The Workshop will feature a panel discussion titled “Mentoring as a Means to Increase the Participation of Underrepresented Groups”. The panel members are recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring:

- **Martha Absher**, Assistant Dean of Education and Outreach, Pratt School of Engineering, Duke University
- **Winser E. Alexander**, Ph.D., Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, North Carolina State University
- **Vallie Guthrie**, Ed.D., Associate Professor of Education, Director of Greensboro Area Math & Science Education Center, North Carolina A&T State University
- **Tony L. Mitchell**, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Engineering Student Services: College of Engineering and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, North Carolina State University (Institution Award)
- **Christine Grant**, Ph.D., Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Associate Dean of Faculty Development and Special Initiatives: College of Engineering, North Carolina State University
- **Steven F. Watkins**, Ph.D., Associate Professor and former Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Chemistry, Louisiana State University
- **Tanya Furman**, Ph.D., Professor of Geosciences and Assistant Vice President and Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education, Pennsylvania State University
- **Jonathan F. K. Earle**, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Professor of Agricultural/Biological Engineering, University of Florida
- **Ricardo B. Jacquez**, Ph.D., Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation, New Mexico State University

The agenda also features breakout sessions designed for current faculty members, post-docs, and graduate students.

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**Monday, March 31, 2008**

**8:15am* - 2:00pm**

*Registration and continental breakfast start at 8:15am, sessions begin at 9:00am

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Registration is open until Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 5pm

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