

GEBS Honors Students During 2017 Academic Awards Ceremony



The 2017 Academic Awards Ceremony, hosted on September 29, 2017, recognized 2nd year students across six academic degree programs within the division of Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences (GEBS). Students were honored for their academic accomplishments and academic excellence within their respective disciplines.

President and Dean [Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice](#) opened the awards ceremony by laying out critical components of her vision to expand graduate program offerings within the GEBS division. The expansion of programs offered at the master's level provides an important pipeline for students to explore careers in the research, gain an appreciation for the importance of research, and understand its impact in the advancement of medical discoveries.

Dr. Tiffany Brunson was welcomed back as the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Dr. Brunson earned her Ph.D. from Morehouse School of Medicine in 2009 and currently serves as Senior Advisor to Programs in the [Division of Laboratory Systems for the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). Dr. Brunson inspired the attendees, which included the students and their families, by recapping her journey towards a career in laboratory science. Her message to increase training amongst a diverse scientific workforce resonated with the needs of the scientific community at-large and is well aligned with the mission of Morehouse School of Medicine to train a more diverse scientific workforce.

Morehouse School of Medicine congratulates rising stars **Corey Young** (Doctor of Philosophy Program), **Stephanie Lundy** (Master of Science in Biomedical Research), **Salma Idugboe** (Master of Science in Clinical Research) and **Chuks Agusiegbe** (Master of Science in Medical Sciences). [Dr. Ruben Gonzalez-Perez](#) was presented the Excellence in Teaching Award to honor his commitment to training future biomedical scientists. Our students and faculty are the pulse of the institution, and we are very proud to honor individuals that represent the work we accomplish in preparing the next generation of biomedical scientists.

Under the leadership of **Dr. Jamillah McDaniel**, the division of Graduate Education in Biomedical Sciences holds this ceremony annually to recognize outstanding student and faculty achievement and leadership in the science and practice of Biomedical Science. The ceremony is a hallmark of our division and we are proud to honor these awardees as we continue to lead in the creation and advancement of health equity at Morehouse School of Medicine.







