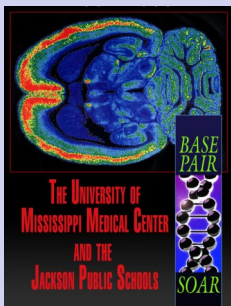


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2007 Advisory Council Meeting Set



Moving Forward
Together for Science Education

The 2007 Base Pair/SOAR Advisory Council meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 13 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the UMC Nelson Student Union. The current members of the Advisory Council are:

JPS: Dr. Bonita Potter, Jeff Stokes, Susan Bender, Jonathan Larkin, Rhoda Yoder; **UMC:** Dr. Olga McDaniel, Chameka Simmons, Ada Seltzer, Dr. Donna Sullivan, Stephanie Burks; **Millsaps College:** Dr. Connie Schimmel, Dr. Sarah Lea McGuire; **Community:** Lynn Evans, Cindy Cook

At the meeting, the group will be presented with a brief program summary and then will divide into two working groups. Dr. Sullivan will lead one group focused on our current and future recruiting needs. Dr. Rockhold will lead a second group focused on impact and assessment of the program. The meeting will conclude with a brief summary of recommendations from both groups. The recommendations will help guide the program as we enter our fourth award period from HHMI and hopefully identify new directions for growth.

Base Pair/SOAR Submits Two New Grant Requests

The Base Pair/SOAR program was selected by HHMI to submit proposals for two minigrants under the minigrant program that is offered with each Precollege Program Director's meeting.

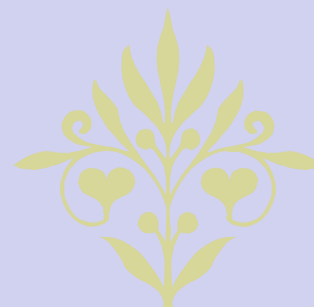
Both were submitted to meet a November 26 deadline. The first is entitled "A Muse of Fire" and would involve summer, team-based activities in which Millsaps College science majors would pair with high school teachers and UMC or Millsaps College faculty to develop curriculum activities focused on the red imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*), a pest endemic to the Southeastern U.S. Collaboration with faculty at the world-famous Woods Hole Marine Biological Station is a part of that project. The second project, authored by Dr. J. Babendure of the University of California, San Diego, is entitled "The Threat to U.S. Science and Education: A Strategy to Increase Public Awareness". Pairing with a numerous and diverse group of collaborators from academia, industry, science advocacy groups, and media representatives, the project will support national planning conferences to prepare a broad-based media campaign to improve public understanding of science. The intent is to generate a campaign using high profile leaders, and delivering a message similar to that which Al Gore provided for global warming in an "An Inconvenient Truth".

If either proposal is selected for funding, notification should be forthcoming in middle January.

For Immediate Action:

Telemachian Brevis provides a means of communicating items of administrative concern to the **Base Pair/SOAR** program. It will be updated weekly for **Base Pair/SOAR** personnel, key JPSD and UMC administrators and others with a need to be aware of program activities.

- To contact us, e-mail the Program Director (Rob Rockhold, Ph.D., assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, UMC) at: rockhold@pharmacology.umsmed.edu or telephone 601-984-2810.
- To unsubscribe, e-mail the Program Director and put "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.



Group of 5 Weekly Meeting:

- The next scheduled meeting will be **Wednesday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. in room U174 on the UMMC Campus. Please confirm your plans to attend or send regrets to Gail Howell ASAP.**

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