2017 Astrobiology Science Conference (AbSciCon): Mentoring Program

• On April 25, 2017, the 3rd AbSciCon “Meeting Mentor Program” paired astrobiologists with students underrepresented in STEM fields

• Approximately 49 mentors and 49 students participated from Mills College in Oakland, CA, and the Maricopa County Community Colleges in the greater Phoenix, AZ area

• Along with their mentors, students attended talks, poster sessions, networking sessions and conversed with other scientists

• The Meeting Mentor Program provides a gateway for students interested in STEM to get a brief but immersive exposure to cutting-edge science in the science conference setting where new discoveries are discussed

“I think I’m more inspired by my mentee than the other way around!”
- 2017 Meeting Mentor

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