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Dear Student,

We are members of an AIP task force exploring ways in which the physics community can better support African American students who are considering or are now completing a major in physics or astronomy. We need your help to better understand the experiences of African American undergraduate students in physics and astronomy.

We have developed a survey designed to give us insight into African American physics and astronomy majors’ campus experiences, career interests, motivations, and reasons for persisting, or not, in physics or astronomy.

Your participation in this study is essential as you represent the exact population from which we hope to learn. We encourage you to take 10-15 minutes to provide your feedback now. There are no right or wrong answers; we simply want to understand more about your distinct experience. Your contributions will help the Task Force produce a national report with recommendations that, if implemented, will be instrumental in bringing the percentage of African American students who earn physics and astronomy bachelor’s degrees up to parity with their overall bachelor’s degree completion rate.

We appreciate your taking the time to promptly complete this important survey. Also, if you have peers who started as physics or astronomy majors and transferred out of those fields, please forward the survey link to them and encourage them to complete the survey.

TEAM-UP Student Survey

Please Note:
- All data will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with your institution.
- Participation is voluntary.
- You must be an undergraduate enrolled or recently enrolled (last 6 months) in a college or university.
- The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.
- At the end of the survey, you may provide your contact email if you are willing to have us contact you for further information.

Thank you for your help in serving the physics and astronomy community. If you have any follow up questions feel free to contact Arlene Modeste Knowles, TEAM-UP Project Manager, at teamup@aip.org or 301-209-3164.

Sincerely,

The AIP TEAM-UP Task Force Members

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