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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2009 ANNUAL
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE FOR MINORITY STUDENTS 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 2009 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona from November 4-7, 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 the 2009 ABRCMS Meeting. This year MARC conferred 145 awards totaling \$268,250.

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.

FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 90,000 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.

ABRCMS 2009 TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENTS
November 4 – 7, 2009 – Phoenix, AZ

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS STUDENTS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Bruce Boller (Faculty), Bertie High School, North Carolina
Areale Smith, Bertie High School, North Carolina
Ambrose Young, Bertie High School, North Carolina

ABRCMS PEER MENTORS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Liliana Carbajal, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center [SSR member]
Kamilah Grant, Mississippi State University [SSR member]
Brandon Hollis, Louisiana State University [ACSM member]
Stacy Hunter, University of Texas at Austin [ACSM member]
Sheikh Omar Jobe, University of Wisconsin-Madison
George Jules, Meharry Medical College [APS member]
Daniel Lee, University of South Florida
LeeCole Legette, Purdue University [ASN member]
Kimberly Mulligan, Vanderbilt University [APS member]
Mario Navarro, San Diego State University [APS member]
Sarah Piloto, University of California, Irvine [SDB member]
Janice S. Reuben, University of Michigan
Jayne S. Reuben, Baylor College of Dentistry [ASIP member]
Alberto I. Roca, University of California, Irvine [ASBMB member]
Kennie Shepherd, Emory University [APS, ASPET member]
Alex Stewart, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Bolaji Thomas, Rochester Institute of Technology [AAI member]
Jose Torres-Hernandez, Texas Southern University [APS member]
Tamara Tucker, Lawrence Technological University [ASBMB member]
Johanna Vallejo, Midwestern University [APS member]
Tracy Womble, Florida A&M University
Cecelia Yates, University of Pittsburgh [ASIP member]

POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Christine Akoh, University of Georgia
Jorris Alford, Savannah State University
Hari Amin, Temple University
Sunita Amiri, Delaware State University
Augustus S. Augustin, Jr., Medgar Evers College
Abra Barnett, Wayne State University
Charmaine Basug, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Earnest Baulkmon, Savannah State University
Jennifer Brown, Jacksonville State University
Kaydean Brown, Medgar Evers College
Leethaniel Brumfield, North Carolina State University
Halima Buhari, University of Pittsburgh
Mallori Burse, Georgia Institute of Technology
Karlis Butler, University of Houston
Darien Campbell, Savannah State University
Samuel Carpentier, University of Michigan
Jennifer Casanova, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Tierra Cochran, Medgar Evers College
Carolina Corkill, St. Edward's University
Cameron Cribbs, Binghamton University
Peter Cruz-Gordillo, Duke University
Veronica De La Rosa, University of Puerto Rico, Humacao
Olukunle Demuren, Princeton University
TiReJe' Dickson, Savannah State University
Nwamaka Dike, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Sai Sachin Divakaruni, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Cianna Edquilane, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Charles Eke, Delaware State University
Lilian C. Ekwealor, Medgar Evers College
Linda Ekwealor, Medgar Evers College
Sasha Farina, Claremont McKenna College
Khyra Fullen, Marshall University
Jose E. Garcia-Rivera, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Andreas George, University of Florida
Kimeya Ghaderi, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Ciara Gimblet, Howard University
Alain Goldman, LaGuardia Community College
Michael Gomez-Melendez, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey
Jason M. Grant, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Rachana Haliyur, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Dominick Harrison, Delaware State University
Amanda Hernandez, Medgar Evers College
Rafael J. Hernandez, Columbia University
Shaletha Holmes, Savannah State University
Jessica Ibanez, Florida International University
Benedict Ifedi, University of Houston
Bianca Islam, Georgia State University
Michael Jenkins, Jr., University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Melissa Kemp, Williams College
Coridon Laws, Texas Wesleyan University
Brittany Lewis, Savannah State University

Jose Llongueras, University of Texas at Brownsville [SDB member]
Chassidy Mann, University of Georgia
Mariela Martinez-Rivera, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
Saneliso Masuku, Rice University
Rochelle McDonald, Delaware State University
Frenzy Mendoza, Chaminade University of Honolulu [ENDO member]
Sonia Metangmo, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Keyon Mitchell, Loyola Marymount University
Fanshon Montgomery, Alcorn State University
Andrew Morrison, Savannah State University
Eileen Oni, Rowan University
Omobola Onikoyi, University of Rhode Island
Jennifer Onyimba, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Daniela Pinero, Universidad Metropolitana
Adrian Pou, Florida International University
Carolyn Reynolds, Norfolk State University
Chase Richard, Stanford University
Janelle Ruiz, Loyola Marymount University
Jennifer Salame, George Fox University
Farzana Saleem, Georgia State University
Sadella Santos, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Jasmine Smith, Delaware State University
Monica Solomon, University of Florida
Amandajane Stewart, Minot State University
Neil Thompson, Savannah State University
Ruth Tilus, Savannah State University
Myrdich Toribio, Florida International University
Angie Torres-Adorno, University of Puerto Rico, Bayamon
Navpreet Tung, Delaware State University
Indira Turney, The University of the Virgin Islands
Devyani Ujla, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Oluchi Ukaegbu, Delaware State University
Leon Venegas, St. Edward's University
Danielle Ward, Louisiana State University
Fitsum Woldesellassie, Emory University
Thurman Young, Langston University
Zane Young, Minot State University
Lana Zhang, Medical University of South Carolina

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

- Samuel Anador, Medgar Evers College
- Cherryle Brown, Medgar Evers College
- Alexis Clark, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Constance Coggins, College of Southern Maryland
- Jessica Davis, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Renee Fleming, Medgar Evers College
- Anais J. Hall-Garrison, Albany State University
- Ebony Jackson, Rochester Institute of Technology
- Cameron Johnson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Keisha Kelly, Medgar Evers College
- Tiffany Newsome, Wake Forest University
- Michelle Palacios, Cal State University, Los Angeles
- Cory Williamson, Oakwood University

Dr. Jerry Collins, Alabama A&M University [BMES, APS member]

- Courtney Andrews, Alabama A&M University

Dr. Johnny Johnson, Savannah State University

- Dominique Crumbley, Savannah State University
- LaToya Rawls, Savannah State University

Dr. Joel Kawakami, Chaminade University of Honolulu

- Christina Hoang, Chaminade University of Honolulu

Dr. Theresa A. Murray, Yale University [BMES member]

- Rebecca Scott, St. Louis University
- Albert Valadez, Arizona State University

Dr. Nixon Mwebi, Jacksonville State University

- Brian Ogendi, Jacksonville State University
- Calvin Jashua Scott, Jacksonville State University

Dr. Catherine A. Opere, Creighton University [ASPET member]

- Ashley Wright, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Bernard Singleton, Dillard University

- Jaquoia Taylor, Dillard University
- Charmaniquea Zeno, Dillard University