

## 2011 Emerging Researchers Conference in STEM



Several undergraduate and graduate students from the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology attended the 2011 Emerging Researchers Conference in STEM in Washington, DC on February 25 – 27, 2011. This conference hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Education and Human Resources Programs (HER), and the National Science Foundation (NSF) is aimed at college and university undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The objectives are to help students enhance their science communication skills and to better understand how to prepare for science careers in a global workforce. Norfolk State

students competed with over 500 students from other colleges and universities across the United States including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Three NSU students won the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for \$300 and one student won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for \$100 (see table below). Other conference activities included workshops focused on strategies for applying for and succeeding in graduate programs, career preparation for the STEM workforce, and identifying international research and education opportunities.

| 2011 ERN Conference in STEM Winners |                               |                       |
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| Student Name                        | Category                      | Award                 |
| <b>Oral Presentations:</b>          |                               |                       |
| Mercy Dicuangco                     | Technology & Engineering      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place |
| Sharrod Hines                       | Technology & Engineering      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place |
| <b>Poster Presentations:</b>        |                               |                       |
| Autumn Bullard                      | Chemistry & Chemical Sciences | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place |
| Arshaqui Johnson                    | Biological Sciences           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place |