



**Alliance/Merck *Ciencia* (Science) Hispanic Scholars Program
Ciencia Symposium 2015
 Washington, DC • August 9-13, 2015**

Sunday, August 9, 2015

6:30pm	Registration	<i>Trattoria Nicola's</i> Embassy Suites Hotel 1250 22 nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20037 Lobby of Hotel
7:00pm – 9:00pm	Welcome Dinner	<i>Trattoria Nicola's</i> Embassy Suites Hotel Lobby of Hotel

Monday, August 10, 2015

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast	Embassy Suites Hotel Lobby of Hotel
8:10am	Meet at hotel lobby to walk to ACC Heart House	American College of Cardiology (ACC), Heart House, 2400 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037
8:30am – 8:50am	Welcoming Remarks • Jane Delgado, President and CEO, National Alliance for Hispanic Health	Room: 116/118
8:50am – 9:30am	Introductions Meet your fellow <i>Ciencia</i> Scholars and let us know a little bit about yourself, school, what area of STEM are you most interested in, and something interesting that you have done in the past year	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
9:30am – 9:45am	Program Overview Review of Symposium Schedule and Questions • Marcela Gaitan, MPH, MA; Senior Director for External Relations National Alliance for Hispanic Health	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
9:45am – 10:00am	Break	
10:00am – 11:00am	Session I: Dione L. Rossiter, PhD Project Director, Education and Human Resources, American Association for the Advancement of Science	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118

	<i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	
11:am – 12:00pm	Session II: Jermelina Tupas, Ph.D., Deputy Division Director, Human Resource Development (HRD), Directorate for Education and Human Resources (HER), National Science Foundation <i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
12:00pm – 12:55pm	Lunch at ACC	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Session III: Eydith Comenencia Ortiz, Ph.D., Senior Research Analyst, Public Policy & Government , Biogen <i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Session IV: Student Presentations. Members of the Class of 2013 will give a five minute presentation about their summer research internships. <i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Break	
3:45pm – 5:45pm	Evaluation Sessions – Dr. Emorcia Hill <i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	ACC Heart House Room: 116/118
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Dinner and Leisure Activity	

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

6:45am – 7:30am	Breakfast	Embassy Suites Hotel Lobby of Hotel
7:30am – 9:10am	Shuttle pick up and drive to the Food and Drug Administration and security screening and escort to meeting room	10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20993
9:30am	Welcoming Remarks and FDA Overview Commander Beth Fritsch, Deputy Director, Office of Health and Constituent Affairs, Office of External Affairs, OC (Moderator) <i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	Building 1, Room 2047E
9:35am – 10:10am	Panel I: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Review and Approval Process. Judit Mitchell, Project Manager, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research • Biologics Review and Licensing Process. 	Building 1, Room 2047E

	<p>Commander Vada Perkins, Chief Business Operations, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Device Review and Approval Process. Pablo Morales, MD, Division of Cardiovascular Devices, Center for Devices and Radiological Health <p><i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	
10:10am	Q&A and Break	Building 1, Room 2047E
10:20am – 10:45am	<p>Panel II:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of Mission Critical Positions in Promoting and Protecting Public Health. Jonca Bull, M.D., Director Office of Minority Health (Moderator) • Research and Collaborations. Martin Mendoza, M.D., Lead Officer of Minority Health Research and Collaborations Program, Office of Minority Health • STEM Intern Programs. Bernadette Williamson-Taylor, Lead Regulatory Health Education Specialist and Medical Countermeasures Initiative Professional Development Coordinator, Office of the Chief Scientist • Pathways to Careers at FDA. Lajuana Caldwell, Acting Director, Workforce Development Staff, Office of Human Resources <p><i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	Building 1, Room 2047E
10:45am	Q&A	Building 1, Room 2047E
11:00am	<p>Remarks Stephen Ostroff, M.D., Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs</p> <p><i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	Building 1, Room 2047E
11:15am	<p>Closing and Other Acknowledgements Commander Beth Fritsch, Deputy Director Office of Health and Constituent Affairs</p> <p><i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	Building 1, Room 2047E
11:25am	Ciencia Scholars Escort to Building 62, 3rd Floor Atrium	
11:45am – 12:30pm	<p>Tour of a CDRH Engineering and Physics, Charles P. Warr, Associate Director for Laboratories Office of Science and Engineering Laboratories Center for Devices and Radiological</p>	Bulding 62

	Health <i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i>	
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Return to Building 1 for departure. Shuttle pick up and drive to the National Institutes of Health and security screening and escort to meeting room	9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, 20892
1:15pm – 1:55pm	Lunch at NIH	Building 10, FAES Classroom #4
2:00pm – 3:45pm	Concurrent Session I: Planning for Career Satisfaction and Success & Job Search Strategies: Dr. Lori Conlan, Director, Postdoctoral Services, Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE), National Institutes of Health (NIH) <i>For Scholars Class of 2012</i>	Building 10 – Graduate Student Lounge
2:00pm – 3:45pm	Concurrent Session I: What Can You Do in College to Enhance Your Chances of Getting into Medical or Graduate School – Dr. Bill Higgins, Pre-Professional Adviser, Office of Intramural Training & Education (OITE), National Institutes of Health (NIH) <i>For Scholars Class of 2013</i>	Building 10, FAES Classroom #4
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Break	
4:00pm – 4:45pm	Walk to the laboratories for the tours led by Scholars Marlen Castro and Jocleynda Salvador	Building 10
5:00pm – 5:30pm	Conclusion and Summary Highlights of the visit	Building 10, FAES Classroom #4
5:30pm	Shuttle pick up and drive to the hotel	Embassy Suites Hotel 1250 22 nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20037
6:00pm – 9:00pm	Dinner and Leisure Activity	

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

6:45am – 7:20am	Breakfast	Embassy Suites Hotel Lobby of Hotel
7:30am – 8:50am	Shuttle pick up and drive to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center, and security screening and escort to meeting room	8800 Greenbelt Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20771. The Goddard Visitor Center is located off ICESat Road (formerly Soil Conservation Road).

9:00am – 10:30am	Networking Event with NASA GSFC Hispanic Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miguel Polanco, Mechanical Engineering • Daniel Alvarado, Mechanical Engineering • Samelys Rodriguez, Aerospace Engineering (student) • Margaret Dominguez, Optics Engineer • Javier Ocasio-Perez, Computer Engineering (mix between Electrical Engineering & Computer Science) • Dan Krieger, Spanish languages and literature and Psychology (B.A.), Applied Behavioral Science (M.S.), Human Resources Development (Doctor of Education) <p><i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	Visitor Center Auditorium
10:30am – 12:00pm	Group Tour: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Webb Space Telescope • Spacecraft and Integration Complex <p><i>For Scholars Classes of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	
12:00pm	Program Conclusion – Return to Visitors Center for Departure	
12:10pm	Shuttle pick up and drive to Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Janelia Farm Center; (lunch on the road)	19700 Helix Drive Ashburn, VA 20147
2:15pm – 4:00pm	Welcome and Tour of HHMI's Janelia Farm Center <p><i>For Scholars Class of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	
4:00pm – 4:30pm	Meet the scientists at Janelia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Rivera Alba, Postdoc Associate • Fernando Amat, Bioinformatics Specialist <p><i>For Scholars Class of 2012 & 2013</i></p>	Room TBC
5:30pm –	Shuttle pick up and drive to the hotel	Embassy Suites Hotel 1250 22 nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20037
6:30pm – 10:00pm	Dinner and Leisure Activity	

Thursday, August 13, 2015

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