



Five Students Win Top Award at 2010 MS EPSCoR Annual Poster Competition

Five of Mississippi's brightest students received cash awards for posters presented as part of the 2010 MS EPSCoR Poster Competition held at the Jackson State University E-Center in Jackson, MS on April 15, 2010.

First and second place winners were selected in the areas of computational chemistry and computational biology. A first place winner was selected in the research area of computational biological simulation. Each winner will receive a cash award of \$200 for first place and \$100 for second place.

Winners included:

Computational Chemistry:

- First Place: **Anna Hailey**, University of Mississippi
- Second Place: **Kari Copeland**, University of Mississippi

Computational Biology:

- First Place: **Manda Prashanti**, Mississippi State University
- Second Place: **Satyam Khanna**, Mississippi State University

Computational Biological Simulation:

- First Place: **Erick Vasquez**, Mississippi State University

Students presented posters on MS EPSCoR funded research at the annual meeting. Over 75 students from each of the four Mississippi research institutions as well as Mississippi College were entered into the competition.

Judges were recruited from institutions such as Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Tougaloo College, University of

Mississippi, University of Southern Mississippi, and the US Army Engineering Research and Development Center.

The 2011 MS EPSCoR Annual Poster Competition is scheduled to be held at the University of Mississippi campus in Oxford, MS in April 2011. **KE**



Winners of the 2010 MS EPSCoR Poster Competition pictured with their major professors. From left—**Front row:** Erick Vasquez, Anna Hailey, Kari Copeland, Manda Prashanti, and Satyam Khanna. **Second row:** Dr. Keith Walters (standing in for major professor Dr. Keisha Walters), Dr. Nathan Hammer, Dr. Gregory Tschumper, Dr. Susan Bridges, and Dr. Bindu Nanduri