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Dr. Shahnjayla K. Connors led the panel, It takes All of Us to Keep Us Well! Engaging in Transdisciplinary & Community-Engaged Research to Reduce Health Disparities in Our Communities, at the 2019 Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics in the Sciences (SACNAS) National Diversity in STEM Conference held in Honolulu, Hawaii in October. SACNAS is one of the premiere professional organizations focused on preparing minority and underrepresented students and researchers for successful careers in the natural, medical, public health, and behavioral sciences.

The primary objective of this panel was for the audience to understand the multi-level determinants of health disparities, develop transdisciplinary, community-engaged research skills, and to understand their unique role as “insider” researchers in reducing health disparities in their communities. The panelists, diverse in race/ethnicity, discipline, and career stage, shared their paths, experiences, and practical advice for conducting transdisciplinary, community-based health disparities research.

While at the conference, Dr. Connors also served as Conversation with Scientists mentor and a Mentor Judge for the undergraduate poster session. Dr. Connors is member of the Linton-Poodry SACNAS Leadership Institute 2015 Cohort and serves as a SACNAS Conference abstract reviewer.

