

# Biochemistry

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## Oral

Gabrielle	Donnelly	Senior	California State University Fullerton
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## Poster

Surendra	Sharma	Junior	Bethune- Cookman University
Krystel	Newton	Junior	Oakwood University
Tamuka	Chidyausiku	Junior	Claflin University
Melody	Fulton	Junior	Washington State University
Jennifer	Rodriguez	Sophomore	Harvard University
Daniel	Novoa	Sophomore	Queensborough Community College
John	Chavis	Sophomore	University of Maryland Baltimore County
George	Alvarez	Senior	Fayetteville State University
Nana Yaw	Osei-Owusu	Senior	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Joshua	Brown	Senior	University of West Florida
Diana	Tafoya	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Zue	Rodriguez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico
Andrew	Sawyer	Senior	University of Missouri-Columbia
Nancy	Tu	Senior	University of California-Los Angeles
Sanchez	Jarrett	Senior	Brooklyn College
Jaclyn	Bermudez	Senior	St. Mary's University
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## Cell Biology

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### Oral

Isola	Brown	Senior	University of Pennsylvania
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### Poster

Jingxun	Chen	Junior	MIT
Elizabeth	Aguilera	Junior	University of Texas at El Paso
Oberziner	White	Junior	Fort Valley State University
Janelle	Ikard	Junior	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Octavio	Oliva	Postbaccalaureate	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Omid	Adabi	Sophomore	Laguardia Community College
Robert	Hong	Sophomore	Queensborough Community College
Janet	Long	Sophomore	Queensborough Community College CUNY
Michael	Mendoza	Sophomore	El Paso Community College
Gabriela	Rodriguez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez
Albert	Mondragon	Senior	University of Texas at San Antonio
Jeanice	Jones	Senior	University of California Davis
Joselyn	Del Cid	Senior	CSU Long Beach
Rashida	Whitener	Senior	North Carolina A&T State University
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## Cancer Biology

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### Oral

Kwadwo	Owusu-Boaitey	Sophomore	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
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### Poster

Alina	Monteagudo Caballero	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Melissa	Jarmel	Senior	University of Texas at Austin
James	Ortega	Senior	Florida International University
Mayte	Hernandez-Burgos	Senior	Columbia University
Jessica	Creel	Senior	Winthrop University
Brandi	Gutierrez	Senior	New Mexico State University
Bradley	Bowman	Senior	University of Arizona
Abraham	Butler	Senior	Tuskegee University
Theodor	Uzamere	Junior	Morehouse College
Terri	Bella	Junior	San Jose State University
Anthony	Vega	Junior	St. Mary's University
Sophina	Taitano	Junior	Chaminade University
Kelvin	Jones	Junior	Alabama State University
Joyce	Ohiri	Sophomore	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Cornell	Young	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Carlos	Santos-Perez	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico at Cayey
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## Chemistry

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### Oral

Daniel	Lumpuy	Senior	Florida International University
Mckenzie	Johnson	Junior	Kentucky State University

### Poster

Alexander	Rodriguez Hernandez	Senior	University Of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Ryan	Quiroz	Senior	UCLA
Brian	Lewis	Senior	Columbia University
Austin	Roberts	Senior	San Jose State University
Carlos	Castrodad	Senior	University of Puerto Rico at Cayey
Melissa	Cruz-Acuna	Senior	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Johary	Rivera-Melendez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
Wilmarie	Marrero-Ortiz	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
Melony	Ochieng	Senior	North Carolina Central University
Brittany	Barfield	Junior	San Diego State University
Wallace	Derricotte	Junior	Morehouse College
Jennifer	Ocasio	Junior	University of Puerto Rico
Cesar	Deleon	Junior	Cal State University Dominguez Hills
Truman	Jefferson	Junior	San Jose State University
Javier	Pineda	Junior	University of Notre Dame
Victor	Ruiz	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles
Russell	Ledet	Junior	Southern University A&M College
Christopher	Wills	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Khrystia	Gratia	Sophomore	Queensborough Community College

## Developmental Biology & Genetics

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### Oral

King John	Pascual	Sophomore	Brown University
Chinaemere	Igwebuike	Junior	University of the Virgin Islands

### Poster

Jodi-Ann	Browning-Bent	Senior	Barry University
Eddie	Dominguez	Senior	New Mexico State University
Annika	Juhlin	Senior	University of Washington
Brittany	Haynes	Senior	Towson University
Priscilla	Riva	Senior	University of Valencia, Spain
Marcell	Cadney	Junior	CSULB
Oliva	Jimenez	Junior	Cerritos College
Jesus	Ayala	Junior	UPR Humacao
Rachael	Opoku	Junior	Medgar Evers College
Carmen	Javier	Junior	University of California Los Angeles
Emilio	Soto	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Dennis	Bejarano	Sophomore	Kingsborough Community College
Derek	McCalla	Sophomore	Oakwood University
Cristina	Castro-Rivera	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus

**Engineering, Physics & Mathematics**  
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**Oral**

Joshua	Matlock	Senior	University of Washington
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**Poster**

Rafael	Gonzalez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez Campus
Eseoghene	Adun	Senior	University of Arizona
Christie	Rodriguez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez
Emile	Vieta	Senior	University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez Campus
Shayne	Siegman	Senior	University of California Los Angeles
Victor	Ruiz	Senior	UC San Diego
Izmarie	Poventud-Fuentes	Senior	University of Puerto Rico
Brittany	Williams	Senior	Delaware State University
Shamara	Collins	Senior	Morgan State University
Kristopher	Crawford	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Laura	Aguilera	Sophomore	LaGuardia Community College
Rita	Thornton	Sophomore	University of Texas at San Antonio
Hamsa	Gowda	Sophomore	University of Maryland Baltimore County
Joshua	Mann	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Griselda	Cardona	Postbaccalaureate	University of California, Berkeley
Bitia	Adabi	Junior	LaGuardia Community College
Jacob	Borrajo	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles
Sandya	Lakkur	Junior	UMBC
Bria	Moore	Junior	Tuskegee University

## Microbiology

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### Oral

Chidiebere	Akusobi	Senior	Yale University
Lourdes	Ramirez	Senior	Florida International University

### Poster

Vivien	Maltez	Postbaccalaureate	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Theodore	Zaki	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
Marsalis	Brown	Sophomore	Oakwood University
Nicole	Hernandez	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
Erika	Guin	Sophomore	St. Edward's University
Elizabeth	Laws	Junior	Washington State University
Christopher	Holloway	Junior	Oakwood University
Martha	Dua-Awereh	Junior	Brooklyn College
Stephanie	Silva-Del Toro	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
Jessica	Malcolm	Junior	Oakwood University
Aubrey	Herrera	Junior	The University of Texas at Austin
Anthony	Venida	Junior	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Kahryl	Bennett	Junior	Oakwood University
Ellese	Carmona	Senior	San Diego State University
Monica	Thomas	Senior	University of Central Florida
Frederick	Ojukwu	Senior	Mercer University
Elizabeth	Calzada	Senior	The University of Texas at El Paso
Courtnee	Wright	Senior	Albany State University
Borley	Quaye	Senior	Spelman College
Japjit	Verraich	Senior	University of San Francisco
Jose	Vargas-Muniz	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
Daniel	Pique	Senior	University of Georgia

## Molecular & Computational Biology

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### Oral

David	Angeles Albores	Junior	Cornell University
Lilian	Antunes	Junior	University of Houston-Downtown

### Poster

Stephan	Bitterwolf	Junior	University of the Virgin Islands
Orriane	Morrison	Junior	Spelman College
Eliseo	Villarreal	Junior	California State University, Long Beach
Edwin	Rosado	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Eden	Gutierrez	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Joel	Alexander	Sophomore	Kingsborough Community College
Tonee	Jones	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Marianne	Vazquez	Sophomore	Miami Dade College
Paola	Zayas	Senior	University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras Campus
Erika	Martinez-Nieves	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus
Kahmya	McAlpin	Senior	Oakwood University
Alejandro	Arroyo Pacheco	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Daron	Spence	Senior	Grambling State University
Valencia	Potter	Senior	Xavier University of Louisiana

## Neuroscience

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### Oral

Patricia Mae	Santos	Junior	Brown University
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### Poster

Alexandria	Vasquez	Senior	University of California Irvine
Julian	Flores	Senior	The City College of New York
Rosa	Martinez-Garcia	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Samson	Aghedo	Senior	UC Davis
Sabrina	Lebron	Senior	University Of California, Irvine
Anamaria	Alexandrescu	Senior	Florida Atlantic University
Gabriel	Flores	Senior	New Mexico State University
Zeekanapi	Bandaogo	Junior	Medgar Evers College
Clara	Starkweather	Junior	Duke University
Yohana	Tesfai	Junior	California State University, Fullerton
Joshua	Onyango	Junior	Oakwood University
Anthony	Batarse	Junior	University of California Davis
Stephanie	Ortiz	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Annie	Pally	Junior	University of Houston
Daniel	Cabrera	Sophomore	Miami Dade College
Taylor	Vega	Sophomore	University of California, Berkeley
Sadchla	Mathieu	Sophomore	Medgar Evers College
Kiara	Miller	Sophomore	Savannah State University
Jose	Alfaro Quezada	Postbaccalaureate	Harvard Extension School

## Immunology

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### Oral

Rosa	Garcia	Senior	Chicago State University
Kyle	Jones	Senior	University of Puget Sound

### Poster

Brian	Mbamelu	Sophomore	The City College of New York
Tochukwu	Ikpeze	Postbaccalaureate	Univerisity of Rochester
Maia	Griffith	Junior	University Of Iowa
Essanna	Gray	Junior	Long Island University
Klondy	Canales	Junior	University of Washington
Tenchee	Lama Tamang	Senior	Virginia Commonwealth University
Ricardo	Cruz-Acuna	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Valerie	Granados	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso

## Physiology

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### Oral

Pedro	Perez	Senior	Florida International University
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### Poster

Kristina	Rankine	Senior	Georgia Southern University
Sarah	Hargis	Senior	Murray State University
Rosa	Campos	Senior	UCLA
Alexander	Villalobos	Senior	University of Texas at Arlington
Raul	Ramos	Senior	San Diego State University
Maryan	Rizk	Senior	Univeristy of California, San Diego
Sydney	Lopez	Junior	University of California at Davis
Marissa	Saenz	Junior	University of California- Davis
Nicole	Betson	Junior	Tougaloo College
Mariya	Grygorenko	Junior	The University of Texas at Austin
Diamonique	Felder	Junior	Spelman College
Keiera	Ducksworth	Junior	Alcorn State University
Jessica	Webb	Junior	North Carolina A&T State University
Matthew	Stewart	Sophomore	Johns Hopkins University
Benjamin	Sebuufu	Sophomore	Gordon College

## Social and Behavioral & Public Health

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### Oral

Ashley	Thomas	Senior	Howard University College of Medicine
Janene	Cielto	Senior	Howard University

### Poster

April	Brown	Junior	Spelman College
Alexandria	Broadnax	Junior	Dillard University
Brionna	Davis-Reyes	Junior	Prairie View A&M University
Gerard	Markham	Junior	University of Rochester
Imani	Randolph	Junior	North Carolina A&T State University
Miles	Lucero	Junior	University of Arizona
Magnoria	Buchannon	Sophomore	Cuyahoga Community College
Chelsi	Darling	Postbaccalaureate	California State University, Los Angeles
Sana	Jaffery	Postbaccalaureate	The City College of New York
Thao	Phan	Postbaccalaureate	Project: IMHOTEP

Kamiyah	Smith	Senior	Spelman College
Brandy	Martinez	Senior	Florida International University
Jennifer	Bordon	Senior	San Diego State University
Monica	Artis	Senior	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Rylan	Rosario	Senior	San Jose State University
Britney	McCrary	Senior	Tuskegee University

## **Interdisciplinary Awards**

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### **Senior**

Gabriela Rodriguez, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez  
Ryan Quiroz, UCLA  
Johary Rivera-Melendez, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras  
Melony Ochieng, North Carolina Central University  
Gabriel Cintron, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan  
Kirsten Jones, Xavier University  
RafaelGonzalez, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez  
Joshua Brown, University of West Florida  
Christie Rodriguez, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez  
Emile Vieta, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez  
Nichole Tyler, University of Washington  
Tracy Gonzalez, St. Mary's University  
Kazim Abbot, Grambling State University  
Joshua Matlock, University of Washington  
Bobby Brooke Herrera, New Mexico State University  
Erika Martinez-Nieves, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez  
Kahmya McAlpin, Oakwood University  
DaronSpence, Grambling State University  
Liz Albertorio-Saez, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez  
Peter Ghali, New York Institute of Technology  
Odemaris Narvaez del Pilar, University of Puerto Rico  
Mayaguez  
Gabriel Flores, New Mexico State University  
Natasha Naidoo, Mount Holyoke College  
Ariana Stickel, San Diego State University

### **Sophomore**

Niwen Kong, City College of San Francisco  
Omoluyi Adesanya, The University of Chicago  
OmariBaruti, Morehouse College  
Joyce Ohiri, University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Rohan Patel, University of Delaware

### **Junior**

David Angeles Albores, Cornell University  
Syeda Hasan, The City College of New York  
Anthony Batarse, University of California Davis  
Jan Clement Santiago, Loyola Marymount University  
Sierrah Grigsby, University of Rochester  
Maia Griffith, University Of Iowa  
Anthony Vega, St. Mary's University  
Victor Ruiz, University of California, Los Angeles  
Jacob Borrajo, University of California, Los Angeles  
Teresa Alexander, Morgan State University  
Jessica Taylor, Grambling State University

### **Postbaccalaureate**

Tochukwu Ikpeze, University of Rochester