

## **Congratulations to Poster and Abstract Award Winners at 2015 Summer Institute!!**

We are proud of the work our trainees accomplished this summer and were impressed with the quality of the research presented in the abstracts submitted, and the posters presented, at the 2015 Summer Institute by our **HDRTP, SCRTP and PRSTP** trainees:

- Health Disparities Research Training Program - postdocs and junior faculty;
- Summer Cancer Research Training Program - graduate students and Cancer Interns-undergraduate students,
- Partnership Summer Research Training Program - undergraduate students

To recap the awards presented at the **Summer Institute** this week:

The poster presentations are judged using the NIH Research Project Grant Applications 9 point scale critique on six areas:

1. Overall Impact
2. Significance and Health Disparities Relevance
3. Investigator
4. Innovation
5. Approach
6. Future Funding

Many thanks to the judges who reviewed the posters, to Dawn Fizer who assisted with the details of the poster competition, and all our the Partnership colleagues who make the Summer Institute happen.

### **2015 Summer Institute HDRTP Top 3 Poster Presenters are:**

1st place: Name: Deloris Alexander, PhD

Title: Assistant Professor and Director, IBS PhD Program, Tuskegee University

Poster Title: Autochthonous Flora and the Development of AOM-Induced Colon Cancer

2nd place: Name: Indrajit Chowdhury, PhD, MS

Title: Instructor, Morehouse School of Medicine, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Poster Title: Prohibitin (PHB) Roles In Granulosa Cell Physiology

Mentor: Roland Matthews, MD

3rd place: Name: Adriana Harbuzariu, MD

and Immunology

Poster Title: Novel Adjuvant Therapy for Obesity Related Pancreatic Cancer

Mentor: Ruben Gonzalez, PhD

**2015 Summer Institute SCRTP Top 3 Poster Presenters are:**

1st place: Name: Gregory Adams

Title: PhD Candidate, Morehouse School of Medicine

Poster Title: The Regulation of the Microtubule Dynamics of TIP150 In Metastatic Breast Cancer Cell Migration Upon EGF Stimulation

Mentor: Felix Aikhionbare, PhD

2nd place: Name: Jeronay King, MSCR

Title: Graduate Student, Morehouse School of Medicine

Poster Title: Enhancing Chemotherapeutic Efficacy of Breast Cancer using a Natural Agent

Mentor: Shailesh Singh, PhD

3rd place: Name: Courtney Dill, MSBR

Title: Pre-doctoral Student, Morehouse School of Medicine, Microbiology, Biochemistry, and Immunology

Poster Title: The Efficacy and Toxicity of PEG-LPrA2: A Novel Adjuvant for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Treatment

Mentor: Ruben Gonzalez, PhD

**2015 Summer Institute PRSTP Top 3 Poster Presenters are:**

1st place: Name: Saanyol Suswam

Title: Student Research Assistant, Miles College, Dept Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Poster Title: The Effects of Phosphorylated Focal Adhesion Kinase on Renal Cell Carcinoma Development and Progression

Mentor: Sunil Sudarshan, MD

2nd place: Name: Han Yu

Title: Student, UAB

Poster Title: Evaluation of p27Kip-1 as a Urine-based Biomarker for Cancer Survivors

Mentor: Upendar Manne, PhD

3rd place: Name: Tangelia Hatch, BS

Title: Student, Alabama A&M University Poster Title: The Racial Differences in the 5-Year Survival

Mentor: Chandrika Piyathilake, PhD

**2015 Summer Institute SCRTP Best Abstracts are:**

1. Name: Myles Davis

Title: Graduate Student, Tuskegee University Dept of Biology

Poster Title: "Comparison of Treatment Decisions in African American vs. Caucasian Men with Prostate Cancer from a Single Institution"

Mentor: Roberta Troy, PhD

2. Name: Courtney Dill, MSBR

Title: Pre-Doctoral Students Morehouse School of Medicine

Poster Title: "The Efficacy and Toxicity of PEG-LPrA2: A Novel Adjuvant for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Treatment"

Mentor: Ruben Gonzalez, PhD

3. Name: DeBran Tarver, MPH

Title: Graduate Student, UAB Health Education and Promotion

Poster Title: "The Path from Symptoms to Treatment: The Process of the Ovarian Cancer Diagnosis"

Mentor: Michelle Martin, PhD; Maria Pisu, PhD

4. Name: Allison Walsh, BS

Title: Graduate Student, UAB Environmental Health

Poster Title: "Mitochondrial DNA Background Alters Adipose Deposition in a Mouse Model of Breast Cancer"

Mentor: Scott Ballinger, PhD, MS

Morehouse School of Medicine, Tuskegee University, and UAB are providing the awards to the trainees who scored in the top three in the Poster Session:

\$200 (1st place)

\$150 (2nd place)

\$100 (3rd place)

The four Best Abstract winners each receive \$100.

Congratulations to all of you!