ScienceMakers, in partnership with the Science Museum of Minnesota, as a result of a $2.3 million National Science Foundation grant, hosted an evening with four nationally prominent African American women scientists entitled, *Breaking Barriers: African American Women in Science* on January 13, 2012.

Professor of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Minnesota, Frank Snowden, moderated this event as part of the 20th Annual African Americans in Science Festival at the Science Museum of Minnesota. The featured ScienceMakers were chemist and author, Jeanette Brown; former president and executive director of General Mills, Reatha Clark King; professor of mathematics and cancer researcher, Trachette Jackson; and electrical engineer and computer scientist, Valerie Taylor. This pioneering program is part of a collaborative effort with the nation's top science centers including Detroit Science Center, Center of Science Industry in Ohio, Fernbank Science Center, Franklin Institute, Lawrence Hall of Science, Museum of Science and Industry, Saint Louis Science Center and SciWorks.

"We are so excited to take part in the 20th Annual African Americans in Science Festival and to highlight the achievements of these amazing and dynamic African women scientists," stated Julieanna Richardson, The HistoryMakers' founder and executive director.

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