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HONORING EXCELLENCE: MS. CHANCEY GUNNELL RECEIVES KUUMBA AWARD

The Bennett College Wellness Team had an unforgettable time at the 2025 NASPA Conference in vibrant New Orleans! From soaking in the city's rich culture and savoring its legendary cuisine to attending inspiring sessions and building powerful connections, the experience was truly one for the books.

A highlight of the conference was celebrating our very own Ms. Chancey Gunnell, who received the prestigious 2025 NASPA Black Diaspora Knowledge Community Kuumba Award. This honor recognizes an outstanding new professional in student affairs who has made significant contributions to campus culture and the Black Diaspora Knowledge Community. Rooted in the principle of Kuumba—creativity—this award celebrates those who use their creative energy to build and sustain vibrant, empowering communities. For more information, contact Ms. Ryanne Peterson at ryanne.peterson@bennett.edu.

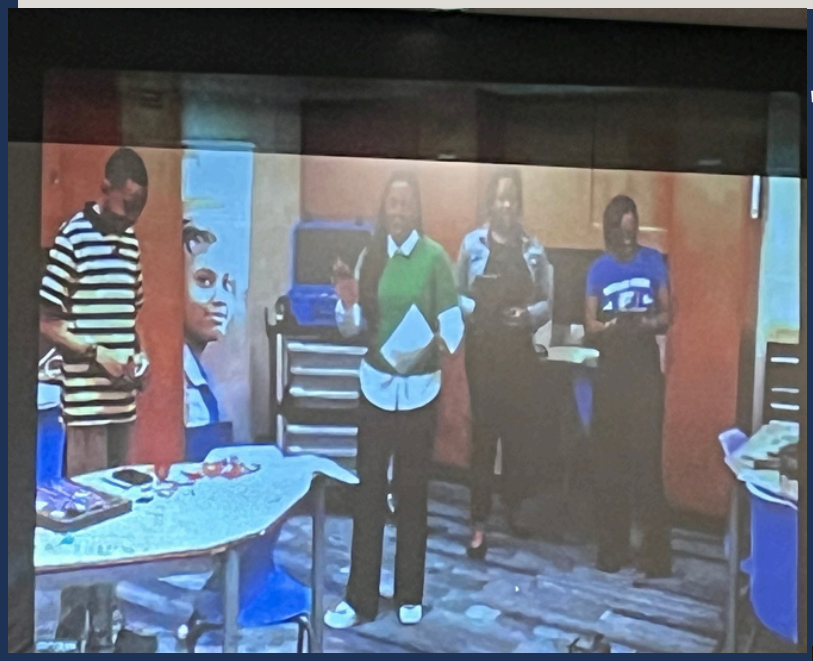




STEM WATCH PARTY #2 BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER FOR INNOVATION AND EXPLORATION

Bennett College recently hosted STEM Watch Party #2, a dynamic and engaging event in collaboration with Dr. Shenna Shearin, her LSAMP scholars, and the Greensboro (NC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. This collaborative effort brought together 25 students, including Bennett STEM majors and local Guilford County students, for a Zoom-streamed experience featuring a variety of STEM activities and innovations. The event encouraged exploration and engagement in STEM while building community among aspiring scientists and engineers. For more information contact Dr. Shenna Shearin at sshearin@bennett.edu.

🔐 **Cyber Tip**: Did you know a strong password should contain at least 12 characters, including numbers, symbols, and letters? Protecting your digital presence is as important as expanding your knowledge in STEM!



" I really enjoyed attending the STEM Watch Party. I learned about the career journeys of so many talented black women from scientists, entrepreneurs, innovators, and authors. I left feeling inspired and empowered," says Dr. Shearin



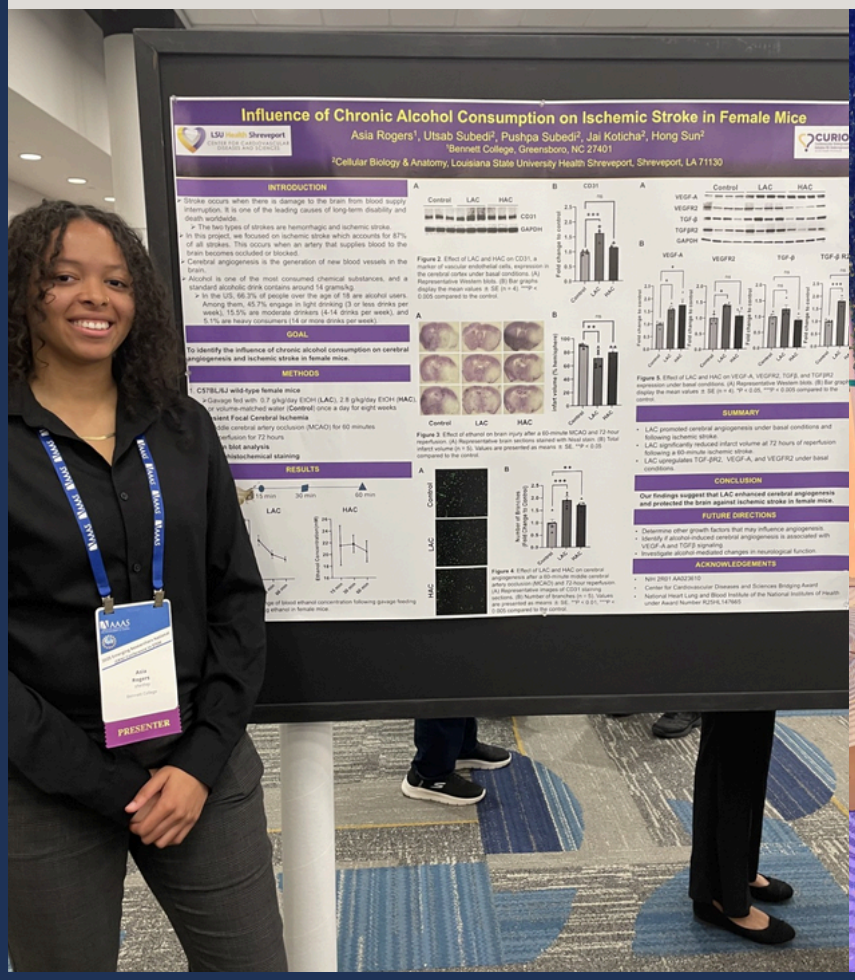


LSAMP SCHOLARS SHINE AT 2025 ERN CONFERENCE: ADVANCING SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND CAREER READINESS

Two LSAMP scholars, Asia Rogers and Simidele Rogers, presented their summer research at the Emerging Researchers National (ERN) Conference in Atlanta, GA, from April 4-6, 2025. The ERN conference supports undergraduate and graduate students, particularly from underrepresented groups, by enhancing science communication skills and preparing them for global STEM careers.

Asia Rogers, a senior biology major with a chemistry minor, presented her research on "Influence of Chronic Alcohol Consumption on Ischemic Stroke in Female Mice" from her internship at Louisiana State University. Simidele Rogers, a senior psychology major and biology minor, shared her project on "Recombinant Protein Expression and Purification: The Isolation of Glutathione S-Transferase" from her research at Virginia Tech University.

Dr. Shenna Shearin served as a judge, reviewing over 50 posters in the Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Division. Students also participated in workshops on graduate school applications, career development, and global STEM opportunities. For more information, contact Dr. Shenna Shearin at sshearin@bennett.edu.





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