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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
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**6:00 PM DINNER
7:30 PM AWARDS CEREMONY
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In this networked society, engagement in the conversation about global possibilities requires technical competence. The absence of African American voices in these conversations represents the loss of an important humanizing perspective. Further, it is by now well established that increasing the technical skills of African Americans is imperative to sustain employability. While institution building and research aimed at this issue is ongoing, progress on the matter has been agonizingly slow — this while the global pace of technological advancement has become the stuff of legends — millions are being left behind and are in danger of becoming increasingly marginalized.

The mission of the Banneker Institute is to increase access to, and participation and performance in science and math related professions and academic pursuits by African Americans. The Institute proposes to enable more rapid identification and implementation of success models by serving as an information clearinghouse for monitoring the state of the art, identifying best practices, creating opportunities for collaboration, funding and otherwise promoting pilot projects, and granting annual Banneker Legacy Awards to honor the contributions of those making significant progress in support of the Institute's mission.

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