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The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine Announces the Recipient of the ACMG Foundation/David L. Rimoin Inspiring Excellence Award at the 2016 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Tampa, Florida

BETHESDA, MD – **March 11, 2016** | The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine is proud to announce that Bianca Russell, MD, from Cincinnati Children's Hospital is the recipient of the **ACMG Foundation/David L. Rimoin Inspiring Excellence Award**.

The David L. Rimoin Inspiring Excellence Award was created in memory of the late Dr. David L. Rimoin, one of the founders of ACMG who passed away in 2012. Dr. Rimoin touched the lives of generations of patients as well as trainees and colleagues. This award is a cash award given to a selected student, trainee, or junior faculty ACMG member whose abstract submission is chosen as a platform presentation during the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. Dr. Russell was selected to receive this award for her platform presentation, "*A Novel Skeletal Dysplasia Caused by Homozygous Mutations in BMPR1A.*"

Dr. Russell completed her MD at the University of California at Irvine. Currently, she is completing her third year of residency at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital in pediatrics and human genetics and is also the Chief Medical Advisor for the Bohring-Opitz Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

"I am honored to receive the David L. Rimoin Inspiring Excellence Award. I never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Rimoin but the stories of his passion for genetics, his commitment to his patients and his charismatic personality have challenged me to be a better physician and geneticist. I am truly humbled to have my name associated in any way with Dr. Rimoin. Thank you for this acknowledgement," said Dr. Russell.

"The ACMG and ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine would not be where it is today without the hard work of Dr. Rimoin, who was our founding president. This award will help keep his legacy alive in students, trainees and junior faculty ACMG members," said Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD FACMG, President of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

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Ann Garber, Dr. Rimoin's widow said, "The Rimoin family enthusiastically congratulates Dr. Russell on her significant research achievements. We are pleased to acknowledge and support her work with the David L. Rimoin Inspiring Excellence Award. The important information Dr. Russell adds to the understanding of skeletal dysplasias, one of David's central research interests, makes her an especially impressive recipient of this award."

The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics in healthcare. Established in 1992, the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine supports the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics; mission to "translate genes into health" by raising funds to attract the next generation of medical geneticists and genetic counselors, to sponsor important research, to promote information about medical genetics, and much more.

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