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## **Introduction:**

In our initial award (W81XWH-06-1-0266), begun in 2006, we were funded for five students from Lincoln University of Pennsylvania. Because of a large number of qualified student applicants we were funded for additional three students in 2007 (W81XWH-07-1-0241), allowing our program to support a total of eight Lincoln students each summer. We applied for, and were awarded; additional grants (W81XWH-09-1-0270), W81XWH-10-1-0459, W81XWH-12-1-0117), W81XWH-13-1-0178, and this award W81XWH-16-1-0549 after the original grants had been completed. For the year reported here we had the following faculty participants: David M. Lubaroff, PhD, Principal Investigator, Paul Heidger, PhD, University of Iowa Faculty Advisor, Karen Baskerville, PhD, and Carla Gallagher, PhD, Lincoln University Faculty Advisors, and the following University of Iowa mentors: Maria Spies, PhD, Gail Bishop, PhD, Stephanie Gilbertson-White, PhD, Melissa Fath, PhD, Thorsten Maretzky, PhD, Robert Cornell, PhD, Munir Tanas, MD, and Prajwal Gurung, PhD.

## **Body:**

### **Recruitment and Admission:**

Brochures, application forms, and posters were designed and printed and sent to Drs. Baskerville and Miller at Lincoln. Thirteen applications were received for 2014, twenty for 2015, twenty-three for 2016, fourteen for 2017, and seventeen for 2018. The applications were reviewed by the Admissions Committee whose membership consisted of Dr. Lubaroff, Dr. Heidger, Dr. Simons-Burnett, Dr. Baskerville, and Dr. Miller. Admission was offered to a total of 8 students for 2016, 4 students for 2017, and four students for 2018 and 2019 since only one grant was active in the last two years. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we did not host a summer program in 2020. Because of the no-cost extension, we were able to accept and train one additional Lincoln student in 2021.

### Students accepted for the 2016 Program

Kimoni Driver  
Nonye Ibik  
Ayana McLaren  
Chinonso Obidike  
Prisca Obidike  
Siani Snaith  
Destiney Taylor

### Students accepted for the 2017 Program

Jane-Frances Aruma  
Ceryce Collie  
Nile Garner  
Ime Nkanta

### Students accepted for the 2018 Program

Emmanuella Ikechukwu  
Sarina Murray  
Oreoluwa Oladimeji  
Cieara Rouse

### Students accepted for the 2019 Program

Ky-Mani Miller  
 Ayomide Ogunsakin  
 Marilyn Palmer  
 Tarik Tsegaye

Students in the 2020 Program  
 No students due to the pandemic.

Student in the 2021 Program  
 Lotanna Udoye

**Advance Preparation and Information Distribution:**

Following acceptance of the students into the program we assigned each student a mentor based upon his/her choices listed in their applications. Each mentor then assigned a member of the lab as a “big brother/big sister,” a person that partners with the student during the 8 week summer session. The mentor also prepared a portfolio of articles covering the area of research the student would be working on, including published papers by the mentor. These materials were sent to the students in advance of their arrival at the University of Iowa.

A six-week course on Prostate Cancer was organized with six faculty assigned to deliver lectures. The following represents the course schedule with lecturers:

**Iowa-Lincoln Summer Research Training Program - 2016  
 Prostate Cancer Course  
 Room – 2156 MERF\***

Lecture	Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
Week 1	June 14	9:00 am	Introduction to cancer	Spitz
Week 2	June 21	9:00 am	Epidemiology of prostate cancer	Gupta
Week 3	June 28	9:00 am	Pathology of prostate cancer	Dahmouh
Week 4	July 5*	9:00 am	Genetics of prostate cancer	Qi
Week 5	July 12	9:00 am	Clinical treatment of prostate cancer	Nepple
Week 6	July 19	9:00 am	Immunotherapy of prostate cancer	Lubaroff

**Summer Research Training Program - 2017  
 Course on Cancer**

Lecture	Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
Week 1	June 12	9:00 am	Introduction to prostate cancer	Spitz
Week 2	June 20	9:00 am	Epidemiology of prostate cancer	McDowell & West
Week 3	June 27	9:00 am	Pathology of prostate cancer	Dahmouh
Week 4	July 5	9:00 am	Genetics of prostate cancer	Qi
Week 5	July 10	8:00 am	Clinical treatment of prostate cancer	Nepple
Week 6	July 18	9:00 am	Immunotherapy of prostate cancer	David Lubaroff

**Summer Research Training Program - 2018  
Course on Cancer**

Lecture	Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
Week 1	June 12	9:00 am	Introduction to cancer	Spitz
Week 2	June 19	9:00 am	Epidemiology of cancer	McDowell & West
Week 3	June 26	9:00 am	Pathology of cancer	Dahmouh
Week 4	July 3	9:00 am	Genetics of cancer	Spies
Week 5	July 10	9:00 am	Clinical treatment of cancer	Nepple
Week 6	July 17	9:00 am	Immunotherapy of cancer	Lubaroff

**Summer Research Training Program - 2019  
Course on Cancer  
Room 2166 MERF**

Lecture	Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
Week 1	June 11	9:00 am	Introduction to cancer	Spitz
Week 2	June 18	9:00 am	Pathology of cancer	Dahmouh
Week 3	June 25	9:00 am	Epidemiology of cancer	McDowell & West
Week 4	July 2	9:00 am	Genetics of cancer	Spies
Week 5	July 9	9:00 am	Clinical treatment of cancer	Nepple
Week 6	July 16	9:00 am	Immunotherapy of cancer	Lubaroff

**No Course in 2020**

**CURE Summer Research Training Program – 2021  
Course on Cancer**

Lecture	Date	Time	Subject	Lecturer
Week 1	June 15	9:00 am	Introduction to cancer	Spitz
Week 2	June 22	9:00 am	Pathology of cancer	Dahmouh
Week 3	June 29	9:00 am	Epidemiology of cancer	McDowell & West
Week 4	July 6	9:00 am	Genetics of cancer	Spies
Week 5	July 13	9:00 am	Clinical treatment of cancer	Nepple
Week 6	July 20	9:00 am	Immunotherapy of cancer	Lubaroff

**Key Research Accomplishments**

Each of the students worked on research projects that were part of an overall program within the laboratory of their mentors. As such, it is difficult to identify key research accomplishments for each student research project. Continuation of the research program by each mentor will certainly produce important research findings, aided in part by the summer research of the Lincoln University students. What is key is the mentoring and counseling of the students to aid in their future as scientists in the area of prostate cancer research. The high percentage of the students that are graduate programs or medical schools is an outstanding accomplishment as

these future scientists will most certainly provide key research accomplishments in the years to come.

### Reportable Outcomes:

The students have reported their findings to the University of Iowa faculty, to the faculty and students at Lincoln University, and at national competitions and conferences. The student's research resulted in her being an author on publications.

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### Lincoln Student Follow-Up

Name	Year	Outcome	School	Current Status
Oluwaseun Adekanye	2006	medical school	U. Michigan	Physician
Shaynah Browne	2006	graduate school	U. Mass	research scientist at Mt. Sinai Med. Ctr.
Nikesha Haynes	2006	graduate school	U. Rochester	research scientist at the Univ. of Rochester
Shivaughn Johnson	2006	medical school	Ross University Medical School	working
Briquel Sherman	2006	medical school	University of West Indies	Physician
Shaan Spence	2006	graduate school	U. South Florida	graduate school
Bisola Awoyemi	2007	graduate school	Univ. of the District of Columbia	research associate at Dana Farber
Seme Diallo	2007	graduate school	Drexel University	Research scientist at Medimmune
Caroline Dias	2007	working	none at this time	working
Titilope Idowu	2007	working	Morehouse College	Consultant
Patrick Ndungu	2007	graduate school	University of Iowa	research scientist at Catalyst, Inc
Elizabeth Okyne	2007	nursing school	U. Iowa	nursing
Katrina Proberbs	2007	graduate school	Adelphi University	working in healthcare
Bukola Fatunmbi (Now Kole Fatunmbi)	2008	graduate school	U. Mass	working in science industry
Katherine Foster	2008	laboratory research	Fox Chase Cancer Center	research assistant in science
Theon Francis	2008	teaching science	none at this time	teaching science
Michelle Gray	2008	graduate school	Johns Hopkins	graduate school
Julia Greenfield	2008	graduate school	U. Maryland	graduate school
Gladys Murage	2008	graduate school	U. Mass	graduate school
Brittany Stokes	2008	working in healthcare	none at this time	working in healthcare
Stacy-Ann Wright	2008	medical school	Ross University Medical School	medical school
Kaylene Baugh	2009	nursing school	Duke Univ.	nursing school
Christina Chisolm	2009	graduate school	U. Mass	graduate school
Seme Diallo	2009		see 2007	
Elizabeth Okyne	2009		see 2007	
Stephen Sangster	2009	teaching science	none at this time	teaching science
Keyana Tyree	2009	graduate school	Delaware State U./Nebraska	graduate school
Neja White	2009	working in healthcare	none at this time	working in healthcare

Akede, Theresa	2010	graduate school	U. Maryland Baltimore	research scientist
Awoyemi, Christiana	2010	graduate school	U Texas-Dallas	graduate school
Sangster, Stephen	2010		see 2009	
Rand, Stephanie	2010	medical school	Thomas Jefferson	resident physician
McKnight, Danielle	2010	working	none at this time	working
Markes, Jhanelle	2010	graduate school	U. of Iowa	research associate
Holsey, Danielle	2010	graduate school	Xiamen Univ.	graduate school
Diallo, Chalwe	2010	laboratory research	Penn State	research assistant in science
Brown, Nakita	2010	post baccalaureate	U. Pittsburgh	working in healthcare
Baugh, Kaylene	2010		see 2009	
Cooper, Jhoneil	2011	graduate school	Drexel University	graduate school
Doubt-Swinton, Darah	2011	working in healthcare	none at this time	research assistant in science
Foster, Jodi-Ann	2011	working in science	none at this time	research assistant in science
Ihejirika, Patrick	2011	graduate school	univ of Delaware	graduate school
Lynch, Candice	2011	graduate school	Nova Southeastern Univ	graduate school
Raeburn, Ayanna	2011	nursing school	Lincoln	nursing
Sangster, Nathaniel	2011	teaching science	none at this time	research assistant in science
Davis, Lauri-Ann	2012	teaching science	Lincoln	working in science
Diallo, Chalwe	2012		see 2010	
Ebanks, Shauna	2012	graduate school	Penn State	graduate school
Ellis, Ashley	2012	nursing school	Lincoln	nursing school
Jones, Shakeema	2012		???	unknown
Lynch, Candice	2012		see 2011	
Markes, Jhanelle	2012		see 2010	
Smith, Rasheid	2012	graduate school	U of Iowa	graduate school
Appeah, Daniel	2013	medical school	St. George's & Northumbria	medical school
Cummings, Precious	2013	graduate school	U of South Florida & U of Iowa	graduate school
Foster, Jodi-Ann	2013		see 2011	
Linkins, Jehnae	2013	graduate school	U. of Delaware	graduate school
Onukwhuga, Chinenye	2013		Lincoln	unknown
Raeburn, Ayanna	2013		see 2011	
Sangster, Nathaniel	2013		see 2011	
Wahome, Josphat	2013	post baccalaureate	Fox Chase Cancer Center	post baccalaureate
Brower, Jasmine	2014	graduate school	Wilmington University	graduate school

Frimpong, Kojo	2014	graduate school	Thomas Jefferson	graduate school
Joseph, Tisha	2014	Graduate school	Lincoln	Science teacher
Lindsay, Brittany	2014	medical school	UK	medical school
Onukwhuga, Chinenye	2014		Lincoln	not yet graduated
Payne, Cashel	2014	teaching science	Lincoln	teaching science
Smith, Rasheid	2014	graduate school	U of Iowa	graduate school
Edi, Seighe	2015	graduate school	Lincoln	graduate school
Endoni, Benney	2015	graduate school	U of Delaware & U of Iowa	graduate school
Hason, Lai Quannah	2015	graduate school	Drexel University	graduate school
Ihejirika, Nnamdi	2015	medical school	Lincoln	U Pitt
Little, Abreah	2015	graduate school	Drexel University	graduate school
Mwanza, Lisa	2015	working in science		working in science
Slater, Hasan	2015	medical school	Lincoln	not yet graduated from med school
Yakie, Joy	2015	research chemist; graduate school	CDC; Univ. of Michigan	working; now graduate school
Driver, Kimoni	2016	medical transcrip	Lincoln	working
Ibik, Nonye	2016	med school	Foot & ankle center	Penn State
McLaren, Ayanna	2016	working in healthcare		applying to medical school
Obidike, Chinonso	2016	Lab analyst	Lincoln	Roche
Obidike, Prisca	2016	med school	Lincoln	Penn State
Snaith, Siani	2016	Health educator	Lincoln	Philadelphia, PA
Taylor, Destiney	2016	medical transcrip	Lincoln	working
Aruma, Jane-Frances	2017	med school	Lincoln	Penn State
Collie, Ceryce	2017	graduate school	Lincoln	Univ of Sussex
Garner, Nile	2017	Nursing school	Lincoln	Laboratory tech – AppTec
Nkanta, Ime	2017	Program evaluator	Lincoln	City of New York
Rouse, Cieara	2018	Nursing school	Lincoln	Elcor Nursing & Rehab
Oladimeji, Oreoluwa	2018	Graduate school	Lincoln	Public Health
Murray, Sarina	2018	graduate school	Lincoln	University of Iowa
Ikechukwu, Emmanuela	2018		Lincoln	not yet graduated
Miller, Ky-Mani	2019	Graduate school	Claflin University	Univ. of Central Florida
Ogunsakin, Ayomide	2019		Lincoln	not yet graduated
Palmer, Merylyn	2019		Winthrop University	not yet graduated
Tsegaye, Tarik	2019		Lincoln	not yet graduated
Udoye, Lotanna	2021		Lincoln	Not yet graduated

As is evident from the table, of the 81 students that have graduated from Lincoln, 10 (12.3%) are, or have, attended medical schools; 36 (44.4%) are, or have, attended graduate schools; the great majority of the remaining students are in some aspects of science and healthcare (25 or 30.9%). These latter include nursing school, laboratory research, post baccalaureate programs, teaching science, or working in the healthcare environment. Only a relatively few have not continued in science (2 or 2.5%). Only 1 student has been lost to follow-up. We are proud of the fact that 56.7% of the graduated students entered medical or graduate schools and overall greater than 87.6% have moved into a medical science career.

It should be noted that all of the students do graduate from Lincoln University. We are basing our calculations on those that have finished matriculating at the school.

### **Conclusion**

This award was highly successful as evidenced by the amount of work accomplished by each student and by their motivation to continue in a science career. The PI applied, and received funding, for an additional HBCU training grant that will enable us to continue accepting students for a number of years, thus increasing the number of African American scientists in the area of prostate cancer.

**Appendices:** Brochure for 2021.