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Scientists from Puerto Rico Participate in Prestigious Leadership Training to Increase STEM Leaders of Color [1]

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This week, a new generation of underrepresented minority STEM leaders are being trained to serve, strengthen, and unify communities at the local and national level. They are learning tools to lead institutional transformation and help build a critical mass of STEM professionals and leaders from underrepresented communities. Ciencia Puerto Rico is represented.

Ciencia Puerto Rico congratulates Drs. Aixa Aleman-Díaz, Rosa Leon-Zayas, Elizabeth Padilla-Crespo, from Puerto Rico, and other outstanding scientific leaders who are participating in the 2018 Linton-Poodry SACNAS led by Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), developed in partnership with the American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS).

The institute, held today through July 20 at the AAAS headquarters in Washington, DC, is an intensive course featuring small group exercises, leadership development planning, networking opportunities, and extensive community building among selected participants.

Speakers this week will include Dr. Chinonye Nnakwe, a Program Officer with National Science Foundation and LPSLI alum, and Dr. Lawrence Tabak, Principal Deputy Director of National Institutes of Health.

Since 2009, the SACNAS LPSLI has trained a cohort of 30 PhD-level scientists each year, making it the largest cohort of emerging STEM leaders of color in the country. Alumni are now executive directors, program directors, assistant deans, department chairs, entrepreneurs, senior scientists in industry, and emerging science policy leaders.

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