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, at the **2019 Cancer Research Symposium by our HDREP, SCREP, CRISP and PRSTP trainees**:

- HDREP - Health Disparities Research Education Program – postdocs, medical residents, and junior faculty
- SCREP - Summer Cancer Research Education Program - graduate and medical students
- CRISP - Cancer Research Immersion Student Program - undergraduate students
- PRSTP - Partnership Research Summer Training Program - undergraduate students

To recap the awards presented at the **Cancer Research Symposium on Wed, July 24, 2019**:

The poster presentations are judged using the NIH Research Project Grant Applications 9 point scale critique on five areas:
1. Clarity of Research
2. Presentation
3. Integration of Text and Graphics
4. Ease of Viewing
5. Significance and Relation to Cancer Health Disparities
6. Overall Evaluation / Overall Impact

Many thanks to the **Cancer Partnership judges** who reviewed the posters, to Dawn Fizer, who managed the details of the poster competition, to the Program Managers: Chiquita Lee, Jennifer Creighton, and Tom Ramsey, PhD, and all our Partnership colleagues who make the Cancer Research Symposium happen.

In addition, many thanks to our **Career Transitions Panelists**: Indrajit Chowdhury, PhD; Natalie Hernandez, PhD, MPH; Hina Mir, PhD; and Desiree Rivers, MPH; and Moderator: James Lillard, PhD, MBA.

And **Career Coach Talk Panelists**: James Lillard, PhD, MBA; Upender Manne, PhD, MS; and Brian Rivers, PhD, MPH; and Moderator: Natalie Hernandez, F MPH

**2019 Cancer Research Symposium HDREP Top 3 Poster Presenters**:

**1st place: Name: Soumya Niranjan, PhD, MS**
Title: Assistant Professor – UAB
Poster Title: “I'd want to know, because a year's not a long time to prepare for a death”: Patient and provider perspectives regarding prognostic information in shared decision making among women with metastatic breast cancer
Mentor: Monica Baskin, PhD, MPH

**2nd place: Name: Natalie Hernandez, PhD, MPH**
Title: Assistant Director, Office of Community Engagement – Morehouse School of Medicine
Poster Title: The Voices of Cancer Survivors on Clinical Trial Participation at a Safety-Net Hospital
Mentor: Brian Rivers, PhD, MPH

**3rd place: Name: Balasubramanyam Karanam, PhD**
Title: Assistant Professor – Tuskegee University
Poster Title: Targeting ubiquitin receptor ADRM1 for the treatment of quadruple negative breast cancer
Mentor: Akhmedov Onderen, PhD, and Clayton Yelzn, PhD
2019 Cancer Research Symposium SCREP Top 3 Poster Presenters:

1st place: Name: Katie Peagler  
Title: Graduate Student – Morehouse School of Medicine  
Poster Title: Expression and clinical significance of mito- ATPase and COX subunits in colorectal adenomatous polyps patients  
Mentor: Felix Alkhionbare, PhD

2nd place: Name: Leah grace Simons  
Title: Graduate Student – UAB School of Public Health  
Poster Title: “If my insurance won’t pay for this, I can’t afford to do it”: Interviewing ovarian cancer patients experiencing financial distress about the costs or related stress of treatment  
Mentor: Margaret Liang, MD

3rd place: Name: Akshay Chandora  
Title: Graduate Student – Morehouse School of Medicine  
Poster Title: Implementing a Precision Cancer Medicine Protocol at a Safety Net Hospital  
Mentor: James Lillard, PhD, MBA

2019 Cancer Research Symposium PRSTP and CRISP Top 3 Poster Presenters:

1st place: Name: Alahni Becks  
Title: CRISP Undergraduate Student – Tuskegee University  
Poster Title: Reviewing and developing web-based weight loss and diet intervention for cancer survivors with a BMI higher than 30  
Mentor: Dori Pekmezzi, PhD

2nd place: Name: Bailey McDaniel  
Title: PRSTP Undergraduate Student – UAB  
Poster Title: Inhibition of epidermoid carcinoma using TLR-4 inhibitor, TAK-242  
Mentor: Nabiha Yusuf, PhD

3rd place: Name: Riley Kilian  
Title: PRSTP Undergraduate Student - Cumberland University  
Poster Title: Markers of adiposity are associated with the SNP72 genotype in women with breast cancer  
Mentor: Upender Manne, PhD

2019 Cancer Research Symposium Best Abstract Oral Presenters:

1: Name: Amir Ahmed  
Title: Medical Student – UAB  
Talk Title: Effectiveness of Cancer Education Course on Community Health Advisors (CHAs) in the Deep South  
Mentor: Monica Baskin, PhD, MPH, and Claudia Hardy, MPA

2: Name: Kawsar Chowdhury
Mentor: Clayton Yates, PhD

3: **Name: Brock Meeker**
Title: Medical Student – Morehouse School of Medicine
Title: Genistein Overcomes the Multidrug Resistance in Pancreatic Cancer Cells
Mentor: Rajesh Singh, PhD

Morehouse School of Medicine, Tuskegee University, and UAB are providing the awards to the trainees who are being awarded $100 each for the Oral Session presenters, and awards for the top three in the Poster Session:
$200 (1st place)
$150 (2nd place)
$100 (3rd place)

Congratulations to all of you!