

**2009 ABRCMS Presentation Awards**  
**November 4 – 7, 2009**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

**Biochemical Sciences**

*Sponsored by American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB)*

ORAL Presentations

Patrice Starck, Sophomore, University of Maryland Baltimore County  
Carolina Salguero, Senior, Hunter College, CUNY

POSTER Presentations

Damien Abreu, Senior, Yale University  
Ana Castillo, Senior, Mount St. Mary's College  
Arianexys Aquino, Senior, University of Puerto Rico  
Amaris Torres-Delgado, Senior, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez  
Oneil Gardner, Senior, University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
Esther Jean-Gilles, Senior, Brooklyn College  
Carmen Taveras, Senior, Hunter College of CUNY  
Kedy Edme, Junior, University of Maryland Baltimore County  
Kadidia Adula, Junior, Brooklyn College  
Antonella Jimenez, Junior, Hunter College  
Chengetai Mahomva, Junior, Swarthmore College  
Hendia Edmund, Sophomore, Hunter College of CUNY  
Enrique Garcia-Rivera, Sophomore, Universidad de Puerto Rico  
Sai Sachin Divakaruni, Sophomore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**Cell Biological Sciences**

*Sponsored by American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) & Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)*

ORAL Presentations

Judith Rosena, Junior, Hunter College, CUNY  
Robert Wardlow, Sophomore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Lydia Grmai, Junior, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

POSTER Presentations

Frank Conyers, Senior, Morehouse College  
Tarek Salih, Senior, University of Wyoming  
Myron Evans, Senior, Florida International University  
Leah BeCoats, Senior, Texas Woman's University  
Ruby Fernandez, Senior, University of California, Irvine  
Carlos Munoz, Senior, California State University San Marcos  
Josie Fuentes, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Humacao  
Oscar Vazquez, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez  
Courtney JnBaptiste, Senior, Bethune Cookman University  
Shellese Cannonier, Junior, University of the Virgin Islands  
Cedric Johnson, Junior, University of South Carolina  
Joaquin Lopez, Junior, University of California, Davis  
Saneliso Masuku, Junior, Rice University  
Raymond Isidro, Junior, Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico

José Montoyo-Rosario, Junior, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez  
Betty Albo Obeso, Sophomore, Miami Dade College  
Blaine Radley, Sophomore, Morehouse College  
Zachery Phillips, Sophomore, Tuskegee University  
Carol Diaz, Sophomore, Universidad del Este  
Frances Morales, Sophomore, University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

### **Chemical Sciences**

***Sponsored by American Chemical Society (ACS) & Stanford University, Office of Graduate Education***

#### ORAL Presentations

Kristen Schexnayder, Senior, Louisiana State University  
Carolyn Reynolds, Junior, Norfolk State University

#### POSTER Presentations

Julie Furmick, Senior, Arizona State University at the West Campus  
Cortlyn Brown, Senior, University of Chicago  
Edsel Abud, Senior, California State University Long Beach  
Florentine Rutaganira, Senior, University of California, Davis  
Roland Rivera-Santiago, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez  
Nella Vargas, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras  
Jason Johnson, Senior, Indiana University-Bloomington  
Bruno Pinto, Senior, Hunter College CUNY  
Timothy Day, Senior, University of Kansas  
Myrdich Toribio, Junior, Florida International University  
Alberto Bryan, Junior, University of Arizona  
Frances Rodríguez-Rivera, Junior, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey  
Millicent Woodruff, Junior, Elizabeth City State University  
Christian Mejia, Sophomore, Hunter College of CUNY  
Kwame Amin, Sophomore, Borough of Manhattan Community College  
Joely Guzman, Sophomore, Kingsborough Community College  
Anntwanette Gilmore, Sophomore, Western Michigan University  
Isaac Montes, Sophomore, El Paso Community College

### **Developmental Biological Sciences**

***Sponsored by Society for Developmental Biology (SDB)***

#### ORAL Presentation

Leon Venegas, Senior, St. Edward's University

#### POSTER Presentations

Manuel Ortega, Senior, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez  
Taruna Aggarwal, Senior, University of California, Davis  
Linda Molla, Senior, CUNY Hunter College  
Hari Amin, Senior, Temple University  
Jessica Ibanez, Junior, Florida International University  
Jose Llongueras, Junior, University of Texas at Brownsville  
Luesoni Johnson, Sophomore, Kingsborough Community College

## **Microbiological Sciences**

*Sponsored by American Society for Microbiology (ASM) & New York University School of Medicine, Sackler Institute and Office of Diversity Affairs*

### ORAL Presentations

Gianne Souza, Junior, Washington State University

Ayana Martin, Senior, Benedict College

Nicholas Sepulveda, Senior, Juniata College

### POSTER Presentations

Abubakar Jalloh, Senior, Cornell University

Ashley Green, Senior, San Francisco State University

Jason Melehani, Senior, University of California, Los Angeles

Rachel Yunck, Senior, Hiram College

Monika Avello, Senior, Florida International University

Kathryn Hacker, Senior, University of Arizona

Cherissre Boateng, Senior, University of the Virgin Islands

Reginald Salvant, Senior, Princeton University,

Ángel Casanova, Senior, University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

José Cruz, Junior, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

Oanh Nguyen, Junior, University of California, San Diego

Maxime Jean, Junior, Barry University

Joel Morales-Rosado, Junior, University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Martine Cadet, Junior, Oakwood University

Nwamaka Dike, Junior, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Samuel Carpentier, Junior, University of Michigan

Jennifer Onyimba, Sophomore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Sara Rodriguez, Sophomore, Miami Dade College

Sadella Santos, Sophomore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Ariana Flores, Sophomore, University of Colorado at Boulder

Neal Maler, Sophomore, University of California, Irvine

## **Molecular Biological Sciences**

*Sponsored by St. Jude Children's Research Hospital & Gerstner Sloan-Kettering Graduate School, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center*

### ORAL Presentation

Nadar Zamani, Senior, University of Houston

### POSTER Presentations

Victor Davidson, Senior, North Carolina A&T State University

Carlos Sanchez, Senior, University of Texas at El Paso

Laura Florez, Senior, Florida International University

Adade Kouevi, Senior, Kean University

Humberto Rocha, Senior, San Jose State University

Navpreet Tung, Junior, Delaware State University

Luke Yancy, Junior, Morehouse College

Tommy Burke, Junior, San Jose State University

Uchenna Nwafor, Junior, Prairie View A&M University

Jamaji Nwanaji-Enwerem, Sophomore, Morehouse College

Sonia Metangmo, Sophomore, University of Maryland Baltimore County

## **Neuroscience**

***Sponsored by American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) & West Virginia University Health Sciences Center***

### ORAL Presentations

Zoya Farzampour, Senior, University of Texas at San Antonio  
Nancy Padilla-Coreano, Junior, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

### POSTER Presentations

Kelli Benedetti, Senior, San Jose State University  
Jenna Wellington, Senior, Hunter College  
Elizabeth Gutierrez-Roman, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez  
Gary Grajales, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras  
Brandon Murray, Junior, Morehouse College  
Jasmine Richardson, Junior, Winston-Salem State University  
Lana Zhang, Sophomore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Ricardo Solorzano, Sophomore, Miami Dade College  
Alain Goldman, Sophomore, La Guardia Community College - CUNY

## **Physiological Sciences**

***Sponsored by American Physiological Society (APS)***

### ORAL Presentations

Andrew Hillman, Senior, Queens College

### POSTER Presentations

Junior Gonzales, Senior, Hunter College  
Cindy Barbosa, Senior, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras  
Michael Holder, Senior, University of Delaware  
Justin Nash, Junior, Alcorn State University  
Kendra Robinson-Taylor, Junior, Alcorn State University  
Delawrence Sykes, Junior, Morehouse College  
Myrline Sterling, Sophomore, Barry University

## **Physical Sciences & Mathematics**

***Sponsored by Biophysical Society***

### ORAL Presentations

Benjamin Sanchez-Lengeling, Senior, Universidad de Guanajuato  
Alex Washburne, Senior, University of New Mexico

### POSTER Presentations

Esther Kibakya, Senior, Nashville State University  
Anthony Arnold, Senior, University of Michigan  
Jose Garcia Rivera, Senior, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus  
Madhu Aditya, Junior, Alcorn State University  
Jorris Alford, Junior, Savannah State University  
Malcolm Olatunji, Sophomore, Morehouse College

## Social & Behavioral / Public Health

*Sponsored by American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)*

### ORAL Presentation

Michael Jenkins, Senior, University of Maryland Baltimore County

### POSTER Presentations

Yvonne Kamau, Senior, University of Kansas

Andreas George, Senior, University of Florida

Jeanita Moore, Senior, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Monica Solomon, Senior, University of Florida

Alex Lim, Senior, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Sybil Andrieux, Senior, SUNY College at Old Westbury

Calvin Lewis, Junior, University of Missouri-Columbia

Steve Arrieta, Junior, Montclair State University

Ama Achampong, Sophomore, University of Michigan