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MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR ABRCMS 2008

Bethesda, MD – FASEB’s MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2008 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) meeting in Orlando, Florida from November 5-8, 2008. 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 ABRCMS 2008.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 160 awards totaling $296,000.

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.

FASEB is composed of 21 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.
HIGH SCHOOL HONORS STUDENTS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Melanie Barnes, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Bruce Boller (Faculty), Bertie High School, North Carolina
Brittney Cherry, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Scott Dobbin, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Christian Lilley, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Shaneice Mitchell, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Tiffany Newsome, Bertie High School North Carolina
Shaterri Palmer (Faculty), Bertie High School, North Carolina
Areale Smith, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Sierra Stokes, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Bruce Taylor, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Dylan White, Bertie High School, North Carolina

ABRCMS PEER MENTORS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Anthea Aikins, University of Missouri
Juan J. Bustamante, Texas A&M Health Science Center
Marisa Nia Madison, Meharry Medical College
Janice S. Reuben, University of Michigan
Jayne S. Reuben, Baylor College of Dentistry [ASIP member]
Alberto Roca, University of California, Irvine [ASBMB member]
Kennie Shepherd, Emory University [APS, ASPET member]
Tamara Tucker, University of Michigan, [ASBMB member]
Angela S. Whatley, University of Missouri
Tracy Womble, University of South Florida
POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Budri Abubaker-Sharif, Johns Hopkins University
Lenora Acidera, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Esmeralda Aguayo, University of California, Merced
Alexandra Amaro-Ortiz, University of Puerto Rico, Piedras
Hari Amin, Temple University
Kwame Amin, Borough of Manhattan Community College
Denver Baptist, Medgar Evers College
Lames Basilyous, Oak Crest Institute of Science
Delisa Belk, Claflin University
Keaira Berry, Claflin University
Rachel Bland, Spelman College
Richard Bissett, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Sheila Boateng, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Agnes Bosch-Ramirez, Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico
Luis Briseno, University of Washington
Melissa Bradshaw, Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Eric Butter, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Ciera Butts, Hampton University
Danielle Byrdsong, Dana Farber Cancer Institute
Theresa Cantu, University of Texas, San Antonio
Christel Chehoud, Princeton University
Andrew Ciupek, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Ryan Connor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Pamela Cote, Smith College
Alice Coutinho, University of California, San Diego
Anupama Divakaruni, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Eunice Dixon, Howard University
Whitney Ellis, Saint Augustine’s College
Oluwafemi Fakayode, Medgar Evers College
Rhianon Foulkes, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Kelvin Frazier, Savannah State University
Jocelyn Freeman, Elizabeth City State University
Peter Garza, Colorado State University
Nisha George, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Rhecia Goodley, Savannah State University
Kristina Grant, Savannah State University
Taniqua Greene, Claflin University
Melanie Henry, Georgia Institute of Technology
Victoria Henry, University of the Virgin Islands
Gabrielle High, Dillard University
Neema Hooker, Claflin University
Tiffany Hosten, University of Chicago
Khirston Howard, Claflin University
Isaac Joseph, Harvard University
Ashley Johnson, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Laura Jones, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Salman Khan, The City College of New York
Nathaniel Kim, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Gowry Kulandaivel, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Elsie Lagares, Medgar Evers College
Sindhu Lakkur, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Ilean Lamboy, University of Puerto Rico, Ponce
Ruth Legesse, University of California, Berkeley
Brittney Lilly, Alabama A&M University
Peter Lopresti, University of Chicago
Stephen Maffett, Louisiana State University
Yimdriuska Magan, University of California, Merced
Ruth Maldonado, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey
Elisha Martin, Bluefield State College
Alexandra Martinez, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Dave Marzan, University of California, San Diego
Brandon McClary, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Satish Mishra, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Brian Nakagawa, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Tiara Napier, Georgia Institute of Technology
Josie Nava, University of Houston-Downtown
Michael Nelson, Medgar Evers College
Davia Nickelson, Elizabeth City State University
Erin O’Connor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Evelyn Ojo, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Olubukola Oriola, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Dorian Ortega, University of Illinois, Chicago
Edwinna Patterson, Savannah State University
Corie Peterson, Michigan State University
Ana Rodriguez, University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo
Nearco Rodriguez, Medgar Evers College
Imani Rutledge, Montclair State University
Dahniel Samuel, Medgar Evers College
Melissa Santos, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Kristen Schexnayder, Louisiana State University
Donielle Simons, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Natalie Sirisaengtaksin, University of Houston-Downtown
Sara Stockman, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Ameena Sweeting, Howard University
Jenise Takai, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Nicole Titus, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Jaleisa Turner, Claflin University
Eme Unanaowo, University of Southern California
Carla Valenzuela, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Kimberly Vasquez, New York University
Ericka Velez-Bonet, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey
Stephanie Vivanco, Loyola Marymount University
Winter Walker, Florida A&M University
William Watson, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Danielle Weekes, Rochester Institute of Technology
Julian Wesby, Savannah State University
Brent Williams, Tennessee State University
Tiffany Williams, St. John’s University
Bryan Wilson, Louisiana State University
Dalyndra Wilson, Elizabeth City State University
Leanna Wong, Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Octavia Brooks, University of Rochester [ENDO member]
- Halima Bori, University of Pittsburgh
- Gerialisa Caesar, Medgar Evers College
- Jessica Gadsden, Meharry Medical College
- Azza Gasmelseed, Meharry Medical College
- Marly Roche, Boston University
- LaToya Roper, Union College
- Sherine Crawford, Medgar Evers College
- Keron Matthew, Medgar Evers College
- Tiffani Smith, University of Florida
- Faith Womble, University of Florida

Dr. Vernon Bond, Howard University [APS member]
- Akilah Witherspoon, Howard University
- Patrick Daley, Howard University

Dr. Victor Brown, Tuskegee University [ASBMB member]
- Avion Joy, Tuskegee University

Dr. Poonam Gulati, University of Houston-Downtown
- Ebelin Vasquez, University of Houston-Downtown
- Reyna Bonilla, University of Houston-Downtown

Dr. Cecil Jones, Savannah State University
- Chakeeta Jones, Savannah State University
- Tomul Howard, Savannah State University

Patricia Lee-Robinson, Chaminade University of Honolulu [ASN]
- Frenzy Mendoza, Chaminade University of Honolulu
- Alicia Villegas, Chaminade University of Honolulu

Dr. Nixon Mwebi, Jacksonville State University
- Jennifer Brown, Jacksonville State University
- Sinamen Nixon, Jacksonville State University

Dr. Catherine A. Opere, Creighton University [ASPET member]
- Janelle Butler, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Joseph Lamar, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dr. Elissa Purnell, Savannah State University
- Roenessa Witcher, Savannah State University
- Gabrielle Newton, Savannah State University

Dr. Juan Ramirez, University of Puerto Rico
- Coral Rivera, University of Puerto Rico
- Mairymar Olmo, University of Puerto Rico