

HCC Students attended the Biomedical Science Career Program in Boston

The eighth biennial New England-wide Biomedical Science Careers Student Conference (BSCP) was held on Saturday, March 11 in Boston, Massachusetts. Six Students from HCC, along with Gail Hilyard, Coordinator of the METS Program, attended the conference. They arrived in Boston on Friday and stayed overnight at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Friday evening they attended a dinner with Keynote Speaker, Frank L. Douglas, PhD, MD. After the dinner they attended various workshops.

The conference is geared toward students who are seriously interested in, or currently studying a science-related field, such as; medicine, chemistry, physics, biology, nursing, environmental science, etc.

Comments from Students, who attended the conference:

“The Biomedical Science Career Program trip to Boston was a very beneficial trip. The conference room was very enlightening and hearing the success stories of the people there encouraged me. I had an amazing time talking with my advisors and I learned a lot from them. The trip helped me feel comfortable with dealing with professionals and helped give me confidence. The college fair was very helpful as well; we got a lot of information about the admission requirements and opportunities of different universities.”

– **Sara Ashad**

“I was one of the participants of the BSCP conference. I went on this trip because I wanted more information about my major, and its different branches and network.

I learned a great deal about marketing myself and building a path to succeed. I also had the

opportunity to network with several advisors and students.

I had a lot of fun with my fellow participants and met people that speak French, like myself.” – **Kokui Dzefi**



Left to Right (front): Ana Colon-Adorno and Luis Santiago. Left to Right (back): Gail Hilyard, Coordinator of the METS Program, Sara Ashad, Kokui Dzefi, Nicolette Poindexter, and Bienvenu Kulungu.

“As an international student at HCC, the Biomedical Career Conference 2006 in Boston was a good opportunity given to me by the Harvard Medical School to help me discover how to succeed in my career. It helped me to know how to get in to medical school and to accomplish my dream to become a

doctor. It was very nice for me to meet the American students, many of the advisors, and the African, American medical doctors; especially doctors Frank Douglas, and Emery Brown. I discovered that even if I belong in a minority, I can succeed in my life like Ben Carson did.” – **Bienvenu M. Kulungu**

“I participated in the 2006 Biomedical Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. It was great. I received help with my resume. My advisor is an Associate Chancellor at UMass Medical School. She was able to advise me on a transfer school, my transcripts and she helped me pick the best classes for the fall 2006 semester. She gave me excellent insights on how to get into medical school because she has been on the Admissions Board at UMass Medical School for ten years. I also met Dr. Gomez-Carrion, a physician, who is also going to be a mentor for me. She overcame many obstacles, but she is now a head surgeon at a top hospital in Boston. She took the time to sit down with me and really talk and advise me. – **Nicolette Poindexter**

Also attending the conference were:
Ana Colon-Adorno – Major: Pre-med
Luis Santiago – Major: Pre-nursing