

## 15<sup>th</sup> Institute on Teaching and Mentoring Held in Tampa

The Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring was held in Tampa, Florida, October 23-26, 2008. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute. At the first Institute there were 107 attendees; this year over 1,100 attended representing the largest gathering in

America of racial/ethnic minority Ph.D. scholars seeking faculty careers in academia. Scholars from the following programs attended the Institute: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Minority Ph.D. Program; National Institute of General Medical Sciences (BRIDGES); National Science Foundation Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program (AGEP); Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE); Gates Millennium Scholars Program; Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program (SREB); New England Region Scholars; and the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program.



Dr. Ansley Abraham, Director, SREB State Doctoral Scholars Program; Dr. Roosevelt Johnson, Program Director, NSF/AGEP; Dr. Robert Belle, Director, SREB-AGEP Doctoral Scholars Program. Dr. Johnson was presented with the Frank Abbott Award for Distinguished Service for his 10 years of service in administering the NSF/AGEP Program.

The Institute addresses the minority faculty shortage by providing racial/ethnic minority students with support to pursue doctoral degrees and become college professors. The Institute focuses on increasing the percentage of minority students who earn doctorates and helps diversify the pool of qualified candidates for faculty positions at colleges and universities. The Institute enables



Dr. Eihab J. Jaber, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Worcester State College, speaker at the Opening Plenary Session. Dr. Jaber is a former AGEP scholar from Stonybrook University who participated in the SUNY AGEP Alliance.

doctoral candidates to share insights and survival tips for success in graduate work, build community among themselves and faculty representatives, and enrich their research and teaching strategies. The Institute also benefits faculty members by helping them hone their mentoring skills and create supportive departmental environments for underrepresented students.



Attendees at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring

Next year the 2009 Institute will be held October 22-25, 2009 in Arlington, Virginia. For more information about the Institute contact: The SREB-State Doctoral Scholars Program, 592 Tenth St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30318-5790, (404) 875-9211, [www.sreb.org](http://www.sreb.org)



Compact Graduates