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Summer Science Institute Held

The fourth annual Dean Stuart Feldman Summer Science Institute was held June 2 – 7 at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy. Some 15 area high school students attended sessions that dealt with such topics as medication compounding, research skills, veterinary medicine, disaster training preparedness, the pharmacy residency program and leadership skills. Special consideration was given to the under-represented population of students in the area, according to Vivia Hill-Silcott, the College’s diversity coordinator and organizer of the institute.

Faculty members who participated were Arthur Roberts, assistant professor, Anthony Capomacchia, associate professor, Deborah Elder, associate professor, Cory Momany, associate professor, Catherine White, associate professor, all members of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences, and Catherine Bourg, clinical assistant professor in Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy. Other participants were Alan Wolfgang, assistant dean of Student Affairs, Lakeda Downer, Publix pharmacy intern, Nick Galloway, UGA Ph.D. candidate in microbiology, and Morgan Smith and Adrienne Lester, both peer mentors.

Feldman was dean of the College from 1992 to 2000. In 1994 he hired the first African American faculty member, Marie Chisholm (Pharm.D. ‘93), and endorsed the formation of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, an organization traditionally comprised of minority students. In 2002 he established the Stuart Feldman Academic Support Fund to “foster and support activities that educate and inform students, faculty and staff of the importance and value of diversity within the College of Pharmacy, health care and the health professions.”

In 2010 the Feldman fund supported the establishment of the week-long Summer Science Academy for economically disadvantaged high school students who have a strong aptitude in math and science. In honor of his efforts the Academy was been renamed the Dean Stuart Feldman Summer Science Institute. Feldman is founding dean of the Touro College of Pharmacy in Harlem, which was established to meet the need for a diverse health care workforce in an under-served population. The first students were accepted into the Harlem program in 2008.

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