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History of the National Society of Black Physicists

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We will provide a historical overview of the years before and after the founding of the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP). In doing so, we will describe the contributions of those who played pivotal roles in bringing the small community of African-American physicists together to celebrate the lives of their mentors and colleagues, thereby leading to the impetus to formalize an organization to sustain their efforts for future generations.