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Dr. Erich Jarvis, a former MBRS and MARC program participant, was named the recipient of the 2002 Waterman Award. For more on the award, see page 12.



## MARC AND MBRS PROGRAMS

### *Reach 30 Years*

BY SUSAN ATHEY, NIGMS

**This is a special year for the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS). Not only is 2002 the year the Institute commemorates its 40th anniversary, it also marks a special commitment the Institute made 30 years ago—an investment in minorities pursuing careers in biomedical and behavioral research.**

July 30, 2002, marks the 30th anniversary of NIGMS' Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) and Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) programs. These programs support research and research training and are designed to increase the number of minority biomedical scientists.

For 30 years, the MARC and MBRS programs have supported undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students, as well as faculty members. The programs have also provided funds for education and research infrastructure improvements at institutions throughout the United States. The MARC and MBRS programs have provided participants with training opportunities, laboratory equipment and supplies, mentors and role models, and, very often, a student's first experience in a "real" research lab.

Opportunities provided through the MARC and MBRS programs inspire and motivate the next generation of biomedical scientists and provide a solid foundation for success. ●





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## Important Events in MARC and MBRS History

**1962** Congress creates NIGMS with Public Law 87-838, authorizing the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) to establish an institute to support research and research training in the basic medical sciences and in related natural or behavioral sciences.

**1963** The Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare approves establishment of NIGMS, with Dr. Clinton C. Powell as its first director. The National Advisory General Medical Sciences (NAGMS) Council holds its first meeting.

**1964** Dr. Frederick L. Stone is named NIGMS director. Dr. Geraldine P. Woods is appointed to the NAGMS Council.

**1965–1969** An analysis indicates that minority institutions receive less than \$2 million in research grants from NIH, 80 percent of which goes to Howard University in Washington, DC, and Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. Approximately 1 out of every 400 NIH grants is awarded to a minority institution.



Dr. Geraldine Woods

**1969** Stone asks Woods to serve as a special consultant to the Office of the Director, NIGMS, with the assignment of working out a plan for developing training and research programs for historically Black colleges and universities. Woods, Stone, and other NIGMS

staff members, including Dr. Charles Miller and Dr. Carl Kuether, write to and visit a number of these schools. During these visits, they assess faculty, institutional, and student needs.

**1970** Woods presents her findings at a meeting that includes NIH Director Dr. Robert Q. Marston and the directors of the individual NIH institutes. She reports that minority institutions are eager to improve their research facilities, to increase student and faculty research training capabilities, to enhance science curricula, and to provide for faculty development. She

also contacts Senator Edward Brooke of Massachusetts, Representative Louis Stokes of Ohio, and Representative Augustus Hawkins of California to discuss the Institute's activities and proposed support mechanisms. Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., is named NIGMS director.

**1971** In February, President Richard Nixon includes a section titled "Special Help for Black Institutions" in a message to Congress. The Senate Committee on Appropriations of the 92nd Congress, under the leadership of Senator Edward Brooke, issues a report in July that recommends that \$2 million be used under the authority of Section 301(c) of the amended PHS Act to launch the Minority Schools Biomedical Support (MSBS) program in 1972.

**1972** The MSBS program awards grants to 38 "charter" minority institutions in June. The program, administered by the NIH Division of Research Resources (DRR), involves 199 faculty members, 288 undergraduates, 44 graduate students, and 1 postdoctoral student. It includes 32 predominantly Black, 1 Native American, 1 Hawaiian, 1 Puerto Rican, and 3 mainland Hispanic institutions. Encouraged by Senator Brooke, the MARC Visiting Scientist and Faculty Fellowship programs are officially established. The first faculty fellows receive their awards in August.

**1973** The first MSBS symposium is held in April at Xavier University in New Orleans, LA. In attendance are 250 faculty members and students, as well as several invited speakers from NIH. The attendees present 76 papers. MSBS expands in September to include tribal colleges run by Native American reservations. As a result of this expanded eligibility, it is considered inappropriate to retain the word "schools" in the program's title, which is changed to the Minority Biomedical Support (MBS) program.

**1974** Dr. Ruth L. Kirschstein is appointed NIGMS director. The second



Dr. Ruth Kirschstein

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annual MBS symposium includes the first meeting of the program directors with NIH MBS program staff.

**1975** MARC is officially established as a program under the authority of Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act to assist minority institutions in developing strong undergraduate curricula in biomedical sciences and to stimulate undergraduates' interest in biomedical research. NIH Director Dr. Robert S. Stone requests the coordination of all existing or planned minority research and training support activities. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and the National Cancer Institute are the first NIH components to co-fund MBS grants.

Dr. Ciriaco Q. Gonzales is appointed MBS program director. The MBS program becomes a separate branch in the Division of Research Resources.

**1976** Elward Bynum is appointed MARC program director.

**1977** The MARC Honors Undergraduate Research Training (HURT) program begins with 12 grants supporting 93 trainees and a budget of almost \$1 million. The May issue of the *NIH Research Resources Reporter* states that 399 MBS-trained students have graduated with degrees in science and of these, 297 are pursuing advanced degrees. In December, the MBS Program Directors Organization is formed.

**1978** The sixth annual MBS symposium features for the first time an address by a Nobel laureate, Dr. William Lipscomb (chemistry, 1976). The meeting, held at the Atlanta University Center in Georgia, is expanded to include paid exhibitors. The meeting is dedicated to Woods.

Dr. Richard M. Eakin, professor emeritus of zoology at the University of California, Berkeley, becomes the first MARC Visiting Scientist. He spends a semester at Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

**1980** The MARC HURT program receives its largest budgetary increase to date—from \$1.8 to \$3.3 million, allowing 13 new programs to be

added. The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) begins its Visiting Scientists Program for Minority Institutions with support from the MARC program.

**1981** The MARC Predoctoral Fellowship is established to provide further incentive to graduates of the MARC honors undergraduate program to obtain research training in the nation's best graduate programs. In September, the first MARC Scholars Conference and Program Directors Meeting takes place in Bethesda, MD. Several NIH scientists attend and give seminars on their research. Special workshops provide students with information on graduate schools, test-taking skills, and summer research opportunities.

**1982** MBS is renamed the Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) program to reflect the program's research scope.

**1983** The MBRS Associate Investigator program is founded to provide an opportunity for minority students to participate in ongoing biomedical research under the supervision of established investigators at certain institutions.

**1984** The MARC HURT program has 389 undergraduate trainees in 52 programs involving 56 institutions, and over 800 alumni. The MARC budget is almost \$5 million. By the end of the year, all categorical institutes at NIH are co-funding MBRS projects.

**1985** The MARC program grants 15 faculty fellowships, the highest number in any single year to date. The Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences publishes *Minority Access to Research Careers: An Evaluation of the Honors Undergraduate Research Training Program*. Written by Dr. Howard H. Garrison and Ms. Prudence W. Brown, the report states that 76 percent of former MARC trainees had enrolled in graduate or professional school.

**1986** The MBRS program grows to include 100 institutions. At the 14th annual MBRS symposium, program directors express their desire for a history of MBRS to be written from the perspective of grantees. The document, *The History of the Minority Biomedical*

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*Research Support Program*, is written by Dr. Joyce Verrett and published in 1988. The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) begins its Visiting Scientists Program with support from MARC.

**1987** NIH celebrates its centennial. The first combined meeting of the MARC and MBRS programs, titled the “NIH Centennial MBRS-MARC Symposium” takes place in Arlington, VA, in October.

The MBRS and MARC programs, in collaboration with Howard University in Washington, DC, produce a 15th anniversary video titled “A Time for Celebration.”

**1988** The Task Force on Women, Minorities, and the Handicapped in Science and Technology issues an interim report to President Ronald Reagan titled *Changing America: The New Face of Science and Engineering*. The task force concludes that the United States can meet future potential shortfalls of scientists and engineers only by reaching out and bringing members of underrepresented groups into research careers. The report states that the MARC program is “closest to what we need today. MARC is a prime example of a successful Federal intervention program.” The report also found MBRS to be “effective in enhancing the research careers of faculty.”

**1989** The administration of the MBRS program is transferred from DRR to NIGMS. NIH establishes the Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities program in April to support minority scientists working with NIH grantees. NIGMS makes its first 15 awards under the program.

**1990** The first annual NIGMS Minority Programs Symposium, a combined meeting of the MARC and MBRS programs, takes place in October at the Convention Center in Nashville, TN. More than 1,800 students and faculty members from over 125 grantee colleges and universities attend. Dr. Stanley Cohen, a 1986 Nobel Prize winner in physiology or medicine, gives the keynote address.

**1991** The NIGMS Minority Opportunities in Research (MORE) programs branch (now known

as the MORE Division) is established to serve as the focal point for the Institute’s efforts to increase the number and capabilities of minority individuals engaged in biomedical research and teaching.

NIGMS grants individual predoctoral fellowships to 65 minority students; another 36 awards are made through co-funding arrangements with the NIH Office of Minority Programs and several other NIH components. NIH awards over \$20 million through the Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities Program. NIGMS grants the highest number of supplements throughout NIH, providing almost \$4 million in funding. The MBRS budget is approximately \$31 million, and the MARC budget is approximately \$13 million.

The first issue of the *NIGMS Minority Programs Update* is published.

**1992** The MARC and MBRS programs celebrate their 20th anniversary. NIGMS celebrates its 30th anniversary.

**1993** The first Bridges to the Future awards are made to 12 institutions. The total cost of the 2-year awards is \$3.4 million. The program is a joint initiative of NIGMS and the NIH Office of Research on Minority Health.

**1994** Dr. Clifton Poodry is named first director of the MORE Division, Dr. Adolphus Toliver is appointed MARC program director.



Dr. Clifton Poodry

**1995** Under the leadership of Poodry, the MORE Division begins a review and assessment of its programs’ goals and objectives. As part of this review, in January 1995 the NAGMS Council endorses a set of “guiding principles” for all present and future programs of the MORE Division.



NIGMS conducts a series of surveys to gather information on the outcomes of the MARC HURT program and to determine specific characteristics of the training pathways of MARC students. The results are published in the report, *A Study of the Minority Access to Research Careers Honors Undergraduate Research Training Program*. The study notes that MARC students have pursued and obtained graduate degrees at higher rates than minority bachelor's degree recipients in biology and chemistry who did not participate in the MARC program.

**1996** The MARC HURT program is replaced by the MARC Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (U\*STAR) program in order to reflect the need for continual improvement in institutional programs. The U\*STAR program enables each applicant institution to design a program that emphasizes its environment, mission, and strengths and to set specific objectives and measurable goals against which it will be evaluated when it recompetes for funding.

The MORE Faculty Development and Initiative for Minority Student Development (IMSD) awards are established.

Dr. Ernest Marquez is named MBRS program director. Dr. Marvin Cassman is appointed NIGMS director.

**1997** In an effort to increase the number of participants and flexibility of student development activities, the MBRS program announces major changes in its grant programs. The traditional MBRS grant mechanisms are replaced with two new initiatives: Support of Continuous Research Excellence (SCORE) and Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE). These programs join the existing MBRS IMSD program.

**1998** The Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award (IRACDA) is announced in an effort to facilitate the progress of postdoctoral candidates toward research and teaching careers in academia.

**1999** NIGMS and the Indian Health Service (IHS) bring together Native American scientists from around the country to discuss the research training needs of Native Americans. Recommendations

include encouraging Native American tribes to participate in research as applicant organizations; supporting and extending successful training activities of Native American scientific societies, including programs targeting pre-college students; and enhancing the outreach activities of existing clinical and community-based research programs.

**2000** As a result of the 1999 meeting with Native American scientists, NIGMS and IHS begin collaborating on the Native American Research Centers for Health program.

NIGMS publishes the report *The Careers and Professional Activities of Former NIGMS Minority Access to Research Careers Predoctoral Fellows*. Overall, the results of this study show a favorable achievement pattern for former MARC predoctoral fellows.

**2001** The MORE Division announces the Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) to encourage underrepresented minorities who hold a recent baccalaureate degree in a biomedically relevant science to pursue a research career.

In 2001, 683 faculty members at 113 institutions worked on 407 MBRS research projects, and 1,195 undergraduate and 765 graduate students participated in these projects as research assistants. The number of MBRS student participants has nearly doubled since 1997.

MARC support in 2001 went to 647 students at 63 institutions that participated in the undergraduate program; 45 students who received MARC predoctoral fellowships; 2 faculty members who received training and/or degrees through the faculty fellowship program; and 75 NIH predoctoral fellowships, 25 of which were new in fiscal year 2001.

**2002** NIGMS celebrates its 40th anniversary, and the MARC and MBRS programs commemorate 30 years.

The MARC program budget is nearly \$31 million, and the MBRS program budget is approximately \$92 million. ●



## **MBRS Charter Schools — 1972**

Albany State College	Lincoln University (Missouri)
Atlanta University Center	Lincoln University (Pennsylvania)
Atlanta University	Meharry Medical College
Clark College	New Mexico Highlands University
Morehouse College	Norfolk State College
Morris Brown College	North Carolina A&T State University
Spelman College	North Carolina Central University
Bennett College	Oakwood College
Bishop College	Pan American University
Catholic University of Puerto Rico	Rust College
Central State University	Shaw University
Cheyney State College	South Carolina State College
Chicago State University	Southeastern State College
Coppin State College	Southern University, Baton Rouge
Delaware State College	Southern University, New Orleans
Dillard University	Texas Southern University
Federal City College	University of Hawaii
Fisk University	University of Texas at El Paso
Hampton Institute	Virginia Union University
Howard University	Winston-Salem University
Jackson State College	Xavier University
Johnson C. Smith University	

## **Initial MARC Honors Undergraduate Institutions — 1977**

Atlanta University Center	Prairie View A&M University
Clark College	Talladega College
Morehouse College	Texas Southern University
Morris Brown College	Tougaloo College
Spelman College	University of New Mexico
Benedict College	
City University of New York, Medgar Evers College	
Jackson State University	
Johnson C. Smith University	
New Mexico State University	
Northeast Oklahoma State University	



## FROM THE MORE DIRECTOR *MARC and MBRS: A Reflection*

BY CLIFTON POODRY, PH.D.

**Anniversaries are special occasions. They give us the opportunity to reflect on the past and our accomplishments over the years, as well as the chance to think about the future and things we'd like to change.**

I came to NIGMS as MORE director in 1994. At that time, the MARC and MBRS programs were well established. However, change was anticipated with my arrival and, in many cases, was met with much anxiety. The long-time director of the MARC program, Elward Bynum, had retired. The MBRS program was still adjusting to the move from DRR to NIGMS. An advisory group that met in 1992 gave a strong message that student apprentice positions should only be placed in actively publishing labs that had extramural funding. Competition for NIH funding was fierce, as the number of applications was many times more than could be funded. Applicants for MBRS funding worried that they would not get a review that considered the context of the applicant institution. Others worried that any new initiatives would only come at the expense of existing programs—a worry that pitted grantees of long standing with potential new applicants.

The big issue before us was how to level the playing field so that small schools weren't competing head to head with larger, better-funded schools without resorting to set-asides. That led to the MORE Division's guiding principle that all programs would be developmental rather than merely sustaining—and that all institutions could improve.

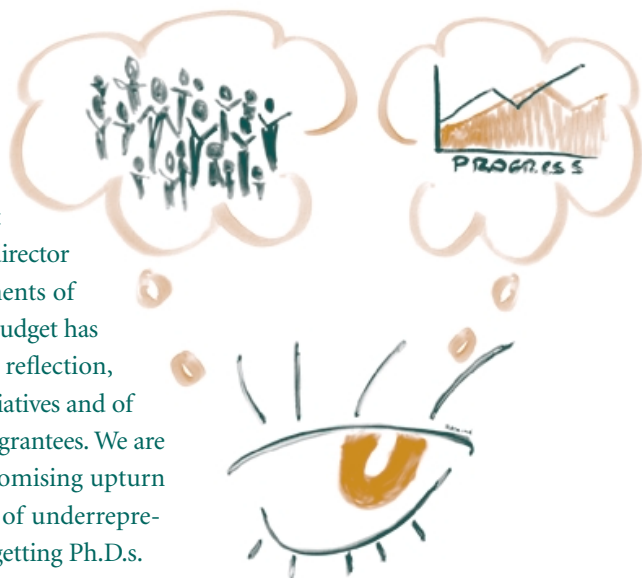
We reasoned that the improvement of an institution could be measured against its own baseline, thus avoiding a competition between the large and the small. The applicants could set goals and objectives that were pertinent to their specific institutional ambitions. They could evaluate their progress toward their own stated objectives. Merely allowing the applicants to specify their own objectives and to evaluate themselves did not reduce anxiety. In fact, the burden of evaluation may have been an added problem.

Over the past 8 years, the MORE Division has enjoyed unflagging support from the NIGMS director and other components of the Institute. The budget has grown threefold, a reflection, in part, of new initiatives and of strong progress by grantees. We are pleased to see a promising upturn in the percentages of underrepresented minorities getting Ph.D.s.

In the MORE Division, we are always seeking ways to improve our programs. We listen carefully to concerns raised by grantees and would-be grantees at various meetings, both public and private. Input from the community is essential to our doing our job well, and we invite your comments and suggestions for continued improvement. ●

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## National Meeting to Commemorate Anniversaries

BY SUSAN ATHEY, NIGMS

**The second Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) will mark the 40th anniversary of NIGMS and the 30th anniversary of the MARC and MBRS programs in grand style—from a panel discussion with Nobel laureates to an awards ceremony and dinner. Sponsored by NIGMS and managed by the American Society for Microbiology, the national meeting will be held November 13–16 in New Orleans, LA.**

The ABRCMS brings together MORE program participants, academic administrators, grant officials, and the scientific community. The meeting features scientific sessions, professional development workshops, a student poster session, exhibits, and networking opportunities.

Anniversary-related festivities begin on Thursday, November 14 with a panel discussion titled “Leaders in Scientific Discovery: Conversations with Nobel Laureates and a Potential.” Featured speakers include Dr. Alfred G. Gilman, winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine;

Dr. Thomas R. Cech, winner of the 1989 Nobel Prize in chemistry; and Dr. Erich D. Jarvis, recipient of the 2002 Waterman Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to a young investigator. Also featured will be a panel of MARC and MBRS program alumni who will discuss their scientific accomplishments and career pathways in the biomedical sciences. Later that evening, an awards banquet will include remarks by Dr. Ruth L. Kirschstein, NIH deputy director; and a keynote address by the Honorable Louis Stokes, former U.S. Congressman. Kirschstein played a key role in creating the MARC and MBRS programs while she was director of NIGMS, and Stokes was the programs’ advocate and strong supporter in Congress. ●

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*More information on the 2002 ABRCMS meeting, including the full conference agenda, can be found on the ABRCMS meeting Web site at <http://www.abrcms.org>.*

## NIGMS Director Leaves for “QB3”

BY ALISA ZAPP MACHALEK, NIGMS

After 27 years at NIGMS—the last 5 as its director—Dr. Marvin Cassman left the Institute in May to become the first director of “QB3,” the California-based Institute for Quantitative Biomedical Research.

During his tenure as NIGMS director, Cassman broadened the Institute’s focus to promote quantitative, interdisciplinary approaches to problems of biomedical significance. He championed these studies as the gateway to understanding normal cellular functioning and ultimately to advances in disease diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. In addition, he was a strong supporter of, and an advocate for, NIGMS’ minority programs.

Cassman has served NIGMS in various capacities since 1975. He started as a health scientist administrator, then founded and directed the NIGMS program in biophysics and physiological sciences, rose to deputy director, and finally became director of the Institute in August 1996.

Consistent with his interest in science policy, Cassman served as a legislative fellow on the staff of the House Subcommittee on Science, Research, and Technology; and as senior policy analyst in the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

While at NIGMS, Cassman developed policies to encourage researchers to bridge the gap between the physical and life sciences. At QB3, he will be working closely with scientists doing just that. QB3, a consortium of University of California schools in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Santa Cruz, was established in December 2000. The institute focuses on areas such as bioengineering, structural biology, bioinformatics, and the analysis of complex biological systems.

“The opportunity to implement something that we’ve tried to facilitate is very exciting, especially at institutions of the caliber of UCSF, UC Santa Cruz, and Berkeley,” said Cassman. ●





## NIGMS Research Training Programs

NIGMS sponsors research training programs in a variety of areas to ensure that there are adequate numbers of highly trained biomedical and behavioral scientists. The programs recognize the interdisciplinary nature of biomedical research today and stress approaches to biological problems that cut across disciplinary and departmental lines. Information on NIGMS research training programs can be found on the Web at <http://www.nigms.nih.gov/funding/trngmech.html>.

Certain NIGMS training programs address areas in which there is a particularly serious need for well-prepared scientists. One of these, the Medical Scientist Training Program, provides investigators who can bridge the gap between basic and clinical research by supporting research training leading to the combined M.D.-Ph.D. degree. Other programs train scientists to conduct research in the rapidly growing field of biotechnology and at the interface between the fields of chemistry and biology. NIGMS also has a Pharmacology Research Associate Program, in which postdoctoral scientists receive training in pharmacology in NIH and FDA laboratories and clinics. Information on the PRAT Program can be found on the Web at [http://www.nigms.nih.gov/about\\_nigms/prat.html](http://www.nigms.nih.gov/about_nigms/prat.html). ●



NIGMS has flyers available for the following research training programs: Medical Scientist, Biotechnology, and Clinical Pharmacology. The flyers contain an overview of the programs, eligibility requirements, and lists of participating institutions. Free copies of the flyers can be requested by contacting:  
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### Komisaruk Joins NIGMS

BY SUSAN ATHEY, NIGMS

Dr. Barry R. Komisaruk recently joined NIGMS as a program director in the MORE Division. He comes to NIGMS from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, where he was a professor in the department of psychology and director of the university's MBRS program.

Komisaruk earned a B.S. in biology from the City University of New York, City College, and a Ph.D. in psychobiology from Rutgers. He conducted postdoctoral research as a National Institute of Mental Health fellow at the Brain Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles. His research interests include the neurophysiology, pharmacology, and endocrinology of reproductive behavior, and analgesia in laboratory animals and humans.

Komisaruk has authored over 140 research articles and is a member of several professional societies, including the Society for Neuroscience and the American Physiological Society. ●



# Profile

## ANNETTE BREWSTER

*This special section profiles former MORE participants who have excelled in their fields. We hope that the profiles will give students an idea of the types of careers available with science degrees and the paths others have taken to achieve those careers.*

### A Large Dose of Strength and Determination

BY JILLIENE MITCHELL, NIGMS

“I first became interested in science in high school,” said Annette Brewster, a recent graduate in biochemistry from Hunter College of the City University of New York.

“I was always fascinated with how things worked or functioned,” she added.

Brewster’s fascination for science motivated her to pursue a college degree. In the spring of 1996, she left her public service job and entered LaGuardia Community College of the City University of New York to study to become a science teacher. But going to school would be a challenging task for

**“If I can teach one child a little of what I have learned, it would be worth it.”**

Brewster—she was already a wife and the mother of three children.

One can infer that Brewster’s college experience was different from that of the average undergraduate student. Carrying more responsibilities than most students, Brewster said her formula for success was “hard work, planning, and discipline.” She had to manage helping her children with homework while trying to complete her own assignments, and there were even times she had to take her children to class with her. In addition, there were financial concerns to deal with.

Despite the many obstacles Brewster faced, she persevered. She eventually entered the Bridges to the Baccalaureate program, which provided her with financial support to continue her education.

“The Bridges program was indeed motivation for me to continue, and it also provided me with a buffer when things got tough,” Brewster said.

The program allowed her to work under the mentorship of Dr. Clara Wu, a professor in the department of natural and applied science at LaGuardia Community College, whom she refers to as her “second mother.” Wu gave Brewster the opportunity to perform hands-on experiments and make presentations of her research to peers and professors.

In addition, the Bridges program, which helps students make the transition from 2-year community colleges to 4-year baccalaureate programs, enabled Brewster to transfer to Hunter College. At Hunter, Brewster also participated in the MBRS program.

Brewster said she loves science because it allows her to learn new things. She enjoys working in a lab, conducting research, and seeing the outcome of her projects. Her enthusiasm for science is what inspired her to continue her education and to eventually become a teacher, so that she can share her knowledge with others.

“If I can teach one child a little of what I have learned, it would be worth it,” she explained.

Brewster’s drive and determination come not only from her passion for science, but from the encouragement



of her mother, whom she considers her role model.

“My mother grew up in the Caribbean and was a housewife, but she always made us feel that there was nothing we couldn’t do,” she said.

Her mother, like herself, struggled and sacrificed for her children, and emphasized the importance of education to them. This, in turn, motivated Brewster and her siblings and gave them the strength to strive for excellence.

Although she faced difficult circumstances, Brewster was able to reach her goal of earning her bachelor’s degree. ●

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*If you know an outstanding former MARC, MBRS, or Bridges participant who has excelled professionally and you would like to nominate that person as a future Update profile subject, please let us know. Your suggestions are always welcome.*





## NEWS

### and Notes

- **Dr. Erich D. Jarvis**, a former participant in two NIGMS minority programs, received the 2002 Alan T. Waterman Award, which honors a U.S. scientist who is at the forefront of science or engineering. It is the highest honor for a young researcher given by NSF.

Jarvis participated in the MARC and MBRS programs as an undergraduate student at the City University of New York, Hunter College, where he received a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics in 1988. He went on to become a MARC predoctoral fellow at The Rockefeller University, where he received a Ph.D. in molecular neurobiology and animal behavior in 1995. Following postdoctoral work at Rockefeller, he became an assistant professor in the department of neurobiology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. His research interests include the neurobiology of vocal communication in songbirds, with an emphasis on the molecular pathways involved in the perception and production of learned vocalizations.

Jarvis received the award, which consists of a medal and a grant of \$500,000 over 3 years for his scientific research, during a ceremony in Washington, DC, on May 7.

- Two MORE program directors were among the most recent recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. The awards, which are presented annually, recognize influential institutions and individuals who have been leaders in encouraging minorities, women, and disabled persons to pursue careers in the scientific and engineering labor force. The recipients included **Dr. Therese Markow**, a Regents professor of ecology and evolutionary biology at

the University of Arizona, Tucson, and **Dr. Bharati Mehrotra**, a professor of biology at Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

Markow is the former MARC program director at Arizona State University and is currently the IRACDA director at the University of Arizona. Mehrotra was the MARC program director at Tougaloo College prior to her retirement in May.

Markow and Mehrotra were among 10 individuals and 10 institutions who received awards. The awards were established by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in 1996 and are administered by NSF. Award recipients attended a ceremony in December in Washington, DC, and were presented with a \$10,000 grant and a commemorative Presidential certificate.

- **Dr. Chellu Chetty**, the MBRS program director and a biology professor at Savannah State University (SSU), was selected to receive the American College of Toxicology President's Award for the best paper of the year in the field of toxicology. The paper, "Perinatal Lead Exposure Alters the Expression of Neuronal Nitric Oxide Synthase in Rat Brain," was published in the *International Journal of Toxicology* (for the full citation, see the Selected Publications section). Chetty received the award during the society's annual meeting in November in Washington, DC.

- **Dr. Laura J. Robles**, the MBRS program director at California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), received the Cesar Chavez Education, Equity, and Justice Award from the Latino Student and Faculty Association of CSUDH in April. Robles, a biology professor, was recognized for her efforts to enhance the quality of life and educational experience at the university.

- **Dr. Ben Yaspelkis**, an MBRS investigator at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), was elected a fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine. Yaspelkis is an assistant professor in the department of kinesiology at CSUN, where he also serves as director of the exercise physiology and biochemistry laboratories. The American College of Sports Medicine promotes and integrates scientific research, education, and practical applications of sports medicine and exercise science to maintain and enhance physical performance, fitness, health, and quality of life.

- **Dr. Ernest Márquez**, director of the MBRS program at NIGMS since 1996, left the Institute in January to accept a position with the National Institute of Mental Health, another NIH component. In his new position, Márquez serves as associate director for special populations, where he leads the strategic planning effort to reduce mental health disparities and increase diversity among the nation's scientists conducting brain and behavioral research.

- The **Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science** (SACNAS) received the 2002 National Science Board Public Service Award for outstanding contributions to communicating, promoting, and helping to develop broad public policy in science and engineering. SACNAS was recognized for "giving information, support, guidance, and mentoring to budding young Latino and Native American scientists and engineers." At its annual conference, which NIGMS co-sponsors, SACNAS provides opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in their first scientific meeting and hear talks by leading scientists.



- The **CSUDH Chapter of Sigma Xi** received the organization's first annual Diversity Award for its support of the CSUDH annual Students Trained in Academic Research Symposium, which features the research results of the university's MBRS, MARC, and Bridges to the Baccalaureate program participants.

- The **Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)** Visiting Scientists Program for Minority Institutions sponsored 13 faculty members recently. The program is designed to strengthen the research and teaching capabilities at minority institutions by sponsoring visits of prominent scientists who are active members of FASEB societies. The visiting scientists, listed with their home/host institutions, were: **Dr. Durisala Desai**, University of Mississippi Medical Center/SSU; **Dr. Stephen Dewhurst**, University of Rochester Medical Center/University of the Virgin Islands; **Dr. Margarita Dubocovich**, Northwestern University/Morehouse School of Medicine; **Dr. Richard Dukelow**, High Meadows Enterprise/Jackson State University; **Dr. Robert Glew**, University of New Mexico School of Medicine/Barry University; **Dr. Malcolm Gordon**, University of California, Los Angeles/InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico; **Dr. Sam Helgerson**, Baxter Biotechnologies, Inc./University of Texas at San Antonio; **Dr. Thomas Landefeld**, CSUDH/Prairie View A&M University; **Dr. George Littleton**, Howard University/CSUDH; **Dr. John Mansfield**, University of Wisconsin-Madison/Alcorn State University; **Dr. Victor Rodwell**, Purdue University/Albany State University;

**Dr. Dileep Sachan**, University of Tennessee/Barry University; and **Dr. Frank Talamantes**, University of California, Santa Cruz/Ponce School of Medicine.

- **Dr. Seble Wagaw**, a former NIGMS minority program participant, was recognized in April at the annual National Women of Color Health, Science, and Technology Awards event held in Nashville, TN. Wagaw, a research chemist at Abbott Laboratories in Abbott Park, IL, is involved in the discovery of new methods of preparing drug candidates for clinical study. She received the Most Promising Scientist of the Year Award for her outstanding contributions to the field of health care, as well as for her initiative and professional and technical achievements. Wagaw was the recipient of an NIH research supplement for underrepresented minorities while pursuing a Ph.D. at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

- Four former MBRS program participants at New Mexico State University (NMSU) earned their doctoral degrees during winter commencement ceremonies. **Robert Marquez** received a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry and was awarded an NIH postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Virginia School of Medicine; **Quincy Quick** received a Ph.D. in neurobiology and is performing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Worcester Foundation in Waltham, MA; **Elizabeth Quintana** received a Ph.D. in physiology and is planning to pursue a postdoctoral research position; and **Johnette Brown-Silva** received a Ph.D. in ruminant microbiology and is performing postdoctoral research at NMSU.

- Many participants in NIGMS' minority programs made presentations about their research at the ABRCMS meeting last fall in Orlando, FL.

The following MARC, MBRS, and Bridges to the Baccalaureate program participants at Barry University in Florida presented posters: **Eauly Brautigam**, **Ines Macias**, **Roody Pierre-Charles**, **Davecia Ragoonath**, **Randolph Roberts**, and **Gesulla Toussaint**.

**Luis Jacome**, a MARC undergraduate student at the City University of New York, Hunter College, was recognized by the Endocrine Society for his outstanding poster presentation.

Five Bridges to the Baccalaureate program participants at the Medgar Evers College/Kingsborough Community College in New York presented posters: **Oreoluma Abidakun**, **Wendy Barrerio**, **Paul Calder**, **Kawasi Lett**, and **Elinor Rodriguez**. Barrerio and Rodriguez also made oral presentations of their research.

Seven MARC trainees at Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico made presentations: **Adail Alicea-Martinez**, **Alma Castilloveitia-Rose**, **Dania Medina-Emmanuelli**, **Karina Resto-Santiago**, **Carol Rivera-Lopez**, **Jose Rodriguez-Medina**, and **Yendi Serrano-Irizarry**.

**Bianca Matos**, a Bridges to the Baccalaureate program participant at the State University of New York, Purchase College, was awarded best presentation in the biochemical sciences category for her poster.

Five MBRS program participants from the University of Iowa presented posters: **Marc Doobay**, **Nonso Enekwechi**, **Elizabeth Homan**, **Necole Streeper**, and **Diane Tran**. Homan and Doobay also made oral presentations, and Doobay

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won an award for the best oral presentation in the physiological sciences category.

Three Bridges to the Baccalaureate program participants at Western Michigan University made poster presentations: **Nabeeh Hasan, Greg Williams, and Amber Walker.** Hasan and Williams' poster presentation won first place in the interdisciplinary sciences category.

- Participants in NIGMS' minority programs made presentations about their research at other recent scientific meetings:

**Charita Collins**, a MARC undergraduate student at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), received second place in the biological sciences category for her poster presentation at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers student conference held in Indianapolis, IN, in November.

**Jaime Lopez**, a MARC undergraduate student at CSUN, gave a poster presentation at the Society for Neuroscience annual meeting in San Diego, CA, in November.

**Mona Singh**, an MBRS program participant at CSUN, won the 2001 student research award for her presentation at the annual meeting of the Southwest Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine in Salt Lake City, UT, in November.

**Necole Streeper**, an MBRS participant at the University of Iowa, gave a presentation at the International Society for Developmental Psychology annual meeting in San Diego in November.

**Ari Miller**, an MBRS graduate student participant at CSUDH, received second place for her poster presentation at the American Society for Cell Biology annual meeting in Washington, DC, in December. The award was presented by the society's Minority Affairs Committee. **Katie Shannon**,

an IRACDA program participant at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, also presented a poster at the meeting.

Eight MBRS program participants at the University of California, Irvine, received awards for their presentations at the American Association for Advancement of Science annual meeting in February in Boston, MA. Four of the students won first-place awards in various categories: **Rafael Gonzalez**, organismal biology; **Matilde Gonzalez**, ecology and environment; **Sylvia Jaramillo**, molecular and cell biology; and **Bonnie Poytress**, social and behavioral sciences. **Cheryse Furman, Kathi Hamor, David Hernandez, and Sarah Lopez** received honorable mentions.

Five MARC and pre-MARC trainees at UMBC attended the 8th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved, and Cancer in Washington, DC, in February. They were: **Robyn Miller, DeAnna Baker, Letitia Thompson, Nicole Reynolds, and Jasmine McDonald.** Thompson made an oral presentation at the meeting and Miller presented a poster.

**Braddy Nykeba**, an MBRS program participant at SSU, received a third-place award for his poster presentation at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program conference held in February at Albany State University. Nykeba also received a Society of Toxicology student travel award to present a paper at the society's 41st annual meeting in Nashville, TN, in March.

**Dang Huynh**, a Bridges to the Doctorate program participant at CSUN, presented a poster on his research at the Biophysical Society annual meeting in February in San Francisco, CA, and at the university's 6th annual student research and creative arts competition last fall.

Three MARC undergraduate students at Grambling State University in Louisiana made presentations at the Louisiana Academy of Sciences annual meeting at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in March. The projects were presented by **Jerrel Gibson, Leonard Moore, and Marcus Chew.**

Three MARC undergraduate students at the University of North Carolina A&T State University made presentations of their research at the Collegiate Academy of the North Carolina Academy of Science annual meeting in March. **Ryan Kinloch** was awarded second place for his presentation, **Bryant Suite** received a third-place award, and **Tennille Presley** received an honorable mention. Two MARC students at the university made presentations at the 59th annual Beta Kappa Chi/National Institute of Science/Brookhaven Semester Program in Columbia, SC, in March. **Bryant Suite** received a third-place award in the chemistry category and **Tiffany Boyce** received a third-place award in the psychology and science education category.

Eleven MARC undergraduate students at Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico made oral presentations at the 37th American Chemical Society Junior Technical Meeting/22nd Puerto Rico Interdisciplinary Scientific Meeting in Arecibo, Puerto Rico in March: **Dania Medina-Emmanueli, Maryliz del Gonzales-Santos, Ivan Vidal-Gonzalez, Jose Rodrigues-Medina, Carol Rivera-Lopez, Karina Resto-Santiago, Alma Castilloveitia-Rosa, Gil Marie Alicea-Cruz, Yared Vazquez-Madera, Yendi Serrano-Irizarry, and Edgardo Santiago-Martinez.**

**Marietta Oduori**, a Bridges to the Baccalaureate program participant at



Towson University in Maryland, made a poster presentation on her research at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in April at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.

**Jennifer Greene**, a UMBC pre-MARC student, received a travel award from the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to attend the Experimental Biology 2002 meeting in April in New Orleans, LA. **April Ochoa** and **Pamela Villasenor** of CSUN made presentations at the meeting. Ochoa is an MBRS program participant and Villasenor is a MARC student.

- **FASEB** presented numerous faculty members and students with MARC travel awards to attend the following meetings: Experimental Biology 2001, the Radiation Research Society annual meeting, the American Peptide Society annual meeting, the Endocrine Society annual meeting, the 15th Symposium of the Protein Society, the Society for the Study of Reproduction annual meeting, the American Society of Human Genetics annual meeting, and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research meeting.

- The **Biophysical Society** presented MARC Travel Awards to 16 faculty members and students recently, providing funds for these individuals to attend the Biophysical Society annual meeting in February in San Francisco, CA.

- In recent months, we have received word about the following current and former student participants in NIGMS minority programs • **Anthony Beas**, a MARC undergraduate student at the University of Arizona, was named an outstanding undergraduate researcher by

the university's College of Science at its recent seniors awards ceremony • **Monica Frazier**, a former MBRS and MARC program participant at Alabama State University, is now a research assistant professor at the Carver Research Foundation at Tuskegee University • **Linda Hammond**, a MARC predoctoral fellow at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was recently awarded the American Society for Clinical Nutrition's Young Investigator Award. In addition, Hammond was among 12 finalists for the American Society for Nutritional Sciences' Proctor and Gamble Graduate Student Research Award • **Johnny Johnson**, a former MBRS program participant at SSU, is now pursuing a Ph.D. in physiology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook • **Alejandro Morales**, an MBRS program participant at CSUDH, has been accepted into a doctoral program in counseling psychology at the University of Nebraska • **Diane Tran**, an MBRS program participant at the University of Iowa, was recently named a Barry M. Goldwater scholar. The award provides a 2-year scholarship to students intending to pursue careers in math, science, and engineering • **Bridget Williams**, a former MARC undergraduate student at Xavier University, is pursuing a doctoral degree at Tulane University's Health Sciences Center, where she is a Bridges to the Doctorate program participant • **Nora Vasquez**, a former MBRS program participant at the University of Washington, was among nine individuals selected to participate in the NIH Academy, a program for recent college graduates who have an interest in health disparities. Vasquez is currently

performing research in a lab at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, MD. •

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***We are always interested in hearing about NIGMS minority program faculty, alumni, and students. Photographs of your students, research labs, and activities are also welcomed and encouraged.***

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CSUDH	California State University, Dominguez Hills	NIGMS	National Institute of General Medical Sciences
CSUN	California State University, Northridge	NIH	National Institutes of Health
DRR	Division of Research Resources	NMSU	New Mexico State University
FASEB	Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology	PHS	Public Health Service
HURT	Honors Undergraduate Research Training	PREP	Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program
IHS	Indian Health Service	RISE	Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement
IMSD	Initiative for Minority Student Development	SACNAS	Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
IRACDA	Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award	SCORE	Support of Continuous Research Excellence
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