Cole Simon a senior pre-med biology major is Hampton University Biology Department Student of the Month. He is a member of the Hampton University Honors Society and has excelled academically. Cole was one of only 35 students to be selected by Virginia Tech as part of an internship through the Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program. Cole investigated structures in microbes in the lab of Associate Professor of Biochemistry, Dr. Helm's. Cole has also conducted cutting-edge research while at Hampton. He is also a Student Instructor at Hampton University for the Introduction to Biology I lecture. Cole is described as having innate curiosity, which will benefit him in his future endeavors. Cole stated “You have to have the patience to fail, get back up, fail, and then get it right”. Cole aspires to attend graduate school or medical school when he graduates.