

Summer 2006

Purdue Cancer Center receives National Cancer Institute Supplement Award for summer research program

The Purdue Cancer Center is the proud recipient of a National Cancer Institute (NCI) Supplement Award for the summer training and education of outstanding multicultural undergraduate students in the field of cancer research. We have chosen to partner with Purdue's highly successful MARC/AIM (Minority Access to Research Careers/Access for Internal Minorities) program to identify promising undergraduate students from social and economic backgrounds that are underrepresented in cancer research, and who may have an interest in pursuing a career in cancer research. These students will work intensively conducting research with our experienced Cancer Center mentors by their side each step of the way. The participating students and Purdue Cancer Center mentors are as follows:

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Purdue Cancer Center mentors</u> |
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| Alexander DeMauro | Peixuan Guo |
| Venessa Smith | Steven Konieczny |
| Georgina Carballo | Philip Fuchs |
| Mari Heghinian | Kavita Shah |
| Alisha Gaulden | James Fleet |
| Kristin Ivy | Marietta Harrison |
| Patricia Odom | Sulma Mohammed |
| Otoniel Rivera-Torres | Daniel Raftery |
| Elvin Soto-Hernandez | Richard Kuhn |
| Ma "Norma" Villalon-Landeros | David Thompson |
| Ashley Ward | Ignacio Camarillo |

The goal of the MARC/AIM Multicultural Summer Research Opportunity Program is to enhance diversity in academic, government, and industry positions that require the Ph.D. degree (positions of leadership). MARC/AIM recruits the best potential graduate students in the country to the program; assists them in developing credentials for a successful application to graduate school; and provides resources for building and maintaining a network of potential mentors throughout their careers.

Each student participating in the Summer Undergraduate Cancer Research Training Program will participate in a weekly Journal Club which will meet each Friday from 11:30 – 1:00 in the Hansen Life Sciences Building, room #103. Pizza will be provided for students, on behalf of the Purdue Cancer Center. If you have questions about the program or would like more information, please contact Marietta L. Harrison, Ph.D., Associate Director, Purdue Cancer Center at 765-494-1442; harrisonm@purdue.edu.

In addition to the NCI and MARC/AIM partnership the Cancer Center is also able to support two additional undergraduate students this summer through the Carroll County Cancer Association. The Association has supported the Purdue Cancer Center since 1981. In their philanthropic efforts they offer funding for a Summer Undergraduate

Cancer Research Training Program, which allows Purdue undergraduate students to conduct cancer research laboratory work under the supervision of our researchers.

Student

John Crickard

Vishal Pitil

Purdue Cancer Center mentors

Kavita Shah

Jian Jian Li