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Latham-Sadler Wins National Award for Distinguished Service in the Health Field

Augusta, GA – Wake Forest University School of Medicine's Brenda Latham-Sadler, MD has been selected as the 2010 winner of the **National Association of Medical Minority Educator's Award for Distinguished Service in the Health Field.** Latham-Sadler joins other outstanding NAMME Award recipients some of whom include Dr. Louis Sullivan, Congressman Louis Stokes, and Dr. Anna Cherie Epps, all pioneers because of their contributions to medical/health education.

Latham-Sadler is an Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine, Assistant Dean for Student Services and Director of Diversity and Development Initiatives at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She unanimously won the award very capably demonstrating distinguished service in the health field to minority and disadvantaged citizens; excellence in the practice of medicine; a demonstrated commitment to the health of minority and disadvantaged citizens; an exemplary record of financial support of programs that undergird minority access and retention; and a demonstrated commitment to equal opportunity practices and goals of law relating to minorities. Candidates were required to demonstrate service excellence in only one of the areas mentioned above; Latham-Sadler documents a mastery of all requirements.

The 35th Annual NAMME Conference, "Re-Tooling for the Future through Innovation & Education", and celebrating 35 years of Dedication to Improving the Overall Health Status of Racial Ethnic Populations, convened September 15-19, 2010 at the Omni Hotel in Richmond Virginia. NAMME's mission is to develop and sustain productive relationships and action-oriented programs among national, state, and community stakeholders working to ensure racial and ethnic diversity in all of the health professions. At it's September 17th Awards Luncheon, in addition to the **Award for Distinguished Service in the Health Field,** President's Awards and Innovative Program Model Awards were also presented.

Welcoming NAMME to the City of Richmond were Mayor Dwight C. Jones, and supporters David C. Sarrett, MS, DMD, Virginia Commonwealth University, Speakers., Marc Nivet, EdD Chief Diversity Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges, Freeman Hrabowski, PhD, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County......

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Juan Rodriguez wins National NAMME Scholarship

Congratulations are also in order for **Juan Rodriquez**, a third year medical student at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. The National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME) selected Juan as a recipient of the **2010 NAMME Scholarship**, one of eight awarded to health professions students around the country. Created in 1995, the NAMME Scholarship is awarded annually to underrepresented minority students, selected based upon their academic record, community service, financial need, and personal statement. The NAMME National Scholarship Committee selects the recipients and is composed of representatives from across the nation.

Awarding this scholarship to deserving students is one of NAMME's long standing initiatives and is a source of great pride for NAMME. The goal is for him to offset some of the costs of his education.