

UWG hosts the Annual Georgia Alabama Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (GA-AL LSAMP).



GA-AL LSAMP is the alliance of nine institutions of higher education in Georgia and Alabama with an overall goal of increasing the number of minorities receiving STEM degrees and improving the diversity of the STEM workforce in the United States. Funded by the National Science Foundation, GA-AL LSAMP has provided research scholarships and the opportunity to work with a faculty mentor to 54 STEM majors at UWG since 2013.

About 82 LSAMP scholars and mentors from partner institutions participated in the annual LSAMP symposium, aptly named as *"STEM Research: Through the Eyes of Aspiring Scientists"* on the campus of UWG on Saturday, April 7, 2018, to present their research findings, and to interact with peers and faculty members.

Dr. Swamy Mruthinti, UWG coordinator of the LSAMP program, welcomed the guests. **Dr. Denise Overfield**, AVP for Research gave the opening remarks and **Dr. Conrad Ingram**, LSAMP Program coordinator from Clark Atlanta University gave the update on the program. This year's symposium was highlighted by the keynote speech given by **Dr. Edward Botchwey**, Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, GaTech who gave an inspiring talk on his research on tissue engineering. He also shared the twists and turns in his own professional life, a truly inspiring story for his audience of aspiring scientists and engineers.