Ralph & Helen Oesper Award Banquet & Poster Session
Friday, October 24, 2014
Great Hall, Tangeman University Center

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  Poster Session/Social
7:00 p.m.  Banquet
8:00 p.m.  Announcements & Award Presentation
8:15 p.m.  After Dinner Speaker, Saundra Y. McGuire, Louisiana State University
           “Isiah Warner’s Amazing Journey from Bunkie to the Oesper Medal!”

Saundra Y. McGuire
Louisiana State University

Saundra McGuire is the Director Emerita of the Center for Academic Success and Retired Assistant Vice Chancellor and Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University. Prior to joining LSU in August 1999, she spent eleven years at Cornell University, where she received the coveted Clark Distinguished Teaching Award. She has presented keynote addresses or workshops on improving teaching and student learning at over 150 institutions in 39 states. In November 2007 the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM) was presented to her in a White House Oval Office Ceremony. In 2010, she was elected a Fellow of the American Chemical Society, and in 2011 she was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She received her B.S. degree, magna cum laude, from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA, her Master’s degree from Cornell University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she received the Chancellor’s Citation for Exceptional Professional Promise. She is married to Dr. Stephen C. McGuire, professor of physics at Southern University. They are the parents of Dr. Carla McGuire Davis and Dr. Stephanie McGuire, and the grandparents of Joshua, Ruth, Daniel, and Joseph Davis.

Isiah Warner’s Amazing Journey from Bunkie to the Oesper Medal!

Professor Isiah Warner grew up in a small bayou town in central Louisiana, and has reached heights that were unimaginable to him as a boy. This talk will discuss the strategies he used to excel --- metacognition and mentoring, and will show how he has continued to use these tools to propel his students to heights that they could never have imagined.