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CSET Good News Report
September 2026

1: Department of Chemistry

CSET Students presented at the 2026 National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) Conference in Cincinnati, OH from September 20 – 25, 2026. Drs. Aliecia McClain and Tanya David served as abstract reviewers, judges, and participated in focus groups at the conference.



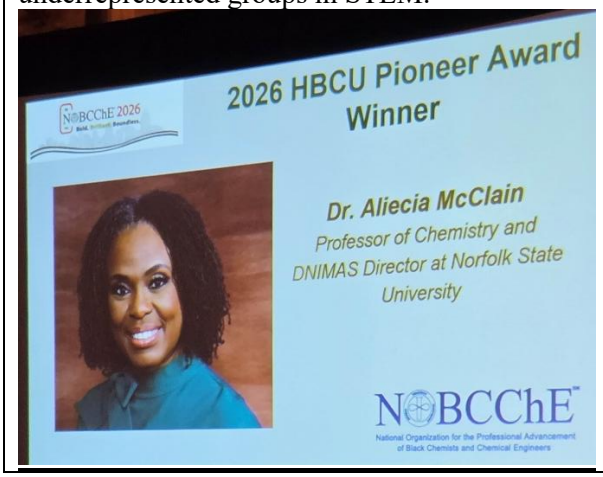
Student Presenters	Presentation Title	Research Advisor(s)
Curtis Jordan (EE):	Lotus-Inspired 3D Printed Hydrophobic Interfaces from Improved Material Recovery in Reaction Vessels	Dr. C. Bonner
Tolu Olorunfemi (CS)	The Investigation of Organic Materials on Luminesce for Nano-Photonics	Dr. L. Salary and Dr. D. Temple
Kayla Johnson (CHM)	The Methodology of Commercial Sunscreens for Sunscreen G.I.R.L.I.E.S (Homemade) Effectiveness	Dr. A. Wilson and Dr. S. Black
Jada Wright and Endiyah Turner (CHM)	Extraction & Characterization of Spearmint Oil and Synthesis of Carvone Derivatives	Dr. W. Arasho
Kennedy Barron (CHM)	Development of Low-Cost Alternatives for Mechanochemical Reactors	Dr. I. Speight
Shakiiya Yindui (CHM)	Sunscreen G.I.R.L.I.E.S: Homemade vs Commercial	Dr. A. Wilson and

		Dr. S. Black
Jasmyn Ross (CHM)	Development of Zinc Oxide Mineral Sunscreen Through Systematic Formulation Design	Dr. A. Wilson and Dr. S. Black
Keyera White (CHM)	Cannabinoids vs Bacteria: A Study of Natural Compounds as Antibacterial Agents	Mrs. K. Wilkins
Samuel Uwechue (CHM)	Electrochemical Detection of Ciprofloxacin in Surface Waters: Method Development and Electrode Optimization	Dr. T. David and Dr. L. VanGelder
Layla Carter (CHM) and Mikaylah Vinson (BIO)	Qubit Eligibility	Dr. M. Word, Dr. G. Miller, and Dr. D. Temple

*EE – Electrical and Electronic Engineering Major, CHM – Chemistry Major, BIO – Biology Major, CS – Computer Science Major

Awards

Dr. Aliecia McClain, Ph.D., Director of DNIMAS and Professor of Chemistry with Norfolk State University's Department of Chemistry, was awarded the 2026 HBCU Pioneer Award at the NOBCCHE Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, September 24, 2026 . This award recognizes individuals who have devoted a significant portion of their professional career to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and who have advanced science by broadening participation among underrepresented groups in STEM.

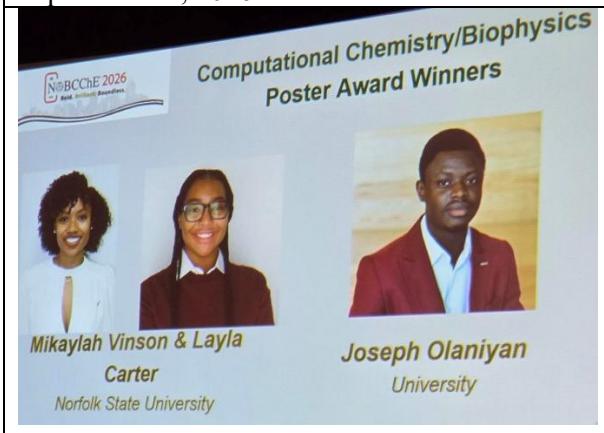




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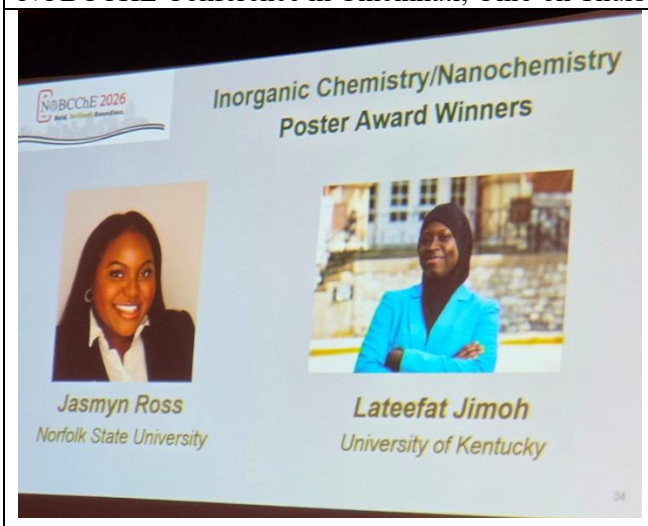
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Layla Carter and **Mikaylah Vinson** were awarded the Computational Chemistry/ Biophysics Undergraduate Poster Award at the NOBCCHE Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, September 24, 2026 .





Jasmyn Ross was awarded the Inorganic Chemistry/ Nano chemistry Undergraduate Poster Award at the NOBCCHE Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, September 24, 2026 .





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2: Department of Nursing and Allied Health

Dr. Melody Armstrong, DNP presented "The Crown You Wear, The Story You Share" at the 10th Annual Middlewest Region Leadership Bootcamp Conference, themed "Ten Years Strong: Elevating Nurse Leaders for What's Next" held at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton in Novi. Michigan from September 25-26. 2026.

Dr. Alicia Moore, PhD was appointed to Board of Directors for the National Society of Allied Health - Member At Large 2026-2028.

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