

Walhalla's Grace Moxley, College of Charleston Student, Presents Research at Colonial Academic Alliance Annual Conference

TOWSON, MD -- Grace Moxley, a freshman Biochemistry major from Mountain Rest, SC, was one of 10 College of Charleston students who presented research Apr. 11-12 at the annual Colonial Academic Alliance Undergraduate Research Conference in Towson, MD. These scholars were selected through a vetting process of research papers submitted by students across campus. Students and faculty attending the conference were funded by the College's Office of Academic Affairs.

Moxley, the daughter of Kay and Charles Moxley and a graduate of Walhalla High School, presented her paper titled "The Promise of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception: Formative Research to Develop a Contraceptive Access Campaign." Her faculty advisers were Dr. Andrea DeMaria and Dr. Beth Sundstrom.

The research conference is the signature academic and outreach event sponsored by the Alliance, under the auspices of the Colonial Athletic Association, of which the College is a new member in 2013-14. Students showcased their research through panel discussions and scholar-to-scholar (poster) sessions.

"The Colonial Academic Alliance Research Conference provided an excellent opportunity for us to showcase the different types of research and creative projects on which CofC students and faculty collaborate," said Dr. Trisha Folds-Bennett, Dean of the Honors College who chaperoned the event. "All of our students were energetic, engaged, and professional."

The conference included a keynote presentation by Don Thomas, a former NASA astronaut who now heads the Hackerman Academy of Mathematics and Science at Towson University.