

## **Night @ the Lab Winners Attend K-INBRE Symposium**

Three students from Shawnee Mission North High School that took home top honors at the Night @ the Lab, a health science education event November 19, 2015 in Kansas City, Kansas, have been invited to the 2016 Kansas IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (K-INBRE) Annual Symposium, January 16-17, at the Overland Park Sheraton in Overland Park, Kansas.

Edan Belihu, Nancy Dinh-Phan, and Oluoma Obi, all juniors, received the highest marks from judges for their presentation on “How Does Cancer Effect Ethnic Populations?” Connie Gandy is their teacher and mentor for the competition.

The annual K-INBRE Symposium brings together a network of students, faculty, and staff from 10 campuses in Kansas and northern Oklahoma: The University of Kansas Medical Center (lead school), Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Haskell Indian Nations University, Kansas State University, Langston University, Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas-Lawrence, Washburn University, and Wichita State University.

Night @ The Lab is a health science education competition for Kansas high school students created by the University of Kansas Area Health Education Center. Student groups select a medical topic, conduct research, create visual displays and develop oral presentations to deliver to community volunteer judges. The students advanced to the annual statewide competition Nov. 19 at the University of Kansas Medical Center, where they competed against winners from the five other regions for the state title.

K-INBRE is a multi-disciplinary network designed to inspire undergraduates to pursue careers in biomedical research, enhance research capacity through faculty development and retention and expand the biomedical research infrastructure connecting several academic institutions. For more information about the K-INBRE program, visit [www.k-inbre.org](http://www.k-inbre.org). For more information about Night @ The Lab and health care career promotion through KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center, visit [www.kumc.edu/ku-ahec](http://www.kumc.edu/ku-ahec).