



Bernard Batson Receives Mentor of the Year Award from Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

TAMPA, Fla (November 6, 2013) Associate Director of Student Services and Diversity Programs Director, **Bernard Batson** received the Sloan Mentor of the Year Award at the 20th Institute of Teaching and Mentoring on November 3, in Arlington, VA. The conference is annually the largest gathering of minority doctoral scholars in the country.

Nominated by engineering science doctoral student Edikan Archibong, she described Mr. Batson's dedication to student academic success and personal development as the just a few of the reasons for his nomination. She also cited his unprecedented dedication to ensure student success as a key factor in the numerous achievements of minority doctoral students.

Under Batson's guidance, the College of Engineering is ranked by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* in the top five nationally in conferring engineering doctorates to both African American and Hispanic/Latino students in the publication's annual listing of the top 100 minority graduate degree producers in 2013.

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