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MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR ABRF 2009

Bethesda, MD – FASEB’s MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2009 Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF) meeting in Memphis, Tennessee from February 7-10, 2009. 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 ABRF 2009.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 7 awards totaling \$12,950.

FACULTY/MENTOR & STUDENTS/MENTEES (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Dr. Natalia G. Reyero Vinas, Jackson State University
- Shaneka Simmons, Jackson State University [ISCB member]
- Erika Brown, Jackson State University

Dr. Laurey Steinke, University of Nebraska Medical Center [ABRF member]
- Irene Amoah, Virginia State University

-Swantavia Johnson, Allen University
-Jeffrey Wilson, II, Allen University

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FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to its member societies and collaborative advocacy.