

December 12, 2000

Dear Recruiter:

On behalf of the organization I invite you to reserve space to recruit during 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 brings 200 bright physics, engineering, and math graduate and undergraduate students together 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. The goal of the NCBPS 2001 program committee is to examine and explore the various career options within the field of 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.

NCBPS at Stanford University

We are expecting over 200 dynamic and talented physics students to attend this year. For this very reason, industrial, academic, and government laboratory recruiters will find this an excellent opportunity to recruit for future employees and graduate students. Companies, government labs and academic institutions have taken advantage of this conference in the past and we would like your institution to have the chance to do the same.

This conference is funded in part by:

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Recruiter Registration Procedures

The registration fee for **ONE** recruiter/institution, if received on or before February 19, 2001, is **\$350**. If registration is received February 20-27, 2001 the cost is \$450. Additional recruiters from same institution will incur a fee of \$125 for conference activities. Registration fees include:

- √ Conference materials (program, student abstracts, directory, etc.)
- √ Conference receptions, meals, refreshments, and coffee breaks
- √ Display table (8' long) during recruitment session display materials and talk with students
- √ Company bio printed in the directory
- √ Transportation during the conference

Travel and Hotel Accommodations

Although recruiters 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 (800)231-3596 or lindam@wspan.com, identify yourself as a NCBPS recruiter and receive the special conference rate on the designated airlines.

The Conference Hotels will be:

Sheraton Hotel
625 El Camino Road
Palo Alto, CA
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 and shipping information by mail upon receipt of completed registration form. If you have any questions please contact me at (510)444-4275. **Space is limited ...reserve yours soon!**

The 2001 National Conference of Black Physics Students promises to be both informative and enjoyable for students, recruiters, and physicists and we look forward to your participation in this event. Please visit our website www.stanford.edu/dept/physics/events/ncbps for a preliminary conference program. See you at Stanford!

Best regards,

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