, environment, ethnicity and lifestyle affect hair quality. Additionally, at Chicago State University she assists with designing, developing and implementing projects to provide quality STEM education and prepare students to pursue baccalaureate and advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and technology disciplines. She has mentored 9 students (8 have graduated and one is currently enrolled) by providing them with research skills and assisting them in navigating to their STEM careers. Dr. Porter has nine publications.
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Accomplishments:
Dr. Hall completed a Research Experience for Faculty through the Organization of Tropical Studies in Costa Rica and served as the NSF-funded Rural Systemic Initiative coordinator. A.P. Sloan Scholar at the University of Montana where she earned a master’s degree in Organismal Biology and Ecology. Awarded a Students to Academic Professoriate for American Indians Writing Retreat (2009) and Faculty Prep (2010) and the Ford Foundation Diversity Pre-Doctoral Fellowship from the National Research Council of the National Academies. Received the University of Montana Student Diversity Leadership Award and the Research and Creative Scholarship awards. Received Doctorate in Forest and Conservation Sciences. Her research led to a NSF-funded project to develop strategies to support Native STEM faculty’s professional success. She currently has fourteen publications.

Ruth Hall, Ph.D. – University of Montana

(Montana) All Nations LSAMP (Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College and University of Montana)

Director of Native American Studies at Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College / Co-Principal Investigator on the NSF-funded Willow Project at the University of Montana / Affiliate faculty with the Franke College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana. [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Received his Ph.D. from Stanford University which resulted in his thesis research being published in the journal Nature. His post-doctoral work at Rocky Mountain Labs working with one of the leaders who developed the new Ebola virus vaccine (Heinz Feldmann) in biosafety level 4. He is currently working in pre-clinical drug discovery in the biotech industry at NGM biopharmaceuticals.

Caleb Marceau, Ph.D. – Stanford University

(Montana) All Nations LSAMP (Salish Kootenai College)

Scientist, NGM Biopharmaceutical, San Francisco, CA [BIO]

Accomplishments:
Josh received his Ph.D. in Biomedical Science at University of Montana. He received his B.S. from Penn State in Microbiology, and his A.S. from Salish Kootenai College. He is currently doing post-doctoral research on HIV.

Josh Marceau, Ph.D. – University of Montana

(Montana) All Nations LSAMP) Salish Kootenai College)

Postdoctoral Researcher, Fred Hutch, Seattle, WA [BIO]
**Dereck Stonefish, Ph.D. – North Dakota State University**

*(North Dakota) All Nations LSAMP (Sitting Bull College)*

**Accomplishments:**
He received a Ph.D. in Zoology at North Dakota State University. He is a recipient of the NSF GRFP Scholarship and EPSCoR Fellowship. He graduated with a BS in Environmental Science, AS Environmental Science, Natural Resources and Business Management from Sitting Bull College where he was an AMP Scholar. Stonefish is actively working to improve his community.

**Jeanine Snyder, Ph.D. – Central Michigan University**

*(Michigan) All Nations LSAMP (Central Michigan University)*

**Accomplishments:**
She received a Doctoral Degree in Ecological Studies of Freshwater Invertebrate Species. She has received Education Scholarships along with the All Nations LSAMP Stipend. Snyder is expecting to utilize her resources to conduct research of freshwater ecosystems with LRBOI Tribal Lands associated with Lake Sturgeon introduction efforts.

**Philip Medina, Ph.D. – Central Michigan University**

*(Michigan) All Nations LSAMP (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)*

**Accomplishments:**
Philip completed his Ph.D. in Material Science in 2017 at Central Michigan University (CMU), where he also received a B.S. in Chemistry/Mathematics in 2012. In 2008 he received an Associate’s Degree of Liberal Arts from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC). In 2007 he was recognized as the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) Student of the Year, he was also on the President’s List and Dean’s List at both CMU and at SCTC.

**Loga Fixico, M.S. – State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry**

*(Montana) All Nations LSAMP (Salish Kootenai College)*

**Accomplishments:**
Loga was an AMP Scholar at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo Montana where he earned a B.S. in Environmental Science. He earned a Master’s Degree in Biocultural Restoration at SUNY-ESF in 2019, where he is currently employed as a Graduate Research Assistant with the Research Foundation at SUNY. He also hosts the NDN Science Show Podcast.
Alexis Archambault, M.S. - University of North Dakota

(North Dakota) All Nations LSAMP (Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish Tribal College)

Researcher, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

Accomplishments:
He has received numerous awards including the 2017-2020 ND EPSCoR Fellowship Grant, 2017-2018 American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship, 2018-2019 American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship, 2018-2019 American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship, 2018 & 2019 Space Grant Consortium Travel Scholarship, 2019 AGU Talk, 2019-2020 American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarship.

Tyler Fouty, M.S. – Washington State University

(Montana) All Nations LSAMP (Salish Kootenai College)

Graduate Research, Washington State University, Pullman, WA [ENG]

Accomplishments:
Mr. Fouty is working towards a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Washington State University. His research is on ensuring the resilience of streambed simulation culverts for prolonged fish passage. He received his Master’s from Washington State University and his B.A. from Salish Kootenai College.
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(Virginia) Virginia–North Carolina Alliance
(Virginia Commonwealth University)

Assistant Professor in Electrical Engineering/Engineering at the University of Georgia [ENG] [EDU]

Accomplishments: Earned an M.E. at the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. at Virginia Tech, UVVA - GEM Fellowship, VT - New Horizon Scholar and Bouchet Honor Society.
**Sada Boyd-Vorsah, Ph.D.**

(North Carolina) Virginia–North Carolina Alliance (Bennett College)

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**Ph.D. in Supramolecular Chemistry from Jackson State University [MPS]**

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**Ph.D. in Immunology and Molecular Pathogenesis from Emory University [BIO]**

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MD student at Morehouse School of Medicine [BIO]

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Accomplishments: Two publications in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and Cell Reports; 2nd Place in 2019 VCU 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition; VP of Graduate Students for Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society and Recipient of 2017 Charles C. Clayton Award for Scholarly Achievement.

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Ph.D. candidate in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Virginia

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Ph.D. Candidate in Environmental Engineering at the University of Connecticut

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Accomplishments: Field of study is Evolutionary Biology, Ecology, and Bioinformatics. Accomplishments: Received the E. Lucy Braun Award, For the most outstanding poster presentation by a student at the Ecological Society of America (ESA) Annual Meeting of 2018. Recipient of the NSF Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship, 2018-2020 ($64,000), 3 publications, most recently published in The Journal of Journal of Arid Environments, 178, 104154.
Currently a Graduate Research Assistant/Ph.D. Pre-candidate at UT Health San Antonio for Integrated Biomedical Sciences with an emphasis in cancer immunology.

Currently a Biologist, United States Environmental Protection Agency and a doctoral student at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Associate Director of One Brick- Washington, D.C. Chapter (a non-profit volunteer organization). [BIO]

Currently a PhD Candidate, Howard University, Department of Genetics and Human Genetics.
Accomplishments: Master’s in Public Health with the Arkansas Department of Health SISTERS United project. This project was a community based participatory project that encouraged Pan-Hellenic Sororities to take an active stance in educating women to reduce the infant mortality rate in Arkansas.

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2017-2019 CIMA-LSAMP Cohort

Medina is completing his associate of science degree from San Antonio College (SAC). He plans to transfer to the University of Texas at San Antonio in Fall 2020 to pursue a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. Medina is an outstanding leader with diverse technical knowledge. He landed a competitive research position with the University Of Illinois Power Optimization Of Electro Thermal Systems in the summer of 2018. Medina served as electrical and technical team leader for SAC’s prototype hydrogen fuel cell vehicle that distinguished itself at the Shell Eco-Marathon Americas international fuel efficiency competitions in 2018 and 2019. In February 2020 his research presentation garnered 2nd place in the Engineering and Technology category at the Emerging Researchers National STEM Conference. He is currently employed as an intern at Southwest Research Institute.
Irene Salazar
2016-18 CIMA-LSAMP Cohort

She earned her associate’s degree from San Antonio College. She is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in mechatronics from the University of the Incarnate Word. She is currently a peer mentor, who leads other students by sharing her own undergraduate research experience. Her leadership accomplishments include being the electrical lead for the SAC Motorsport hydrogen fuel cell vehicle in 2017. She followed the vehicle with a successful project as the team lead for the unmanned underwater vehicle, which received a first-place award at the HENAAC Great Minds in STEM Conference in 2017. She has landed competitive internships with Northrop Grumman and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Camila Miglio
2017-2018 CIMA-LSAMP Cohort

Camila earned an associate of science degree from San Antonio College in 2018. She is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Miglio demonstrated her stellar leadership ability as the first female team lead for the SAC Motorsport Team in 2017. Under her leadership, the team built a car that had a 27 percent increase in fuel efficiency over the previous year’s vehicle. The car that the team built under her leadership had an efficiency of 945 miles per gallon equivalent. After graduating from San Antonio College, Miglio landed a six-month internship at a local engineering firm. After the internship, she was hired fulltime as a process engineer all while she continues her academic studies.
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**Accomplishments:** Three publications from undergraduate research; Assessed healthcare data gaps, developed and implemented a framework for unprecedented data sharing and aggregation, and performed the first in-depth analysis of chronic diseases associated with metabolic syndrome in the Northern Marianas.

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Assistant Director Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP). Non-provisional patent application accepted for a synthetic intervertebral disc based on shark cartilage. Six peer-reviewed publications with $3.8 million in research funding and taught seven different courses.

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NIH Diversity and Health Disparities Scholarship awardee.
International Medical Educational Experience (Guatemala). Helped establish Kappa Delta Chi on Kansas State University campus (2nd Latina-founded sorority on campus). Kappa Delta Chi Regional U.H.I.L. Award.
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