NOAA-CREST instrumental in scholarship award for a BCC STEM student

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On April 24th, Bright Tsagli, whom has been supported twice by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Cooperative Science Center for Earth System Sciences and Remote Sensing Technologies, to attend the Black Engineer of the Year Award (BEYA) STEM Conference, was awarded the Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation: $40,000 a-year for three years. Bright is a Bronx Community College (BCC) senior majoring in Engineering Science, and a native of Ghana, West Africa.

NOAA-CREST supported Bright to attend the BEYA Conference in both 2017 and 2018, and that support has contributed to Bright’s Cooke award in 2019:

"Attending the BEYA conference contributed to the scholarship because of the exposure and network opportunities I had during the conference,” declares Bright. "It wouldn't have been possible without the help of funds from NOAA-CREST."

The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is conferred upon “top community college students” as its website states. Bright’s Grade Point Average or, GPA, at the time of application was a commendable 3.8.

Bright can use the financial award to cover a host of needs that will make the next phase of his college experience more tenable: from tuition, to books and fees, to living expenses. And in addition to the monetary award, Bright will also be receiving help with college planning, and with advisement. Having the peer support of fellow scholars will also help him to adjust to his new college.

Which college is Bright transferring to? Bright says he is “waiting on a couple of colleges to make that final decision.”
NOAA-CREST’s support for Bright's BEYA Conference participation also resulted in him receiving the Science Spectrum Trailblazer award in 2018, and 2017.

Dr. Shakila Merchant notes: "BCC indeed has many talented young minds and must be provided opportunities to further their studies and attend senior colleges. We value our partnership [between BCC and NOAA-CREST]!"

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The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship go to: https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarship/

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