David B. Allison, Ph.D., professor of biostatistics and head of the Section on Statistical Genetics in the UAB School of Public Health, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM). He was honored at a White House ceremony Nov. 16.

This award, the nation’s highest for mentoring in science, engineering and mathematics, is given by the President of the United States to recognize 10 individuals and one organization that have demonstrated a commitment to mentoring students and increasing the participation of minorities, women and disabled students in science, technology, mathematics and engineering.

The PAESMEM award, presented annually since 1996 and administered by the National Science Foundation, includes a $10,000 grant and a presidential commemorative certificate. Nominations are made by colleagues, administrators and students from the nominee’s organization. Winners are considered examples to their colleagues and leaders in the national effort to develop more fully the nation’s human resources in these areas.

Allison also is a professor of nutrition sciences and director of the NIH-funded Clinical Nutrition Research Center in the UAB School of Health Professions. He heads interdisciplinary scientific programs that include statistical genetics, clinical nutrition research, genomics, obesity and longevity.

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