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MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2008 SACNAS ANNUAL MEETING

Bethesda, MD – FASEB’s MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the 2008 Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 9 - 11, 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 the 2008 SACNAS Annual Meeting.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 10 awards totaling $18,500.

POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Angela Bhalla, University of Texas, Houston
Jerfiz Constanzo, Universidad Metropolitana, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Yimdriuska Magan, University of California, Merced
Nicholas Santistevan, University of New Mexico
Sasha Shekhar, University of California, Santa Barbara

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

- Sharlay K. Butler, Midland Lutheran College, Boise (Student)
- Jennifer King, Meharry Medical College, Nashville (Student)

Gina Garcia, California State University, Fullerton (Faculty)
- Crystal Castellanos, California State University, Fullerton (Student)
- Roberto Flores, California State University, Fullerton (Student)

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.