Please join students and faculty at the annual North Star STEM Alliance Student Research Symposium. This event will showcase undergraduate research by multicultural students in the North Star STEM Alliance.

Keynote presentation by Dr. F. Abel Ponce de León, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs for the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

The event is free and open to the public.

Meet students and faculty in the Alliance
Listen to student oral presentations
Attend the keynote presentation
Develop social networks across the Alliance
The 2013 Student Research Symposium will feature undergraduate student research across the alliance and keynote speaker F. Abel Ponce de León, Senior Associate Dean of UMTC’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences who serves as a Co-Principal Investigator of the North Star STEM Alliance.

**F. Abel Ponce de León, Ph.D.** Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Dr. F. Abel Ponce de León holds B.S. and Engineering degrees in Animal Science from the Universidad Nacional Agraria “La Molina” in Lima, Peru and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Science - Genetics from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Dr. Ponce de León joined the University of Minnesota in July 1997 as Professor and Head of the Department of Animal Science and is now Sr. Associate Dean in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences.

He is a faculty member in the graduate programs of Animal Science and Molecular Veterinary Medicine. He is also an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Ponce de León’s research interests are in the areas of structural and functional genomics, animal cloning, and transgenesis.

**Program**

- 4:30 Research symposium
- 5:15 Student oral presentations
- 5:45 Keynote speaker
- 6:30 Recognitions

The symposium takes place at the McNamara Alumni Center.

The North Star STEM Alliance is an 14-member alliance among Minnesota colleges, universities and community organizations committed to supporting multicultural students toward earning bachelor’s degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

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