

## News



Carlisle Upper Division students (from left) Christopher Graves, Donika Hasanaj, Nash Tetterton and Rosheena Hairston stand with their winning display about diabetes. The team took first place at the high school level for their presentation on the disease during the first student Biomedical Project Competition on Tuesday, hosted at Patrick Henry Community College. (Contributed photos)

# Biomedical competition held at Patrick Henry CC

Teams of students from Laurel Park Middle School, Carlisle School's lower and upper divisions, Bassett High School and Martinsville High School participated in the first student Biomedical Project Competition on Tuesday, hosted at Patrick Henry Community College.

Each team chose a disease found in Martinsville and Henry County to research and gave a presentation that was judged by a panel of medical professionals.

A team from Carlisle's upper division took first place at the high school level for a display about diabetes.

The event was sponsored by local doctors, the Martinsville-Henry County chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and the Alliance for Excellence, which is a partnership between black churches and four south-central Virginia community colleges.

"It is our hope that through this event, we will be able to



Martinsville High School junior Quinesha Singletary (at right at podium) and sophomore Carson Stone give a presentation on breast cancer during the Biomedical Project Competition, judged by (third from right) Dr. Caren Aaron, (second from right) Dr. Nicola Garcia and Dr. Howis Toler (far right).

educate the community" about how the diseases affect the community and ways to prevent them, if possible, said Helen Howell, faculty adviser for NSBE and teacher at Martinsville Middle School.

Topics ranged from obesity to Hodgkin's Lymphoma to breast cancer. Organizers

plan to repeat the event each year.

Doctors coordinating the competition were Kimberly Matchett and Terri Younger-Eure; other judges, also doctors, included Caren Aaron, Henry Bridges, Japhet LeGrant, Benjamin Lee, Nicola Garcia and Howis Toler.