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Rust College Senior Receives Mississippi INBRE Research Scholars Award

HOLLY SPRINGS, MS – Rust College senior, Tianna Smith, was selected to receive the Mississippi IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Research Scholars Award.

The Mississippi INBRE, organized by professors at the University of Southern Mississippi, is a network of colleges and universities designed to build a biomedical research infrastructure in Mississippi. Mississippi INBRE has three summer programs: Research Scholars (founded in 2004), Service Scholars (founded in 2013), and Outreach Scholars (founded in 2019). These programs are designed to give students hands-on experience in the field of biomedical research and public health.

Dr. J. Zhu introduced Ms. Smith to this organization and was accepted to participate in a 10-week summer community-based research internship for Mississippi and Louisiana college students at the Department of Biomolecular Sciences at the University of MS (Ole Miss). Their mission is to reach out to Mississippians to improve health throughout the state and to engage talented researchers and students in biomedical research projects that will increase the state's research competitiveness as well as impact the health of the citizens of Mississippi. One

of Mississippi INBRE's major efforts to engage talented researchers and students in biomedical research projects is accomplished through the student pipeline.

There are also academic-year research opportunities available at our partner undergraduate institutions. To learn more about the Mississippi INBRE msinbre@usm.edu.
Tianna is the first person to receive this award at Rust College.

About Rust College

Rust College is the oldest most prestigious historically black college in Mississippi founded in 1866 by the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Offering degree programs in business, education, humanities, science and mathematics, and social science, Rust College equips and inspires students for excellence and service in their communities and throughout the world. Located in Holly Springs, MS, just 35 miles southeast of Memphis, Tennessee, Rust College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and baccalaureate degrees.

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