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HSSU Student Places First at the 2014 Emerging Researchers National Conference in STEM

ST. LOUIS, MO (February 25, 2014) – Harris-Stowe State University student Krystal Chandler received first place honors in the undergraduate poster presentation for the subcategory Genetics at the 2014 Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) held in Washington, D.C. February 20-22, 2014. Chandler’s presentation was entitled “Juvenile Play Behaviors in Celf6 Knockout Mice.”

Chandler, a senior majoring in Biology with an emphasis in Urban Ecology, completed her summer internship research at The Genome Institute at Washington University (GI-WU) under the advisement of Dr. Susan E. Maloney in the Department of Genetics and Psychiatry and Dr. Joseph D. Dougherty in the Department of Genetics. The study was made possible by the National Institutes of Health award to the Opportunities in Genomic Research Program at GI-WU and supported in part by a National Science Foundation HBCU-UP grant awarded to HSSU.

The annual ERN Conference in STEM is hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Education and Human Resources Programs (EHR) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Human Resource Development (HRD), within the Directorate for EHR. The conference is aimed at college and university undergraduate and graduate students who participate in programs funded by the NSF HRD Unit, including underrepresented minorities and persons with disabilities.

For more information about the 2014 ERN Conference in STEM visit emerging-researchers.org.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Middle School Education, Educational Studies, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America’s Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri. HSSU is home of the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.

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