

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM



MINDRITY ACCESS INC

Minority Access, Inc.  
Fourteenth National Role Models Conference



September 27-29, 2013

Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel  
Washington, D.C. 20001

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013**

**7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration**

CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B FOYER

9:00 a.m. – Noon

EXHIBITS

CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B

ASSEMBLY

GRAND BALLROOM

SOUTH/CENTRAL

**College and Career Showcase**

*A recruitment fair and assembly for college bound students from the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area and conference participants to kickoff the National Role Models Conference.*

Moderator: Mrs. Bonnie Gray  
Project Coordinator  
Minority Access, Inc.

Speaker: Ms. Shanice Miller  
Scholarship and Grant Specialist and Entrepreneur  
Debt Free College Grad

Presentation of Community Education Activist Award

Recipient: Mr. Henry Thompson  
District of Columbia Public Schools (Retired)  
Community Advocate for Higher Education

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B

**Opening Sessions and Luncheon**

*Minority Access will officially open the 14<sup>th</sup> National Role Models Conference with welcoming remarks, a special keynote, and with a luncheon featuring perspectives on diversity from the federal, academic, and corporate sectors.*

Moderator: Dr. Louis Dale  
Vice President for Equity and Diversity  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
*2001 Minority Access Role Model*



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B

Welcome: Ms. Andrea D. Mickle  
President  
Minority Access, Inc.

**Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP):  
Revitalizing the Nation's STEM Talent Pool**

Speaker: Dr. A. James Hicks  
Program Director  
Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation  
National Science Foundation  
*2008 Minority Access Role Model*

**Increasing Diversity: A Shared Responsibility**

Panelists: Dr. Sandra Moore  
Vice President for Diversity  
University of Eastern Kentucky  
*2011 Minority Access Role Model*

Ms. Silvia Ramos  
Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action and  
Diversity Officer  
Winston-Salem State University

Mr. Mark Oliver  
Senior Partnership Advisor  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Mr. Marcus Brownrigg  
Pathways Program Senior Advisor to the  
Chief Human Capital Officer  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Ms. Veronica Jeon  
Chief Executive Officer  
JIVI, Inc.

**Message from the Education Community**

*Voluntary comments from the audience regarding diversity and/or higher education will be video-taped and forwarded, through a Minority Access supporter, to the Obama Administration.*



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

### 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. Registration

CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B FOYER

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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#### Breakfast Session

##### Progress in Eliminating Disparities in Minority Health

*An update on minority health and health disparities as well as information on funding and research opportunities available through NIMHD will highlight the session. (Breakfast buffet is available for one hour.)*

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Lynda Brown-Wright  
Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs and Professor  
Georgia State University  
*2013 Minority Access Role Model*

Speaker: Dr. John Ruffin  
Director  
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities  
(NIMHD)  
*2011 Minority Access Role Model*

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MOUNT VERNON SQUARE

##### Racial Disparities in Earnings in Health Care Professions

*Extensive data collected by this internationally renowned economist reveal that disparities exist in wage distributions.*

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Mary Gonzalez  
Associate Vice President of Student Access  
Texas A&M University - Kingsville

Speaker: Dr. Samuel L. Myers, Jr.  
Director and Roy Wilkins Professor of  
Human Relations and Social Justice  
Humphrey School of Public Affairs  
University of Minnesota



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013**

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
MOUNT VERNON SQUARE

**Legal, Academic and Professional Challenges in Achieving Diversity**  
*These professionals will present legal guidance, sophisticated approaches, advocacy and personal perseverance needed in diversifying the classroom and the workplace.*

Opening Speaker  
and

Moderator: Dr. H. Dean Sutphin  
Associate Vice President for International and Appalachian  
Outreach and Professor  
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine  
*2010 Minority Access Role Model*

Speakers: Dean Crystal Edwards, J.D., M.A.  
Assistant Dean for Academic Administration and  
Lecturer in Law  
University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Mr. Steven Ragsdale  
Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for  
Patient Safety and Quality  
Johns Hopkins Medicine

**Diversifying the Workplace: A Personal Story**

Mr. Lance G. Carrington  
Federal Senior Executive (Retired)  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)  
U.S. Postal Service

1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B

**Luncheon Recognizing Colleges and Universities Committed to Diversity**  
*Recognizing that diversity is critical to the strength of the nation, the U.S. Department of Defense will join Minority Access again in highlighting colleges and universities committed to diversity.*

Greetings: Andrea D. Mickle  
President  
Minority Access, Inc.

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1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
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### Luncheon Recognizing Colleges and Universities Committed to Diversity (continued)

Mr. Franklin Garcia  
President  
DC Latino Caucus

Introduction of Speaker: Mrs. Charmane Collins Johnson  
Director  
Policy for Federal Women, Asian and Black Programs  
Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity  
U.S. Department of Defense

Speaker: Mr. John H. James, Jr.  
Executive Director  
Missile Defense Agency  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of Defense

### Recognition of Colleges and Universities Committed to Diversity For Year 2013

Auburn University  
Ball State University  
Bethune-Cookman University  
Cedar Valley College  
Central State University  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Eastern Michigan University  
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Howard University

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Medgar Evers College  
Midlands Technical College  
Texas A&M University - Kingsville  
Texas Tech University  
The University of Akron - Ohio  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
University of California at Santa Barbara  
Western Michigan University  
Winston-Salem State University

Response on behalf of Institutions: Dr. Susan Martin  
President  
Eastern Michigan University



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013**

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Student Researchers Seminars**

*Undergraduate students from diverse colleges and universities will present their research in a competition for cash awards.*

**MEETING ROOMS 15**

Biomedical and Biological Sciences

**MEETING ROOMS 16**

Engineering/Computer Science/ Technology

7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**CONGRESSIONAL HALL A/B**

**Role Model Awards Gala**

*Minority Access will honor outstanding students, faculty, administrators and alumni as Role Models at a festive awards ceremony.*

Speaker: Dr. Dwight Williams  
Senior Science Advisor  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Research Affiliate  
Department of Nuclear Science and Engineering  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**National Role Model Honorees**

**Administrator Awards**

Lynda Brown-Wright, Ph.D.  
Mary H. Holloway, Ph.D.  
Juan S. Munoz, Ph.D.

**Alumnus Award**

Willie Jackson, M.Ed

**Entrepreneur Award**

Marcia Fields Milton, M.S.A.

**Faculty Awards**

Babatunde Ojo, Ph.D.  
Emanuel A. Waddell, Ph.D.  
Zerihun Assefa, Ph.D.

**President Leadership Award**

Jennifer Wimbish, Ph.D.

**Recruiter Award**

Sylvia K. Littlejohn, B.A.

**Student Awards**

Ashley Norris  
Ariel D. Smith  
Derrick Smith  
Milton Williams

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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### Breakfast and Closing Session

*Conferring of certificates to student researchers and the announcement of cash awards to the top student presenters will highlight the closing of the 14<sup>th</sup> National Role Models Conference. (Breakfast buffet served for one hour.)*

Moderator: Mr. Malcolm Snorden  
Project Director  
Minority Access Educational Talent Search Program

Speaker: Dr. Patricia Ramsey  
Chair  
Department of Natural Sciences  
Bowie State University  
*2012 Minority Access Role Model*

### Recognition of Student Researchers

**Shaundra Cook**  
Virginia State University

**Charles Waller**  
Bowie State University

**Ashley Norris**  
Fort Valley State University

**Milton Williams**  
Fort Valley State University

**Tameka Bland**  
Virginia State University

**Derrick Smith**  
Fort Valley State University

**Nathaniel Lashley-Colthirst**  
Howard University

**Fatimah Bori**  
North Carolina Central University

**Graysen Ortega**  
Texas Tech University

**KaNesha M. Gillyard**  
Spelman College

**Michael O. Ongele**  
Howard University

**Georges I. Guillaume**  
Winston-Salem University

**Deya M. Bansakher**  
Bethune-Cookman University

**Jesus Cano**  
Texas Tech University

**Kayla Farrow**  
Old Dominion University

**Nirmal Patel**  
Old Dominion University

**Jenine N. McKoy**  
Spelman College

**George C. Micros**  
Old Dominion University

**Apre' Gleaves**  
Howard University

**Nathaniel Lashley-Colthirst**  
Howard University

**Meryl T. Collins**  
Bowie State University

**Indira Prajapati**  
Bethune-Cookman

