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## Saint Augustine's College Student Wins Award at Research Conference

**Raleigh, NC**-Gregory Okotie, a junior at Saint Augustine's College, has been honored with an award for research he presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, California in November 2006.

During the four-day conference over 1,100 students participated in poster and oral presentations in nine sub-disciplines in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. Okotie was recognized for his research on the antibacterial properties of cellulose esters, combinations of cellulose grafted to fatty acids that are currently being proposed for use as biodegradable plastics.

Now in its sixth year, ABRCMS is the largest, professional conference for biomedical students organized by the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and supported by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. The conference is designed to encourage underrepresented minority students to pursue advanced training in the biomedical and behavioral sciences and provide faculty mentors and advisors with resources for facilitating students' success.

The 2007 ABRCMS has been scheduled November 7-10, in Austin, Texas.

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