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Dear Colleagues:

The University at Albany is pleased to announce its sixth annual *Preparing for the Professoriate Conference* scheduled for April 24-25, 2009. This National Science Foundation & AGEP sponsored conference is designed to communicate the necessity of preparing a diverse professoriate in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). We invite undergraduate and graduate STEM students from diverse cultural backgrounds to join with faculty and staff in discussing effective means to prepare and transition into the professoriate.

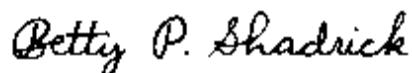
Renowned keynote speakers and dynamic workshop facilitators will share up-to-date information on issues of vital concern to undergraduate and graduate students. Students will tour UAlbany's state-of-the-art School of Nanoscale Sciences and Engineering Facility and interact with key faculty. Similar to last year, this year's conference will also feature a juried poster and oral presentation for graduate and undergraduate students. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place winners.

Conference materials and meals are provided for all registered conference attendees. Complimentary hotel accommodations are available for out-of-town guests. However, travel is the responsibility of the attendees and discounted airfare has been arranged through Northwest/KLM Airlines 375955. A \$15.00 processing fee is required of all conference participants.

Enclosed are Save the Date Cards. Student Poster Presentation application forms are available online under the registration link. Please note that students can apply online to register for the conference and participate in the poster session. To obtain additional information for *Preparing for the Professoriate*, view the following link:  
<http://www.albany.edu/agep/register.html>.

Do know we look forward to your participation and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,



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