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CELEBRATING 22 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE THE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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FUTURE DATES & LOCATIONS:

23rd Annual Symposium On Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences & Health Professions
APRIL 1-4, 2009
LOUISVILLE, KY

Visit the AMHPS website for further information on our programs at www.minorityhealth.org

The Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc. (AMHPS) held the 22nd Annual Symposium on Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences at the Riverside Hilton in New Orleans from April 19-21, 2008.

The Symposium brought together more than 700 people including 545 students from more than 18 states.

Through various workshops, the Symposium was able to disseminate information on pharmaceutical sciences, veterinary medicine, public health and medicine, as well as career pathways to the biomedical sciences.

Additionally, workshops offered information on undergraduate and graduate school preparation.

Workshop presenters, made up of research and teaching faculty at AMHPS member schools and renowned minority scientists, were an integral part of the Symposium.

Symposium Attendees were also motivated, educated and informed by the Keynote speakers who addressed them. These included Walter Bond (Walter Bond Seminars), Dr. Bernard A. Harris Jr (CEO, Vesalius Ventures and Former NASA Astronaut), Dr Alice A. Coombs (Massachusetts Medical Society), Professor David J. Verdug (Superintendent Paramount Unified School District, CA), Stedman Graham (S.Graham and Associates) and Dr Reed V. Tuckson (Sr. VP, United Health Group).



2008 Host Institution Xavier University of Louisiana

Students were also able to interact with professionals at the poster presentations where 66 students presented their scientific research papers.

We are grateful to all the excellent students who attended and the many workshop presenters, counselors, staff and faculty that made the 2008 Symposium a success!

ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOOLS (AMHPS) MISSION & HISTORY

AMHPS has a three-fold mission that includes:

- Improving the health status of African-Americans and other minorities.
- Growing the representation of qualified African-Americans and other minorities in the health professions.
- Strengthening our institutions and programs as well as other programs throughout the nation, which in turn will improve the role of minorities in the provision of health care.

The Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS) was established in 1976 by Dr. Louis Sullivan, President Emeritus of the Morehouse School of Medicine, Dr. Walter Bowie, then Dean of the (continued on page 2)

**CELEBRATING 22 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON CAREER
OPPORTUNITIES IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

Workshop Topics for 10th Graders Included:

- * Preparing for the PSAT/SAT
- * Applying to College
- * Developing a Research Project / Abstract
- * Careers in Medicine, Public Health & Nursing
- * Careers in Veterinary Medicine, Biomedical Sciences & Pharmacy

Workshop Topics for 11th and 12th Graders Included:

- * Career Pathways to Biomedical Sciences
- * College Survival Skills
- * Careers in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Public Health
- * High School Scholarships & Internships
- * Careers in Veterinary Medicine
- * Careers in Biomedical Sciences and Medicine

Workshops for Undergraduate Students Included:

- * Careers in Public Health and Medicine
- * Tips on Getting into Graduate School
- * Preparing for a Career in Biomedical Sciences
- * Careers in Veterinary Medicine
- * Training Opportunities
- * Careers in Pharmaceutical Sciences



Walter Bond emphasizes a point during one of the plenary sessions held during the 22nd Annual Symposium.

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Tuskegee Institute School of Veterinary Medicine, Anthony Rachal, the Executive Vice President of Xavier University of Louisiana, College of Pharmacy, and the late Dr. Charles Walker, then Dean of Florida A&M University. The Association was formed to provide a means by which the need for a national minority health agenda could be effectively addressed.

Today, AMHPS includes 12 historically black medical, dental, pharmacy and veterinary schools. The members include two schools of dentistry, four schools of medicine, five schools of pharmacy and one school of veterinary medicine.

Our 12 colleges and universities have educated and trained 50 percent of all African American physicians, 50 percent of all African American dentists, 50 percent of

all African American pharmacists and 80 percent of all African American veterinarians in the United States. We have also educated 10 percent of all African Americans with doctorates in the biomedical sciences and related disciplines in the United States.

Without our schools there would be a greater underrepresentation of African-American medical and health professionals in the United States.

“Before coming to the Symposium, I was unsure of what I wanted to do with my life. But now I am sure. I wish I would have went in high school. I just do not think some of the people got to appreciate how important things like that are..”

- Student commenting on career guidance workshops.

FACTS ABOUT THE 2008 ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Grade / Class:

- * 545 High School and Undergraduate students
- * 77% High School Students
- * 23% Undergraduate Students

Gender:

- * 65% Female Students
- * 35% Male Students

Race / Ethnic Background:

- * 79% African American
- * 9% Hispanic
- * 5% Asian/Pacific Islander
- * 3% Multi-racial
- * 1% American Indian
- * 1% Caucasian
- * 2% Other

GPA:

- * Mean GPA: 3.59

Some Of The States Represented

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| * Alabama | * New York |
| * California | * New Jersey |
| * Florida | * New Mexico |
| * Georgia | * North Carolina |
| * Illinois | * Pennsylvania |
| * Indiana | * South Carolina |
| * Louisiana | * Tennessee |
| * Maryland | * Texas |
| * Michigan | * Virginia |



Students participate in one of many interactive workshops.

WORDS FROM SOME OF THIS YEAR'S PARTICIPANTS

"This is a great experience. It's helping a lot of people."

"It was inspiring to hear about the successful careers of so many doctors who started off where I am today."

"The Symposium introduced me to a lot of different colleges and universities that I've never heard of before. I could think about what college I wanted to go to. It made me think that I can go out there and go to college!"

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EXHIBITORS AT 2008 BIOMEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

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- Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.
- Associations of Schools of Public Health
- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health
- CVS/ Pharmacy
- Elizabeth City State University
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- NIH/OMHRC/NIDDK
- Summer Medical & Dental Education Program
- Texas Southern University School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*
- Tuskegee University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Nursing*
- University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health
- NIH/NINDS/OMHP
- Xavier University, College of Pharmacy*

* AMHPS Member Institution



A student gets more information at the exhibit booth for Texas Southern University (TSU).

"The information I received will really help me make the correct career choice for me"

- Comments from a written evaluation from a student participant



Students interact with one of the many Exhibitors at the 22nd Annual Biomedical Symposium.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND POSTER PRESENTATION WINNERS



2008 Poster Presentation Winners pose with Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Members . From Left to Right ; Fela Abioye (3rd place College Poster Presentation), Dr. Kumar (Professor, Howard University), Dr. Fermin (Associate Dean, Tuskegee University), Phylicia Gawu (First Place College Poster), Jovanna Linnen (1st Place High School Poster Presentation), Christopher Bustos (3rd Place College Poster Presentation), Sheel Tyle (3rd Place High School Poster Presentation), Sujay Tyle (2nd Place High School Poster Presentation)



2008 Carol B Lewis Scholarship winner Nehbi Ngu Comfort and Immediate Past Chair of AMHPS, Dr. Barbara Hayes, Dean, College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Texas Southern University.



2008 Robert N Black Sr. Scholarship Winner Paul Tran poses with Dr. Robert N. Black, Sr.



2008 Robert N Black Sr. Scholarship Winner Sheel Tyle poses with Dr. Robert N. Black, Sr.