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Reason for Nomination	I had the great opportunity to see his keynote address during my summer research at MIT and it was clear that his passion for increasing diversity in STEM is contagious. He is an engaging and motivating speaker, he has risen through the academic ranks quickly and is a great role model who is involved in a variety of programs with the mission to increase diversity in science.
Academic Background	Manu Platt earned his bachelors degree at Morehouse College an HBCU institution. He earned his PhD in Biomedical Engineering jointly from Georgia Tech and Emory University where he earned an HHMI teacher scholar award, he also completed his Post-doc at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Contribution to Diversity in Science	Manu Platt's devotion to mentorship an increasing diversity in STEM is apparent in the amount of awards he has won through Georgia Tech as well as governmental agencies for his mentorship to students and postdoctoral scholars. He has mentored a diverse set of students throughout his career, many of which have gone on to have successful careers themselves.