Students Participate in Summer Science Institute

Twenty-four high school students, ranging from Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, participated in the fifth annual Dean Stuart Feldman Summer Science Institute at the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy earlier this month. All participants had an interest in science and math and represented an underserved population of students. They attended a week of classes taught by UGA faculty with emphasis on pharmacy and health sciences; a major project focused on identifying levels of pesticides on organic compounds.

Other activities included laboratory instruction, compounding, disaster preparedness and an overview of the Doctor of Pharmacy residency program. Field trips to research laboratories in College of Pharmacy, the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Environmental Protection Agency; tours of campus and Sanford Stadium; and training in leadership skills and etiquette completed their schedule. Students resided in residence halls during the program.

In 2013 the summer science institute was renamed in honor of Stuart Feldman, who was dean of the College from 1992 to 2000, and a strong supporter of diversity. He established the Feldman Fund in 2010 to support the week-long Summer Science Academy for economically disadvantaged high school students who have a strong aptitude in math and science.

In 2002 Feldman 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 1994 he hired the first African American faculty member, Marie Chisholm (Pharm.D. ‘93), and endorsed the establishment of the College’s chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, an organization traditionally comprised of minority students.

Feldman was founding dean of the Touro College of Pharmacy in Harlem, which accepted its first students in 2008. He has now retired from that position and has joined the faculty at UGA’s College of Public Health on a part-time basis.