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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2011 SOCIETY  
for ADVANCEMENT OF CHICANOS and NATIVE AMERICANS in SCIENCE ANNUAL MEETING**

*Bethesda, MD* –FASEB MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2011 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Annual Meeting in San Jose, CA from October 27-30, 2011. These awards are meant to promote the entry of underrepresented minority students, postdoctorates and scientists into the mainstream of the basic science community and to encourage the participation of young scientists at the 2011 SACNAS Annual Meeting.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 13 awards totaling \$21,450.

The FASEB MARC Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. A primary goal of the MARC Program is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minorities engaged in biomedical and behavioral research.

*The following poster/platform presenters have been selected to receive a FASEB MARC Travel Award:*

Odelia Y. Ngala Bongmba, University of Houston [APS member]  
Nathaniel Enriquez, Chaminade University of Honolulu  
Brandon Gaytán, University of California-Berkeley  
Daniela Goltsman, University of California-Berkeley  
Heidi May, Chaminade University of Honolulu  
Luis Martinez, University of Houston  
Chelsea Saito-Reis, Chaminade University of Honolulu [ENDO member]  
Joseph Tillotson, Chaminade University of Honolulu

*The following faculty/mentors and students/trainees have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards:*

Dr. Thomas Landefeld, California State University-Dominguez Hills [ASBMB member]  
Richardo Arechiga, California State University-Dominguez Hills  
Brittany Goudeau, California State University-Dominguez Hills

Dr. Catherine A. Opere, Creighton University [ASPET member]  
Namonique Floyd, University of Nebraska-Omaha [ASPET member]

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