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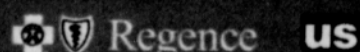
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Howard University Provost Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick is calling upon educators, scientists and professionals to create an expanded pipeline to careers in the medical and science fields.

## Call to Increase Diversity in Medical Fields

### University provost calls on expanded educational pipeline

Educators, scientists and healthcare professionals have all been called on by Howard University Provost and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Wayne A. I. Frederick to expand the pipeline to medical and science fields to make them accessible to everyone, including underrepresented groups

With blacks making up just over 13 percent of the U.S. population and less than 4 percent of American doctors, Frederick delivered the address at the four-day long National Medical Association Conference in Toronto to underscore a desire to create support systems and mentorship opportunities to encourage success.

The National Medical Association is the largest and oldest national organization representing African-American physicians and

their patients in the United States.

"It is clear that science, technology, engineering and math disciplines will lead the innovation and solutions of tomorrow," Frederick said. "It is absolutely critical that we fill the pipeline with people who are well-equipped and well-prepared in STEM disciplines."

Frederick, a graduate of the Howard University College of Medicine, discussed the educational institution's groundwork to channel young people into these disciplines, which include establishing a middle school of math and science in 2005.

At undergraduate and graduate levels, Howard has a track record of producing the largest number of African-American physicians and is one of the leading producers of minority applicants to medical schools across the country.