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Decreasing Disparities and Increasing Diversity*

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MINORITY ACCESS ANNOUNCES 12TH NATIONAL ROLE MODELS CONFERENCE

Minority Access will return its prestigious National Role Models Conference to the recently renovated Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., September 30 - October 2, 2011. Andrea Mickle, president of Minority Access, said "We decided to return our national conference to the Washington Hilton Hotel after seeing the results of its multi-million dollar renovations. The hotel now has more to attract conferences that desire to offer its conferees upscale amenities."



The 12th National Role Models Conference will kick off with the Minority Access College Showcase, a college recruitment fair for college-bound high school students, on Friday, September 30, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Opening Session is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. Other highlights of the Conference include two major events on Saturday - - the Diversity Luncheon recognizing colleges and universities committed to diversity and the annual Awards Gala honoring individuals who have been named Minority Access Role Models by their institutions. The Conference will culminate with the much anticipated awarding of cash prizes to student researchers on Sunday morning. A full conference schedule will be released once speakers and panelists have confirmed their participation.

Rooms at the Washington Hilton Hotel are available for the National Role Models Conference at a special rate of \$159 per night for single and double rooms. Reservations may be made through Hilton Hotels at 1-800-Hiltons (1-800-445-8667). Please specify Minority Access and/or Registration Code MAC when making reservations. The final cut-off date for the conference rate is August 30, 2011.

DR. JOHN RUFFIN WILL KEYNOTE SPECIAL SESSION AND RECEIVE 2011 INNOVATOR ROLE MODEL AWARD

Dr. John Ruffin, Director of the newly elevated Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, will be the featured speaker at the Twelfth National Role Models Conference on Friday, September 30. Following the session, colleges and universities will pay tribute to Dr. Ruffin for his leadership in initiating and supporting programs that have contributed to narrowing the health disparities gap. At its awards gala on Saturday evening, Minority Access will bestow its coveted Innovator Role Model Award on Dr. Ruffin. This is the first time that a recipient has been nominated, virtually by acclamation, from representatives of the 170 colleges and universities that have signed commitments to cooperate with Minority Access to contribute to closing the health disparities gap.



STUDENT RESEARCHERS INVITED TO COMPETE FOR CASH PRIZES

The National Role Models Conference will host seminars for student researchers that will provide them with the opportunity to make oral presentations on biomedical research and other scientific research. Students enrolled in colleges and universities throughout the United States are welcomed to participate. Cash prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to students for research presentations judged first, second and third places. For additional information regarding the student seminars, please make contact with Mrs. Bonnie Gray at bgray@minorityaccess.org or (301) 779-7100, extension 15.

**National Role Models Conference
September 30-October 2, 2011**

For more information go to our website at www.minorityaccess.org