

PREP Newsletter

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2010 PREP Program

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The final step to completing the 2010 Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) has been accomplished. The Postbaccalaureate Poster Symposium and Luncheon held June 7, 2010 highlighted the research of the PREP scholars at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. We were honored to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Joseph Whittaker, the Dean of The College of Computer, Mathematics, and Natural Sciences from Morgan State University. In case you were unable to attend the PREP Scholars Symposium and Luncheon, Please visit our link at

<http://www.wfubmc.edu/School/Hypertension-and-Vascular-Research-Center/PREP-Program/>.



The Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program is funded by the National Institute of Health/General Medical Sciences for students from groups under-represented in the biomedical sciences and who are interested in obtaining their PhD. The students participate for 1-2 years gaining research experience (meant to be the majority of their time). We also arrange for a GRE preparation course if needed to enhance these scores, and are encouraged to participate in a one or two graduate level courses in their field of interest (or an undergraduate course in a subject that is a pre-requisite to entry into a graduate program). The students also attend a biweekly journal club during the fall semester and research presentation sessions in the spring semester.

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Statistically, of the current class of 8 participants, 2 will enter Ph.D. programs at Wake Forest University (Molecular Medicine and Translational Sciences and Molecular and Cellular Pathology); 2 will enter Ph.D. programs at Meharry University; 2 will remain in PREP; and, 2 will take jobs in technical or non-profit positions. Of the 36 students who completed the PREP in the previous 6 years, 22 entered Ph.D. programs, 11 entered Masters programs and 7 entered professional schools (totals more than 36 as some masters students have gone on to Ph.D.s). The overall retention rate is 89% in the programs entered. Fifteen PREPs were offered positions in the programs at Wake Forest University, 11 accepted those offers, and 8 of those students have already received their degrees (6 Ph.D., 1 Masters, and 1 M.D.). Nine PREPS will be in the program starting July 15th, 2 continuing for a second year and 7 new participants.

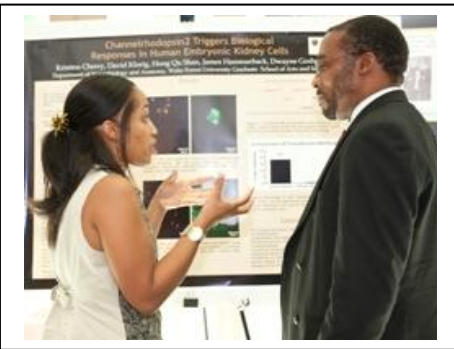


The 2009-2010 PREP Scholars were:

Felicia Amaechi: Felicia decided to participate in the PREP Scholars for a second year, and will conduct research with Dr. Stephen Messier, Ph.D. Director of the J. B. Snow Biomechanics Laboratory and the Wake Forest University Runners' Clinic on the Reynolda Campus.

Kristina Cherry: Kristina will transition to a laboratory technical position.

Jeremy O'Neal: Jeremy decided to participate a second year in the PREP Scholars and will continue his research studies with Dr. Allyn Howlett in Physiology/Pharmacology.



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Samuel Troy Pellom: Troy was accepted into the Molecular Medicine Ph.D. program at Meharry University in Nashville and will start this program in August.

Ricquita Pollard: Ricquita has been accepted at Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and will enter the Molecular and Cellular Pathology Ph.D. Program in August.

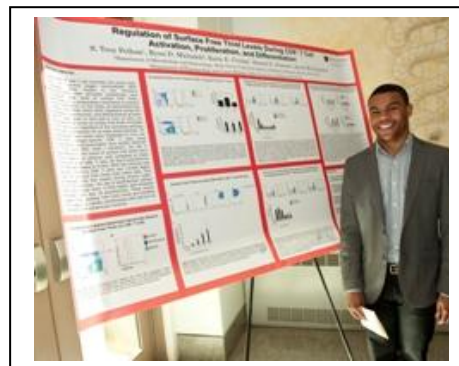
Shanawa Richardson: Shanawa has accepted a position as a communication specialist with North Carolina A & T State University in the Department of Biology. She will be in charge of maintaining the department's website and will serve as editor of publication materials enabling her to utilize her degrees in biology and English as well as her internship in journalism.

Tiffany Turner: Tiffany was accepted to the Molecular Medicine PhD Program at Meharry University and will be starting in August.

Bryan Wilson: Bryan has been accepted at Wake Forest University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in the Molecular Medicine Program. He will begin the Ph.D. program in August.

We would like to recognize all of these students for all their hard work and dedication, and wish them well in their future endeavors. We also wish to acknowledge the enthusiastic support and commitment of time and effort of all the mentors who provide rigorous research experiences and quality career guidance to each trainee.

Our 2010-2011 Postbaccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP Scholars) will begin July 15, 2010. They represent Elon University, Bucknell University, Longwood University, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University and Virginia Tech. We look forward to their participation in our program.



Upcoming Events

Company Holiday	July 5
Tubing New River	July 10
2010/2011 PREP Students Arrive	July 15
Brazil & PREP Students Welcome Lunch	July 16
Winston-Salem Dash Game	July 23
(Contact Nobli for Info)	
Summer Research Programs Poster Session	July 30
Orientation	Aug 3
Registration	Aug 4
1st Day of class	Aug 25
Last day to add	Sept 8
Last day to drop	Sept 29

We have seven new PREP students coming in for 2010/2011. There are: Merissa Baxter – Elon University, Elon, North Carolina; Guorui (Gary) Deng – Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Oscar Gonzalez – Longwood, University, Farmville, Virginia; Charisse Holmes – Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Jacqueline Jackson - Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Darin Johnson - Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Alana Sampson - Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

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