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JSU COLLEGE OF PUBLIC SERVICE EISENHOWER FELLOWS TO PRESENT TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH

(JACKSON, Miss.) – Two Jackson State University students will present their research at the Transportation Research Board’s annual conference Jan. 21-25 in Washington, D.C.

Moye Bongyu of Cameroon, Africa, a doctoral student in public policy and administration, will present “Transfer of Transportation Technology to a Developing Country” during the Innovative Doctoral Transportation Research Showcase at the 14th Annual Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program Research Showcase.

Bongyu, one of seven presenters, is the only student from a historically black college or university selected to participate. His research coach is Dr. Bennett Odunsi, a JSU professor.

Jacqueline Sullivan of Natchez, Miss., a master’s degree student in public policy and administration, will present a poster titled “Emergency Management and Evacuation on Mississippi Highways in Case of Natural Disasters or Terrorist Attack.” Her research coach is JSU professor Ester Stokes.

Bongyu and Sullivan are among three Jackson State students who have been selected to participate in the Dwight David Eisenhower Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fellowship Program for this academic year.

The other student is Johnny Taylor, a civil engineering undergraduate student who works for the Mississippi Department of Transportation. His research coach is JSU professor Dr. Mohammad Qureshi.

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As Eisenhower fellows, Bongyu, Sullivan and Taylor each are receiving \$15,000 between September 2006 and September 2007. This is the third year JSU students have received funding under the program.

The HBCU fellowships are part of the Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship Program for students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines.

“The idea is to engage non-traditional students in areas of transportation research and give them the opportunity to consider transportation as a career path,” said Ivory L. Williams, director of JSU’s Mississippi Center for Technology Transfer, or MT².

Bongyu, Sullivan and Taylor also participated in the Mississippi Transportation Institute in October in Tunica, Miss., and displayed posters in an MDOT research workshop in Choctaw, Miss., in December.

More than 100 representatives from MDOT, the Federal Highway Administration, the university community and the private sector attended.

The workshop was co-sponsored by MT², MDOT and the FHA to assist MDOT in setting transportation research priorities for the state of Mississippi.

MT², founded in 1985, is the only Local Technical Assistance Program at an HBCU. There are 58 LTAPs nationwide.

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