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# STEM-Engine URC HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

### THE CHANCELLOR

### REPORTS

that on Friday, December 11, 2009, Interim Chancellor Deidra Lewis and Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Angela Henderson welcomed 27 Science Scholars to a reception and poster display honoring their achievements in the City Colleges of Chicago STEM-Engine Urban Research Cooperative or URC, and;

that the URC is the brain-child of Harold Washington College Professor, Dr. Tom Higgins, who successfully obtained a multi-million dollar grant from the National Science Foundation to fund this endeavor, and;

that students taking part in the program get experience in substantive hands-on research both at the City Colleges and during the summer at several cooperating research universities, and;

that Harold Washington College had five students presenting their works on topics such as the Characterization and Modification of Gold Nano-particles, Testing of the Biological Impact of Gold, Effects of Lake Breeze on Surface Level Ozone and Lake Michigan Water Levels, and;

that specials thanks go to URC Program Coordinator Morna Brothers, as well as cooperating faculty Professors Kristen Bivens, Liliana Marin and Mike Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis Interim Chancellor

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