

North Carolina OPT-ED Alliance Day 2007

The Sixth Annual North Carolina OPT-ED Alliance Day was held on September 28, 2007 in Greensboro, NC. The event was organized and hosted by the North Carolina Alliance to Create Opportunity through Education. OPT-ED brings together constituent programs statewide to broaden participation and diversify the STEM workforce and academe by encouraging underrepresented minority students, from middle school through graduate school to achieve the PhD, and ultimately enter the professoriate in one of the STEM disciplines.



Participants arrive at Alliance Day 2007

The Alliance Day was sponsored by NSF's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) and Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-AMP), with some additional support from North Carolina organizations.

It provides a full day professional conference experience featuring a key note address, student research presentations, a student recruitment fair, and informative workshops. Open to a national audience, Alliance Day features differentiated agendas targeting

- Middle and high school students
- Undergraduate students
- Community college students
- Graduate students



Matthew Moore, UNCC



Morning Workshops



Joneice Brown, WSSU

This year 820 participants spent the day taking in speakers, workshops, posters and oral presentations and “laying the foundation for future achievements” in STEM.

- Attendees came from **12** different states
- **36** students submitted abstracts and presented orally.
- **104** students submitted abstracts and presented a poster.
- **35** informative speakers and panel members offered **20** different workshops.