

Oak Ridge National Laboratory Wins NAFEO President's Award



Oak Ridge, TN – Oak Ridge National Laboratory has won the 2008 President's Award by the National Association For Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO). Laboratory Director Dr. Thom Mason recently accepted the award on behalf of the laboratory.

NAFEO's mission is to champion the interests of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Education Institutions, throughout the government, corporate and non-government communities. NAFEO President and CEO, Lezli Baskerville, says ORNL was chosen for the award "in appreciation of your supreme support of America's Black Colleges" and the laboratory's dedication and commitment to the HBCU community.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory's HBCUs/MEI Program is led by Division Director Will Minter. The program's ongoing activities include the Summer Faculty Program, the Day of Science, the Mentor-Protégé program with HBCUs and other educational programs.

Baskerville says that through its programs and outreach, Oak Ridge National Laboratory has increased educational opportunities for HBCU students and faculty. She says that at a NAFEO "Dialogue" conference in March, that Minter and ORNL "painted a clear picture of the urgent need to develop and adopt strategies to preserve and invest in our colleges and universities and offered real opportunities to our HBCUs."

ORNL has supported the activities of the NAFEO organization for many years, in an ongoing effort to provide meaningful and productive assistance to HBCUs.

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