The Winners of the 2012 Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship are...

Marisa Franco
&
Anahi Collado-Rodriguez

The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund has selected two winners for 2012. They are Marisa Franco and Anahi Collado-Rodriguez. Coincidentally, both are students at the University of Maryland College Park.

Ms. Marisa Franco's research is focused on health outcomes for people of Black/White mixed race heritage. She is investigating the physiological responses to race-related stressors for this under-studied and at-risk group. The study will assess whether racial identification and levels of chronic social invalidation influences physiological stress responses to race-related stressors.

Ms. Anahi Collado-Rodriguez is her third year of graduate study. Her research is focused on evaluating a novel depression treatment, Behavioral Activation Treatment for Depression (BATD), in Latinos with limited English language proficiency. BATD has demonstrated efficacy but has not been evaluated in Latinos.

This year there were 23 applications for the Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Submissions were of extremely high quality. Applicants were from Loyola University, Penn State University, Long Island University, University of Nevada/Las Vegas, Wright State University School of Professional Psychology, University of Oregon, The New School of Social Research, Boston College, Iowa State University, Sami Nursing Home (New Delhi, India), Argosy University, Chestnut Hill College, Xavier University, Pepperdine University, University of Wisconsin, Walden University, Seton Hall and University of Albany.

This is the fifth year for the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship. Past winners are:

2011-Anti Fernandez, Long Island University/Brooklyn Campus
2010-Ariz Rojas, University of South Florida
2009-Sangetta Parikshak, University of Kansas
2008-Janelle Hines, University of Cincinnati

About the Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund

This scholarship supports research/training and community projects in the area of diversity/multiculturalism. Awards up to $500 per recipient will be granted once a year and the winner will be announced in March. Grants are to be used to support or assist applicants in covering expenses related to their projects or research. The deadline for submission is the second Friday in January. The award application must be submitted electronically to the chair of the review committee by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

The Dr. Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund is supported by generous gifts, grants and contributions from individuals and organizations who seek to honor Dr. Sullivan and advance important diversity initiatives or research in states, provinces and territories.
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The Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance to support graduate student research projects in honor of Dr. Sullivan’s work with the American Psychological Association, state, provincial and territorial psychological associations and his commitment to diversity and inclusion. It has been funded by gifts, grants, contributions and bequests that have been made in honor of Dr. Sullivan over the years since he retired from the American Psychological Association.

Dr. Michael Sullivan served as the Assistant Executive Director for State Advocacy at the American Psychological Association. In this position, he managed the Practice Directorate’s program of making resources available to 60 affiliated psychological associations in every state and several Canadian provinces and U.S. territories. A fellow of APA, Dr. Sullivan has been a strong supporter of state psychological association involvement as a means of promoting diverse and multicultural leadership in psychology and positively impacting communities.

Additional information about the Michael Sullivan Diversity Scholarship is available at www.ohpsych.org/msullivan.aspx. Call for applications for the 2013 Scholarships begin in the fall of 2012.

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