

December 13, 2000

Dear Chaperon/Faculty/Professional:

On behalf of the organization I invite you and or your organization to participate in the National Conference of Black Physics Students, "A Spectrum Of Stars In Formation". This premier event will be hosted by Stanford University March 29 - April 1, 2001 in Palo Alto, California and will run concurrently with the XXVIII Day of Scientific Lectures of National Society of Black Physicists.

The NCBPS will bring together 200 physics, engineering and math graduate and undergraduate students in an educational forum featuring industry representatives. We feel that a positive experience at this conference will create a powerful and motivating force to encourage and mentor graduate and undergraduate students that seek careers in physics.

### ***Conference Background***

In 1986, several Black physics graduate students from MIT and Harvard decided to address the issue of the continuing paucity and isolation of African Americans in the field of physics by organizing a conference for Black graduate and undergraduate physics students. The goals of the conference were to (a) develop a network within the Black physics community, (b) make Black students in physics, particularly at the graduate level, aware of academic and professional opportunities, and (c) bring important issues and developments in the field to the attention of these students. By providing the opportunity to share experiences and learn from each other, the National Conference of Black Physics Students was and is an important step toward encouraging Black students to successfully pursue careers in physics. In addition to the NCBPS returning to Stanford University after 9 years, the conference has been previously hosted by such fine institutions as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Howard University, Southern University, Hampton University, Michigan State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, The American Physical Society/University of Maryland, Fisk University, the University of Kentucky, the University of California, Berkeley, and North Carolina A&T State University.

### ***Chaperon, Faculty & Professional Registration Procedures***

The registration fee for **EACH** chaperon/professional/faculty is **\$100** if paid on or before February 19, 2001 and includes:

- √ Conference materials (program, student abstracts, directory, etc.)
- √ Conference receptions, meals, refreshments, and coffee breaks
- √ Transportation during the conference
- √ One ticket to the Edward Bouchet Awards banquet

Registration paid February 20-27, 2001 is \$150.00. NCBPS will not cover the cost of travel and/or accommodations, however it has been our experience in the past, that home institutions have provided funds for individuals to attend the conference.

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***Travel and Hotel Accommodations***

Although chaperons, faculty, recruiters, and professionals are responsible for making their own travel plans, we have contracted with a travel agency to handle the conference air travel needs. Please contact Ms. Linda Maman at the conference travel agency, identify yourself as a NCBPS chaperon/faculty or professional and receive the special conference rate. The Conference Travel Agency:

Creative Travel Unlimited

Linda Maman

800-231-3596

[lindam@wspan.com](mailto:lindam@wspan.com)

NCBPS will provide complimentary shuttle services to and from San Francisco International Airport.

**The Conference Hotel:**

Sheraton Hotel

625 El Camino Road

Palo Alto, CA

(650) 327-7362

Conference Rate: \$159 +tax

Do not call the hotel directly for reservations. All reservations will be handled through The DANI Group once your conference registration fees have been received. The special conference rate for single or double occupancy is \$109 per night plus state and local taxes. The cut off date for reservations at the conference rate is **February 27, 2001**.

We believe this is an excellent opportunity for you to meet some of the most talented black physics students in the country. I have enclosed a registration form for your convenience, please complete and return it with your check or money order made payable to **NCBPS/Stanford** on or before **February 19, 2001**. You will receive confirmation by mail. If you have any questions or require any additional information please contact me, Delores Nunnally, at (510)444-4275 or visit our website [www.stanford.edu/dept/physics/events/ncbps](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/physics/events/ncbps). **Space is limited ...reserve yours soon!**

The National Conference of Black Physics Students 2001 promises to be both informative and enjoyable for students, recruiters, and physicists and we look forward to your participation in this event. I hope to see you at Stanford!

Best regards,

Delores A. Nunnally  
Meeting Planner  
NCBPS 2001