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FASEB MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY 2007

Bethesda, MD – FASEB’s MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the Experimental Biology 2007 meeting in Washington, DC, April 28-May 2, 2007. 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 Experimental Biology 2007.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 78 awards totaling $113,100.

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 84,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.
MARC STUDENT DAY PEER MENTORS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Dr. Krista Blackwell, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark
Ms. Tara Brinck, University of Washington
Dr. Juan Bustamante, University of Kansas Medical Center [ENDO member]
Dr. Linda Hammond, University of California, Irvine [ASBMB member]
Dr. Sultan Jenkins, Georgetown University
Dr. L’Aurelle Johnson, University of Minnesota [ASPET member]
Dr. Daniel Lee, University of South Florida, College of Medicine
Ms. Ceceile Mason, Emory University [APS member]
Dr. Monica McLemore, University of California, San Francisco
Dr. Onyinye Franklin Nwagbara, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Dr. Jayne Reuben, Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M University Health System [ASIP member]
Dr. Kennie Shepherd, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital [ASPET and APS member]
Dr. Joe Sweet, Florida A&M University
Dr. Michelle Walker, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Dr. Tracy Womble, University of South Florida, College of Medicine

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POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Sandra Becerra, Texas State University
Rosedelma Diaz-De Leon, University of Puerto Rico
Candice M. Gonzales, Texas State University-San Marcos
Ryan Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign [ACSM member]
Reginald Gray, Case Western Reserve University [ASPET member]
Veronica Lopez, University of California, Davis [ASN member]
Marisa Madison, Meharry Medical College [AAI member]
Kristina Martinez, University of North Carolina [ASBMB member]
Pius Nde, Meharry Medical College [ASBMB member]
Joshua Pyatskowit, University of Minnesota-Duluth [ASN member]
Jose Serrano-Velez, University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras [AAA member]
Tarik Smith, University of Iowa [ASPET member]
Valerie Valencia, Texas State University
Kacie Waiters, Texas State University
Carleta Williams, Long Island University
Shuntae Williams, Meharry Medical College

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

Dr. Mohammad Newaz, Texas Southern University [APS member]
- Adora Obiechina, Texas Southern University
- Leticia Wilson, Texas Southern University

Dr. Catherine Opere, Creighton University [ASPET member]
- Carmen Evans, Creighton University
- Sabrina Scott, Creighton University

Dr. Don Ranatunga, Oakwood College
- Whitney Evans, Oakwood College

Gisselle Velez-Ruiz, University of Michigan Medical School [ASPET member]

Dr. Sandra Murray, University of Pittsburgh [ENDO member]
- Nicole Blackmon, Duquesne University
- Christopher Olson, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Evangeline Motley-Johnson, Meharry Medical College [APS member]
- Glenn Simmons, Meharry Medical College
- Charmaine O’Brien, Meharry Medical College

Dr. Anthony DePass, Long Island University [APS and SDB member]
- Ashley Brown, Long Island University
- Ninochka Jean-Pierre, College of St. Elizabeth

Petrina Barnett, Spelman College
Elizabeth Johnson, Spelman College

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American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology/FASEB
POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS

Abdel Alli, University of South Florida College of Medicine
John Bullen, John Hopkins School of Medicine
Monique j. Carter, Texas Woman’s University
Carla F. Cervantes, University of California, San Diego
Karen D. Corbin, University of South Florida
Tamiika Kache Hurst, University of Michigan
Santiago Lima, University of Georgia
Elaina M. Melton, Albany Medical College
Leah Miller, Meharry Medical College
Natasha Safaee, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Uldaeliz Trujillo, University of Puerto Rico
Bradley Turner, Boston University
William Velez, University of Kentucky
Milka V. Zayas, Ponce School of Medicine

American Society for Investigative Pathology/FASEB
MINORITY TRAINEES

Leslie Caromile, University of Washington School of Medicine
Ruben Dagda, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Veronica M. Henderson, Emory University
Diana Londoño, UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School
Monica Smith, University of Michigan

American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics/FASEB
POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS

Rayna Bauzo, Emory University
Porché D. Kirkland, Emory University
Tracie Locklear, University of Illinois at Chicago
Marcelo de Avilez Rocha, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Dania V. Rossi, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio
Inimary Toby, Ohio State University
Melissa Torres-Altoro, Purdue University
Nichelle Chantil Whitlock, University of Tennessee

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