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MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY 2008

Bethesda, MD – FASEB's MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the Experimental Biology 2008 meeting in San Diego, CA, April 5-9, 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 Experimental Biology 2008.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 163 awards totaling \$243,650.

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'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.

EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY 2008 TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENTS

April 5 – 9, 2008 – San Diego, CA

MARC STUDENT DAY TRAVEL AWARD (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Zikar V. Alvin, Howard University
Rachel E. Austin, Howard University
Melanie Barnes, Bertie High School*
Donald Bell, Gwynn Park High School*
Bruce Boller, Bertie High School*
Ethan Boller, Bertie High School*
Lee Bryant, Bertie High School*
Heather Carias, Wheaton High School*
Elizabeth Cherry, Bertie High School*
LaShay Cherry, Bertie High School*
Diana Clarke, College of Southern Maryland
Constance Coggins, La Plata High School*
Emmanuel Epie, College of Southern Maryland
Dr. Georges Haddad, Howard University
Natasha Haddad, Wheaton High School*
Porché K. Henry, Emory University
Jennifer M. King, Meharry Medical College
Ramatu Koroma, Gwynn Park High School*
Jacqueline D. Lamar, Claflin University
Kelly Medina, Wheaton High School*
Domonique Miles, Gwynn Park High School*
Irene Neequaye, Wheaton High School*
Brittney Payton, Bertie High School*
Dr. Coggins R. Turner, College of Southern Maryland
Jeffrey Veal, Bertie High School*
Amairah Yates, College of Southern Maryland
Teresa Ramirez, University of Southern California

MARC STUDENT DAY PEER MENTORS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Juan J. Bustamante, Texas A&M Health Science Center
Martin Farias III, Texas A&M Health Science Center [APS member]
Linda Hammond, University of California, Irvine [ASBMB member]
Sultan Jenkins, Georgetown University Medical Center
Daniel Lee, University of South Florida
Angela Mwaniki, General Mills, Inc. [ASN member]
Janice S. Reuben, University of Michigan
Jayne S. Reuben, Baylor College of Dentistry [ASIP member]
Alberto Roca, University of California, Irvine [ASBMB member]
Tamara Tucker, University of Michigan, [ASBMB member]
Kennie Shepherd, Emory University [APS, ASPET member]
Michelle Walker, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
Angela S. Whatley, University of Missouri
Tracy Womble, University of Southern Florida

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*High School Honors Program

POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS (FASEB MARC PROGRAM)

Stacey L. Borrego, University of Arizona
Sonya Coaxum, Medical University of South Carolina [APS member]
Carlos Diaz-Balzac, Albert Einstein College of Medicine [AAA member]
Natasha Flores, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Gennifer Goode, Meharry Medical College
Anthony Hutchinson, University of Arizona [ASPET member]
Kathryn Jacques, Rutgers University [APS member]
George E. Jules, Meharry Medical College [APS member]
LeeCole Leggett, Purdue University [ASN member]
Veronica Lopez, Penn State University, [ASN member]
Kenyatta Lucas, Schepens Eye Research Institute
Carla Matos-Rodriguez, University of Puerto Rico
Oneil Newell, Florida A&M University
Onyebuchi Okezie, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Ogbeyalu Onumah, Meharry Medical College [APS member]
Karl Pendergrass, Wake Forest University [APS member]
Jessica Perez, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Felicia Rabey, University of Mississippi [ASPET member]
Farah Ramirez-Marrero, Mayo Clinic [APS member]
Marly Roche, Boston University
Lucia Seminario-Vidal, University of North Carolina [APS member]
Jillian Silva, University of California-Davis [ASBMB member]
Radhika Tunstall, North Dakota State University [ASPET member]
Onyeka Uzomah, California State University-Dominguez Hills [ASPET member]
Lissette Velasquez, University of Arizona
Rafael Villarreal-Calderon, The University of Montana [ASIP member]

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

Dr. Caroline B. Appleyard, Ponce School of Medicine [APS member]
- Zelinette Alvarado, University of Puerto Rico

Dr. Vernon Bond, Howard University [APS member]
- Madiha Khan, Howard University
- Byron Branch, Howard University

Dr. Bernell R. Coleman, Howard University [APS member]
- Valerie Cousins, Howard University

Dr. Oswald D' Auvergne, Southern University
- Donovan Guidry, Southern University and A&M College
- Tranole Joseph, Southern University and A&M College

Dr. Willis H. Jacob, Southern University and A&M College [APS member]
- Brandon Griffin, Southern University and A&M College
- Dexter Reynolds, Southern University and A&M College

Dr. Evangeline Motley-Johnson, Meharry Medical College [APS member]
- Brent Williams, Tennessee State University

Dr. Mohammad A. Newaz, Texas Southern University [APS member]

- Brian Mitchell, Texas Southern University

- Mine Mpanugo, Texas Southern University

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

- Joseph Lamar, University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Patricia Timothee, University of Delaware

Dr. Don Rufus Ranatunga, Oakwood University

- Tara Blanchard, Oakwood University

-Jonathan Stateson, Baylor College of Dentistry, Texas A&M Health Science Center

Dr. Laurey Steinke, University of Nebraska Medical Center [ABRF member]

- Sharlay Butler, Midland Lutheran College

Dr. Ronald D. Thomas, Florida A&M University

- Yasmeen Nkruma-Eli, Florida A&M University

- LaShaundra Taylor, Florida A&M University

Dr. Momoh A. Yakuba, Texas Southern University [APS member]

- Adele Bailes, Texas Southern University

- Obugo Ogar, Texas Southern University

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EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY 2008: SOCIETY PARTNER DIVERSITY TRAVEL AWARDS

The American Association of Immunologists/FASEB FACULTY/MENTOR & STUDENT/MEENTEES

Dr. David Artis, University of Pennsylvania [AAI member]
- Steven A. Saenz, University of Pennsylvania [AAI member]

Dr. Lori Covey, Rutgers University [AAI member]
- Anibal J. Valentin-Acevedo, Rutgers University [AAI member]

Dr. Donna Farber, University of Maryland, Baltimore [AAI member]
- John R. Teijaro, University of Maryland, Baltimore [AAI member]

Dr. Stephen M. Hedrick, University of California, San Diego [AAI member]
- Roberto Tinoco, University of California, San Diego [AAI member]

Dr. Elizabeth Hiltbold, Wake Forest University [AAI member]
- Curtis J. Henry, Wake Forest University [AAI member]
- LaToya Mitchell, Wake Forest University [AAI member]

Dr. James Lillard, University of Louisville [AAI member]
- LaSharon D. Mosley, University of Louisville [AAI member]

Dr. Fernando Villalta, Meharry Medical College [AAI member]
- Marisa Madison, Meharry Medical College [AAI member]

Dr. Ram Pyare Singh, UCLA, David Geffen School of Medicine [AAI member]
- Michelle Palacios, University of California, Los Angeles [AAI member]

The American Association of Immunologists/FASEB TRAINEE AND JUNIOR FACULTY

Margaret S. Bynoe, Cornell University [AAI member]
Gregory B. Carey, University of Maryland, Baltimore [AAI member]
Claudia M. Diaz, Medical University of South Carolina [AAI member]
Marcella Flores, Columbia University [AAI member]
Jennifer B. Hernandez, University of California, Irvine [AAI member]
Tanisha A. Jackson, University of Alabama at Birmingham [AAI member]
Patricia Kiesler, University of Arizona [AAI member]
Juan S. Leon, Emory University [AAI member]
Dennis Montoya, University of California, Los Angeles [AAI member]
Thandi Onami, University of Tennessee [AAI member]
Antonio J. Pagán, University of Minnesota [AAI member]
Jacqueline Perez, University of Kentucky [AAI member]
Udai P. Singh, Morehouse School of Medicine [AAI member]
Bolaji Thomas, University of Pennsylvania [AAI member]

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

Abdel Alli, University of South Florida College of Medicine [ASBMB member]
Shonoi Barnett, University of Buffalo
John W. Bullen, Jr., John Hopkins School of Medicine
Jessica L. Gadsden, Meharry Medical College
Carolyn A. Kitchens, University of Pittsburgh [ASBMB member]
Melinda S. Loera, Adelphi University
Elaina M. Melton, Albany Medical College
Leah R. Miller, Meharry Medical College
Elizabeth Quezada, University of California – Berkeley [ASBMB member]
Linda Rivera, University of Puerto Rico, Science Medical Campus
Monica C. Rodrigo Brenni, University of California, San Francisco
Javier Suarez, University of New York
Thyneice Taylor, Tennessee State University
Randy Vazquez, University of Arizona
Paula E. Wisdom, Texas Tech University

**American Society for Investigative Pathology/FASEB
MINORITY TRAINEES**

Jennifer C. Carter, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill [ASIP member]
Devin L. Horton, University of Michigan [ASIP member]
Courtnei T. Newsome, Brown University [ASIP member]
Jessica E. Rodriguez, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill [ASIP member]
Cecelia C. Yates, Tuskegee University [ASIP member]

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

Monica M. Arnold, University of California, Irvine [ASPET member]
Taiese C. Bingham, New York University School of Medicine [ASPET member]
Davelene D. Israel, University of Arizona College of Pharmacy [ASPET member]
Veronica R. Mackey, Meharry Medical College [ASPET member]
Natavia Middleton, University of South Alabama [ASPET member]
Marjelo A. Mines, Meharry Medical College [ASPET member]
Uade Olaghère da Silva, Vanderbilt University [ASPET member]
Shala L. Thomas, Emory University School of Medicine [ASPET member]
Melissa I. Torres-Altóro, Purdue University [ASPET member]

American Society of Nutrition/FASEB POSTER/ORAL PRESENTERS

Joeva Hepburn, University of Florida [ASN member]
Bradley S. Ferguson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro [ASN member]
Yvette Paulino, University of Hawaii, Manoa [ASN member]
Fatima J. Zapata, University Illinois [ASN member]

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