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2004 SEP 27 - (NewsRx.com & NewsRx.net) -- Five predominantly black colleges and a Richmond community college are teaming up with Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Nebraska for a program that will encourage black students to become healthcare practitioners or researchers.

Under the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance, the schools will work together to create research opportunities for black undergraduates and faculty and encourage them to enter healthcare careers.

The partnership's ultimate goal is improving the health of black Americans by reducing disparities in access to quality healthcare based on race, economic and social circumstances.

"We need to address the growing problems in the minority community of diabetes, cancer, stroke and asthma," Rubens Pamies, MD, the vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said in a statement September 8, 2004.

Activities will include student research opportunities during the summer, faculty exchanges, seminars and presentations and collaborative grant applications. Student researchers spend at least two summers at Nebraska's medical center and typically are supported by stipends and funding from the U.S. National Institutes of Health and other sources.

Along with VCU and Nebraska, the schools involved in the alliance are: J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College, Hampton University, Norfolk State University, St. Paul's College, Virginia State University and Virginia Union University.

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