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## **NOBCChE Announces 2015 NOBCChE National Science Bowl Winners**

Orlando, Florida, October 25, 2015– NACEE Alphas from Alabama won the 2015 NOBCChE National Science Bowl Senior Division (High School) on September 25 at Renaissance Hotel at Sea World. Senior Division Teams who won second and third place include Rams 1 (Georgia) and Lions 1 (Florida). Junior Division winners included Chemists (Michigan), Team Phoenix (Georgia), and University Prep Middle School 1 (Michigan) for first, second and third place respectively.

Twenty-one teams from middle schools and high schools across the country competed for the National NOBCChE Science Bowl title. Many of these teams spent weeks preparing for this event, which features fast-paced, buzzer style competition. The students competed to be the first to answer questions on topics including astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics and physics, engineering and contributions of African-Americans in scientific fields. “It was amazing to see such great brains. Those kids were amazing to me. Great job by their schools,” said Margaret-Anne Mazzi Wampamba at the National Science Foundation.



L to R, NOBCChE National President Talitha Hampton-Mayo, NACEE Alpha Team Captain Ishmael Hannah, Steven Thomas and Dr. Clarke

As a part of the event, graduate student and admissions staff from several colleges spoke with the high school and middle students in between the competition rounds including Bethune-Cookman University, University of Mass-Amherst and Carnegie-Mellon. National sponsors included NSF, ACS, The Air Force Technical Applications Center, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the University of Pennsylvania. Volunteers came from various institutions including representatives from P&G, Dow Chemical Company, Spelman College, LSU, Tuskegee, Bethune-Cookman and Clark Atlanta University. Closing remarks during the Awards dinner were made from Dr. Judi Brown-Clarke from the BEACON Center for the Study of Evolution in Action.

“Our mission is to bridge the gap from the university to the community through STEM education. I believe we did that during the STEM weekend,” said Ricky P. Greer, K-12 Outreach Coordinator at the University of Illinois.

Since 1989, the NOBCChE Science Bowl has encouraged students to excel in math, science, engineering fields while remembering the contributions of Black scientists and inventors. Hundreds of students have participated in the NOBCChE Science Bowl regional and national competitions throughout its history, and it is one of the nation’s largest science competitions.

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