

# Telemachian Brevis

July 16-20, 2007

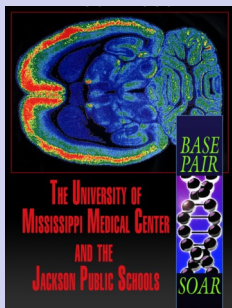
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## Base Pair/SOAR Refunded

The University of Mississippi Medical Center received notification on June 26, 2007 that the Howard Hughes Medical Institute would continue to support the *Base Pair*/SOAR program with an award of \$695,923 for the period September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2012.



While continuing the existing activities of *Base Pair*/SOAR, significant new initiatives are planned. Close planning will be needed among the collaborators to fulfill the opportunities provided by this funding. The new programs and personnel are:

### Moving Forward Together for Science Education

- Collaboration with Millsaps College to provide classroom training for science majors who desire secondary licensure in education—Dr. Connie Schimmel, Chair, Department of Education.
- Reorientation of the Summer Research Institute to include JPS Science Coaches as a means of enhancing preparation for Advanced Placement Science courses in JPS high schools.
- Initiation of funded summer research training at UMC for up to five high school students.
- Support for a model virtual mentoring program, the Rural Biomedical Initiative (RBI), currently at Puckett Attendance Center—Cynthia Cook Parker.
- Expansion of SOAR sites to all JPS high Schools.

Planning has begun for a Fall 2007 meeting of the *Base Pair*/SOAR Advisory Council. Preliminary meetings will be scheduled with all partners to facilitate full collaboration.

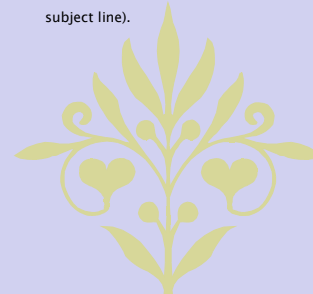
## Items to Schedule for Immediate Action!

- **Advisory Council meeting planning**
  - Dr. Rockhold will communicate with current and prospective members of the *Base Pair*/SOAR Advisory Council to arrange preliminary meetings and schedule the Fall, 2007 formal meeting of the Council.
- **Community Science Forums for 2007-2008**
  - The Fall, 2007 Community Science Forum (CSF) is planned for the evening of Tuesday, October 16 in the Nelson Student Union at UMC. Dr. Dan Jones, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and President, American Heart Association (AHA) will be the keynote speaker and the program will focus on the October 22 American Heart Walk and childhood obesity prevention.
  - The Spring, 2008 CSF is planned for the evening of Tuesday, April 8 in the Jackson Medical Mall. In conjunction with the National Library of Medicine-sponsored, UMC Rowland Medical Library-conducted "Changing the Face of Medicine" travelling exhibit, *Base Pair* alumnae who are currently practicing medicine will join current *Base Pair*/SOAR students for a public panel discussion.
- **HHMI Program Directors Meeting**
  - HHMI requests a team of 2-3 persons attend this meeting October 22-24 at HHMI in Washington, D.C.

## 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.

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## Group of 5 Weekly Meeting:

- No meeting for July 16–20.
- The Group of 5 is an emblemism for those involved in daily management of the *Base Pair*/SOAR program. It includes UMC faculty and staff, as well as *Base Pair*/SOAR Lead Teachers. Other interested parties are welcomed. The group meets weekly at UMC (alternating Tuesday/Wednesday at 4–5 p.m).

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