This will be the seventh year that the Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education, Department of Geography, has hosted the Summer Academy for Minority Scholars here on the Texas State University campus. Funding for the previous six years of the program was provided collectively by the National Geographic Society Education Foundation (NGSEF), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), and Texas State University’s Office of Equity & Access. The Summer Academy, developed as a partnership between Texas State University-San Marcos and Texas school districts from across the state, is designed to enhance geographic, scientific, and technological literacy among minority populations by promoting an in-depth understanding of contemporary geography while introducing student participants to “university life” during an on-campus, in-residence program. One goal of this program is to help high school students realize the benefits of attending a post-secondary institution to prepare them for a successful career in today’s global economy. Each summer, approximately 30 students and 10-12 educators participate in the program here in San Marcos. Upon completion, participants are asked to share what they experienced and learned during the Summer Academy with others by giving presentations and workshops in their home schools and home towns. This program is in direct support of University Diversity Goal A, which calls for Texas State University to increase the recruitment and retention rates of African-American and Hispanic/Latino with a special emphasis on achieving HSI designation.