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Twelve Participate in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program  
Since 1960, the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has recognized the importance of encouraging talented young men and women to pursue a career in science or medicine. The individuals selected through the highly competitive application process for 2013 are Collette Bora (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), Lyndsey Brown (Marshall University), Elizabeth-Anne Carbone (Cornell University), Georg Gussak (Rutgers University), Sarah Izzo (Hamilton College), Ruben Mathew (Cornell University), Jenna Pfeiffer (SUNY Albany), Andrew Powers (SUNY Albany), Jennifer Sexton (Union College), Ashley Spina (Cornell University), Lini Thomas (University of Texas at Dallas), and Tanya Zeina (Boston College) and they will join a distinguished group of over 400 gifted students who have participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10 week program permits students direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology, molecular genetics, stem cell research and organ bioengineering. During their tenure, students gain an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and examined, and experience the day to day running of a cutting-edge research facility. After completing the program, they will have gained

knowledge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and be better prepared to make important career decisions.

The summer session will close with a scientific symposium presented by the students on Thursday, July 25 from 8:55AM to 12PM followed by an awards luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by Drs. Atul and Amita Butala, the Cortese Family Fund, Dr. Theodore and Melva Max, Dr. Ashok and Shilpa Patel, Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Bredablick Lodge 880 and Utica Lodge 47.

Please visit [www.mmrl.edu](http://www.mmrl.edu) to learn more about the Summer Fellowship Program. The application for the 2014 program will be available online as of January 2.