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(301) 634-7109
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THE 2010 SOCIETY for ADVANCEMENT OF CHICANOS
and NATIVE AMERICANS in SCIENCE ANNUAL MEETING**

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2010 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California from September 30 – October 3, 2010. 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 2010 SACNAS Annual Meeting.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 7 meeting registration only awards and 15 travel awards totaling \$31,250.

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 FASEB MARC Travel Awards:

Pedro Alvarez-Ortiz, University of Vermont
Odelia Y. Ngala Bongmba, University of Houston
David Campos, Texas Tech University
Luz M. Cumba, Universidad Metropolitana
Shanna-Shaye Forbes, University of California, Berkeley
Keisha Hardeman, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi
Theodore Hicks, Morehouse College
Ryan Santos, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Raquel Suro, University of Texas at El Paso [AAI member]
Gloriana Trujillo, University of California, San Diego

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

Dr. Francisco E. Alarcon, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Jennifer Casanova, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Catherine A. Opere, Creighton University [ASPET member]
Na'Cara Harisson, Morgan State University [ASPET member]
Edem Kegey, Bemidji State University [ASPET member]

The following have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Meeting Registration Only Travel Awards:

Marina Ramon, Ph.D., University of Southern California
Edward Mosteig, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University
Roger Baril, Loyola Marymount University
Kevin Ramirez, Loyola Marymount University
Martin G. Ramirez, Ph.D., Loyola Marymount University
Jacqueline Salas, Loyola Marymount University
Ally Zein, Loyola Marymount University

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