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THE BLACK AND LATINO CAUCUS COLLABORATES WITH BIOGEN TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN NEUROSCIENCE

BOSTON — Biogen Inc. (Nasdaq: BIIB), a Cambridge-based global biopharmaceutical company, has collaborated with the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus to build pathways in the industry for communities served by the Caucus. The two organizations recently met to discuss how Black and Latinx students can gain access to the company's Community Lab: "a science education program to increase access for those not exposed to science in their everyday life."

"This collaboration is a unique educational opportunity for our bright city youth," stated Caucus Chairman **Representative Carlos González** (D – Springfield). He continued, "Biogen's Adventures in Biotechnology Summer Program is one way we can provide Black and Latino kids a unique experience, hopefully opening their eyes to a new potential career path."

"Collaborating with the Caucus is an excellent way to offer hands-on science learning opportunities to deserving students through Biogen's Community Lab program. By providing this enriching experience, we hope to further inspire high school students to consider pursuing careers in the sciences," stated Biogen Community Lab Coordinator **Alazar Ayele**.

The no-cost sessions offer high school students the opportunity to conduct hands-on lab projects, work with DNA and proteins, and interact with scientists. Students have until **May 15th** to apply at www.surveymonkey.com/r/BiogenCLAB and should note who their State Senator or State Representative is in the application. With 23 spots remaining, the Community Lab is now accepting applications for the following sessions:

Adventures in Biotechnology 1: July 8- July 12 (4 spots)

Adventures in Biotechnology 2: July 15 - July 19 (4 spots)

Adventures in Biotechnology 3: July 29 - August 2 (5 spots)

Adventures in Biotechnology 4: August 5- August 9 (5 spots)

Adventures in Biotechnology 5: August 12- August 16 (5 spots)

Programs such as Biogen's Community Lab are critical to assuring that communities of color benefit equally as the Commonwealth's evolving economy continues to grow and create wealth for the State's population.

The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus is a group of state legislators seeking to define, highlight and analyze those issues and concerns affecting people of color in the Commonwealth. For more information, please visit: www.mablacklatinocaucus.com

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