

2018 ABRCMS Presentation Awardees



Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

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POSTERS

Sinibaldo	Romero	Postbac	Mayo Clinic
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Christina	Wang	Senior	Vanderbilt University
Jeremiah	Nance	Senior	Pfeiffer University
Meheret	Gebreegziabher	Senior	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Jordan	Bauer	Senior	Wheaton College
Manuel	Mora	Senior	UC Davis
Shamar	Wallace	Senior	Fayetteville State University
Maria Luisa	Ponce de Leon	Senior	San Jose State University
Hector	Ruvalcaba	Senior	University of California, Riverside
Courtnei	Foster	Senior	Howard University
Joseph	Garcia	Senior	University of California, Irvine
Claythia	Nicholas	Senior	CUNY Medgar Evers College
Charmaine	Lindsay	Senior	Clafin University
Sarah	Mansour	Senior	University of Massachusetts Boston
Lannah	Abasi	Senior	California State University Northridge
Roukaya	Mabizari	Senior	Texas A&M
Nicholas	Codallos	Senior	UCLA
Christopher	Ochoa	Senior	University of California, Davis
Bianca	Pingul	Senior	California State University, Long Beach
Camila	Sarcone	Senior	Florida International University
Allison	Woods	Junior	St. Mary's University
Bamidele	Aleshe	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles
Maria	Lozada	Junior	University of Miami

Colliness	Morris	Junior	University of Illinois at Chicago
Cristian	Martinez-Ramos	Junior	Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan
Roman	Meza	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Alejandro	Ponce-Sepulveda	Junior	Wayne State University
Cuauhtemoc	Ramirez	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Brittany	Lafaver	Junior	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Kimberly	Maldonado	Junior	University of California Davis
Osmary	Oyola	Junior	University of Puerto Rico at Cayey
Adrienne	Lee	Junior	James Madison University
Ashley	Mello	Junior	Xavier University of Louisiana
Sundance	Kemp	Junior	University of Arizona
Donovan	Brown	Sophomore	Pennsylvania State University
Shellaina	Gordon	Sophomore	Northeastern University
Felix Manuel	Quintana	Sophomore	Lehigh University
Luis	Mercado	Sophomore	University of Alabama in Huntsville
Edward	Oropeza	Community College	Fullerton College
Tania	Perez	Community College	Miami Dade College

ORALS

Lauren	Thornton	Senior	Xavier University of Louisiana
Andrew	Dorfeuille	Junior	Morehouse College
Robin	Bailey	Junior	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Claudia	Walker	Sophomore	University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Cancer Biology

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POSTERS

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Megan	Arnold	Senior	Allegheny College

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Adriana	Baker	Senior	University of Nevada, Los Vegas
Tamia	Waller	Senior	University of Detroit Mercy
Morgan	Josey	Senior	Albany State University
Samuel	Burgos	Senior	University of Puerto Rico in Humacao
Chidera	Nosiri	Senior	University of Maryland, College Park
Sarah	Sadik	Senior	SUNY College at Old Westbury
Austin	Peppers	Senior	Bowling Green State University
Andrés	Martínez-Muñiz	Senior	University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
Brenna	Remick	Senior	Cornell University
Karla	Cano	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Saitiel	Sandoval Gonzalez	Senior	University of California, Los Angeles
Nicholas	Montes	Senior	University of Maryland, Baltimore
Marcos	Armendariz	Junior	University of Texas
Alton	Gayton	Junior	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ryan	Elbashir	Junior	Cornell University
Kai	Brady	Junior	Spelman College
Amanda	Nweke	Junior	Morgan State University
Princess	Ekpo	Junior	Emory University
Oderah	Udemadu	Junior	North Carolina Central University
Daniel	Wang	Sophomore	Rice University
Catherine	Stratis	Sophomore	Hunter College
Bolatito	Babatunde	Sophomore	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Andrew	DePass	Sophomore	Quinnipiac University
Amanda	Figuroa	Sophomore	St. Mary's University

ORALS

Cuyler	Luck	Junior	Pennsylvania State University
Javier	Granados	Junior	University of Texas at Austin
Stephanie	Melendez	Sophomore	Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Cell Biology

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POSTERS

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Jennifer	Gamarra	Postbac	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Reginald	Edwards	Postbac	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Nicolas	Shealy	Postbac	Medical University of South Carolina
Alyssa	Walker	Senior	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Ahmed	Mahmoud	Senior	The College of New Jersey
Peter	Luo	Senior	Duke University
Will	Hinckley	Senior	California State University, Long Beach
Javarcia	Ivory	Senior	Stanford University
Emily	Guinn	Senior	UCLA
Yardley	Martinez	Senior	CUNY Lehman College
Emmanuel	Cuevas	Senior	California State University Long Beach
John Matthew	Revilla	Senior	Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Patricia	Leyva	Senior	California State University Long Beach
Overbeck Christian	Takou Mbah	Senior	University of Massachusetts, Boston
Carla	Pantoja	Junior	UCLA
Alyza	Roman	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Kaitlynn	Gov	Junior	University of California, Davis
Brandon	Sanders	Junior	Claffin University
Isis	Irving	Junior	University of Oregon
Ugoji	Nwanaji-Enwerem	Junior	Brown University
Paxton	Kostos	Junior	University of Missouri
Nathan	Mallipeddi	Junior	University of California at Los Angeles
Morgan	Narain	Junior	Oakwood University
Evelyn	Navar	Junior	University of California, Davis
Tarah	Opara	Junior	Spelman College

Aaron	Brown	Junior	Morehouse College
JoAnne	Villagrana	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
Marinel	Ocasio-Rivera	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico at Ponce
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Chemistry

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POSTERS

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José	Mercado	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Joel	Monroy	Senior	California State University, Long Beach
Alejandra	Báez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico at Cayey
David	Navarro	Senior	San Jose State University
Samantha	Crawford	Senior	San Diego State University
Martha	Guerrero	Senior	California State University Long Beach
Franklin	Avilés-Vázquez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico San Juan
Jose	Reyes	Junior	Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan
Kiyomi	Kukoyi	Junior	Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Blaine	Derbigny	Junior	Xavier University of Louisiana
Brenden	Wimbish	Junior	James Madison University
Jessica	Vilas-Boas	Junior	Stony Brook University
Samuel	Steuart	Junior	University of Kansas
Ayanna	Culmer-Gilbert	Junior	Morgan State University
Ila	Castro De la Torre	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles
Christina	Martin	Junior	IUPUI
Tania	Bellinger	Junior	Winston-Salem State University
Mark	Joseph	Junior	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Nathalie	Iribe	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Angel	Hernández	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Jocelyn	Valenzuela	Junior	San Jose State University

Ellen	Gulian	Sophomore	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Karis	Barnett	Sophomore	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Laura	Penabad	Sophomore	Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan
Anthony	Jolly	Sophomore	University of the Virgin Island
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ORALS

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Computational and Systems Biology

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POSTERS

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Jenea	Adams	Senior	University of Dayton
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Olivia	Marx	Junior	Southern Methodist University
Karina	Barragan	Junior	University of California, Irvine
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Moises	Favela	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
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Developmental Biology and Genetics

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POSTERS

Katiannah	Moise	Postbac	University of Chicago
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Brenda	Melano	Senior	UCLA
Sofiat	Atoba	Senior	Howard University
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Michael	LaScola	Senior	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
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Samuel	Liburd	Senior	University of the Virgin Islands
Wendy	Osei-Bonsu	Senior	College of Saint Benedict
Akin	Sogunro	Senior	Johns Hopkins University
Nile	Hodges	Senior	Howard University
James	Mejia	Senior	Rowan University
Sarah	Najera	Junior	University of California, Irvine
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Gabriel	Rojas-Bowe	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Don	Eaford	Junior	Fayetteville State University
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Deja	Machen	Junior	University of Washington
Isaryhia	Rodriguez	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
Sarah	Singh	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
Francis	Hernandez	Sophomore	Wayne State University
Tahvis	Magruder	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Dominique	Brooks	Sophomore	University of Maryland Baltimore County
Nina	Wallace	Sophomore	Howard University
Aakilah	Brown	Sophomore	Spelman College
Lilibeth	Mendoza	Community College	SUNY Orange County Community College

ORALS

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Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics

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POSTERS

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Zulmari	Silva	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, Cayey
Therlking	Dervil	Senior	Duke University
Ethen	Lund	Senior	Pomona College
Francis	Ledesma	Senior	Cornell University
Gabriela	Rosado-Gonzalez	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
Akilah	Miller	Senior	UCLA
Alana	Gonzales	Senior	University of Arizona
Marco	Melgar	Senior	University of Florida
Madison	Kane	Junior	California State University Long Beach
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Christopher	Lintz	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Armando	Ruiz-Justiz	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico at Ponce
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Immunology

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Darwing	Padilla Rolon	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

Microbiology

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POSTERS

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Olivia	Ringham	Senior	University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Judith	Reyes-Ballista	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
John	Aleman	Senior	Northern Arizona University
Tyler	Thomas-Fenderson	Senior	Colorado State University
Oscar	Sanchez	Junior	Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Amy-Claire	Dauphin	Junior	Oakwood University
Lennice	Castro	Junior	University of California, Los Angeles
Yasmine	Oprea	Junior	CUNY Hunter College
Estheany	Roman-Pagan	Junior	Universidad del Este
Miguel	Rodriguez Reyes	Junior	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Brittany	Pulkkila	Junior	Marquette University
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Brandon	Brown	Sophomore	Morehouse College
Micah	Lawrence	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
Charlotte	Wang	Sophomore	Oxford College of Emory University
Stefanie	Moncayo	Sophomore	Dominican College of Blauvelt
Beloved	Adenuga	Sophomore	Howard University
Nora	Gilliam	Sophomore	IUPUI
Gabriel	Romero	Sophomore	University of Puerto Rico, Cayey
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Neuroscience

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Brandon	Trejo	Senior	University of California, Los Angeles
Tara	Ortiz-Ithier	Senior	University of Texas at San Antonio
Brandon	Davis	Senior	Washington University in St. Louis
Melina	Perez Torres	Senior	University of Puerto Rico, San Juan
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Dyana	Muller	Senior	University of Arizona
Crystal	Minjarez	Senior	Regis University
Clare	Da Silva	Senior	Hope College
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Ansley	Kunnath	Senior	Rutgers University
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Soham	Ghoshal	Junior	Hunter College
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Alexis	Howe	Sophomore	Johns Hopkins University
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ORALS

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Physiology

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POSTERS

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Dominik	Aylard	Junior	University of California, Davis
Jaresley	Guillen	Junior	University of California, Davis
Jack	Shanahan	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Jose	Sandoval	Junior	University of California, Davis
Jenee	Farrell	Junior	Howard University
Christian	Checkcinco	Sophomore	University of California, Irvine
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ORALS

Talia	Seymore	Junior	Pennsylvania State University
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Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health

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Jordan	Mosby	Senior	Morehouse College
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Jabarey	Wells	Senior	Morehouse College
Krystal	Camacho Baez	Senior	Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico
Oluwapelumi	Ajibade	Senior	University of Washington
Erin	Kimble	Senior	Spelman College
Camille	Mosley	Senior	Emory University
Ahmed	Idris	Senior	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Raveena	Parmar	Senior	CSUB
Karen	Valdez	Senior	University of Texas at El Paso
Patricia	Otero	Senior	Florida International University
Chandler	Golden	Senior	Xavier University of Louisiana
Joseph	Wilson	Senior	Williams College
Arielle	Moore	Junior	Oakwood University
Caitlyn Rose	Fastenau	Junior	University of California, Davis
Evelyn	Zarate-Sanchez	Junior	University of California, Irvine
Avery	Sherbrook	Junior	Wayne State University
Cedric	Mutebi	Junior	Wayne State University
Salma	Tayel	Junior	Johns Hopkins University
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Lauren	Holman	Sophomore	Lincoln University of Pennsylvania

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ORALS

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