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National Conference Presents Ten Students with Awards for Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health Research

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Washington, D.C. (January 15, 2010) – Ten undergraduate students were honored with awards for social and behavioral sciences and public health research presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), held November 4-7, 2009, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Now in its ninth year, ABRCMS is the largest professional conference for the nation's biomedical and behavioral sciences students. More than 2,800 people attended this year's conference, including 1,755 students and 455 faculty and program directors. The conference is designed to (i) encourage underrepresented minority students to pursue advanced training in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, including mathematics, and (ii) provide faculty with resources for facilitating these students' success.

During the four-day conference, more than 1,200 students participated in poster and oral presentations in ten subdisciplines of the biomedical and behavioral sciences, including mathematics. All undergraduate student presentations were judged by active-researcher scientists, and the students with the highest scores in each scientific discipline and for each educational level received monetary awards. In 2009, 15 organizations contributed to awards of \$250 each to 140 students for outstanding research (for a complete list of awardees, please email lrobinson@asmusa.org). Awards in the social and behavioral sciences and public health discipline — sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science — went to the following students:

Oral Presentation

- Michael Jenkins, Senior, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Poster Presentations

- Ama Achampong, Sophomore, University of Michigan
- Sybil Andrieux, Senior, SUNY College at Old Westbury
- Steve Arrieta, Junior, Montclair State University
- Andreas George, Senior, University of Florida
- Yvonne Kamau, Senior, University of Kansas
- Calvin Lewis, Junior, University of Missouri-Columbia
- Alex Lim, Senior, California State University, Dominguez Hills
- Jeanita Moore, Senior, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Monica Solomon, Senior, University of Florida

The 2010 ABRCMS will be held 10-13 November in Charlotte, N.C., where ABRCMS will be celebrating its 10th anniversary. For more information, please visit www.abrcms.org.

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