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RECOGNIZED AS PUBLIC HEALTH  
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The Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health sponsored its 12th Annual Student Poster Session through the Academic Public Health Caucus during the 137th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia, PA. Local chapters of Delta Omega from accredited schools and programs of public health submitted many excellent nominations. Katandria Johnson was one of nineteen students selected by the Alpha Sigma Chapter UNT Health Science Center chapter to present "Acculturation and Self-Reported Health Among Hispanics Using a Socio-Behavioral Model: The North Texas Healthy Heart Study." This substudy was developed from an NIH grant funded project of the PCRI that examined the relationship between acculturation and health status among Hispanics.

The 2009 poster session showcased the excellent scholarship and research of students in accredited schools and programs of public health. Delta Omega also sponsored an awards reception at which this organization's goal is to encourage and recognize the public health leaders of tomorrow.

Ms. Johnson's abstract submission may be read in its entirety on page 8 of this journal.



**DO/PhD  
DUAL DEGREE  
OFFERED BY PCRI**

Today, we find it increasingly imperative to develop clinical researchers in order to continually advance the practice of primary care and truly improve the health of our community. For this reason, the PCRI is dedicated to educating primary care clinical researchers of tomorrow. The PCRI now offers medical students at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine an opportunity to pursue a PhD in Primary Care Clinical Research through the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at UNTHSC. The Doctor of Philosophy Degree is available for predoctoral medical students as a dual degree program. A minimum of 90 scholastic credit hours is required. While the PCRI has graduated dual degree DO/MS students in Primary Care Clinical Research since 2005, the PhD program offers students the opportunity to expand their knowledge into an area of expertise.

The formal presentations and courses in the program are designed to give the student a knowledge base in clinical research design, evidence-based medicine, biostatistics, epidemiology, compliance issues relevant to human subjects research, scientific writing, and educational methodologies for becoming an effective instructor. Information about the dual degree program can be found at <http://www.hsc.unt.edu/education/gsbs/careclinical.cfm>

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