

BS/MS in Neuroscience Students Recognized at the 2016 SACNAS Conference



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Parris Washington and **Shelley Cobb**, students in MSM's [BS/MS Program in Neuroscience](#), received a Student Presentation Award at the [Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science \(SACNAS\) National Diversity in STEM Conference](#) held in Long Beach, California, from October 13-15, 2016. Both students received exemplary recognition for their "communication skills and command of the research topic," and were lauded for their "hard work, dedication and sacrifice" in standing out from their fellow student presenters.

Ms. Washington's presentation was titled "Variation in the Zinc Finger of PRDM9 is Associated with the Absence of Recombination Along Nondisjoined Chromosomes 21 of Hispanic Maternal Origin," and Ms. Cobb's presentation was titled "The Role of Monoamines on the Response of Antioxidant Enzymes."

Both Ms. Washington and Ms. Cobb are currently seniors at Spelman College and have been enrolled in the BS/MS program in Neuroscience at MSM since August 2015. Ms. Washington is working on her MS degree in the laboratory of [Dr. Jason DeBruyne](#), and Ms. Cobb is doing her MS degree work in the laboratory of [Dr. Kennie Shepherd](#). Both laboratories are in the Neuroscience Institute.

We congratulate both students on their great achievement!