

Information of Former FIU MBRS RISE Program Participants

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Student Name* (Last Name, First Name) Year of Entry (Mentor)	UR* Group	Gender	Dept.	Degree(s) Pursued/Received (Year)/Institution	Current Academic/Professional Status
Undergraduate Students					
Bergolla, Luis A. 2000 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2001, FIU with Honors	Graduated in 2005 from Nova Southeastern University, College of Pharmacy
Freund, Andrea 2000 (Herrera)	W	F	Biological Sciences	Did not graduate from FIU	Not reported
Garcia, Jr., Pedro 2000 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2001, FIU M.S. Chemistry, 2004, FIU	Full time Instructor/Lecturer in Chemistry at Miami Dade College, Miami, Florida
Hosang, Renee 2000 (Kuhn)	AA	F	Biological Sciences/ Sociology/ Anthropology	B.S. Biology & B.A. Sociology/ Anthropology, 2001, FIU M.A. Comparative Sociology, 2004, FIU	Ph.D. candidate at FIU in the Sociology/Anthropology Dept., Specialty in Medical Sociology; Discontinued PhD program in Sociology in 2010.
Lilo, Sarit 2000 (Weeks)	W	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2000, FIU	Currently enrolled in Ph.D. Program in Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at Stony Brook University, NY; Recipient of Teresa Haire Memorial Award, October 2007
Mandat, Sean A. 2000 (Kos)	W	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2001, FIU	Working in sales department at Thermo Fisher Scientific in West Palm Beach, FL
Rodriguez, Dayron 2000 (Apanius)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2001, FIU with High Honors University of Miami, 2007	Completed pediatric residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in July 2010 currently working in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Homestead Hospital.
Sanchez, Yoel 2000 (Apanius)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2001, FIU; Cum Laude	Attended University of Florida Dental School; Currently working as DMD in family practice
Tibor, Susan 2000 (Bone, Landrum)	W	F	Chemistry	B.A. 2001, Chemistry, FIU	Graduated from Optometry School at Nova Southeastern University and currently working in Optometrist's Office in Miami, FL
Tran, Yome Le 2000 (Apanius)	A	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. 2003 Biology, FIU; Cum Laude	Not reported
Wong, Sergio E. 2000 (Chatfield, Tao)	H	M	Chemistry, Physics	B.S. Chemistry & B.S. Physics, 2001, FIU with Honors Ph.D., Biophysics, University of California, San	Currently in postdoctoral appointment at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory since 2008.

Francisco, 2006					
Amado, Luciana 2001 (Leng)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2003, FIU Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa Member	Currently enrolled in M.D./Ph.D. Program at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (started fall 2003); Recipient of NIGMS Grant, 5F31GM075425-02, Minority Predoctoral Fellowship Program, 8/16/05-8/15/08
Goldina, Anna 2001 (Weeks)	W	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2003, FIU Cum Laude	Currently enrolled in Doctoral Program in Biological Sciences at FIU; Defending her Doctoral Dissertation Fall 2011 in Biology at FIU
Goyos, Ana 2001 (Bigger)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2003, FIU Cum Laude M.S. Biology, 2007, University of Rochester, NY Ph.D. Immunology, 2010, University of Rochester, NY	Worked on Immunotherapeutic Products as a Research Assistant for Altor Bioscience, Miramar, FL for one year; Entered Ph.D. Program in Biology (Immunology) at the University of Rochester, NY 2004; Recipient of NIAID Grant, 1F31AI068610-01, Feb. 1, 2006-Jan. 31, 2010; Awarded PhD in Immunology from University of Rochester, NY on February 12, 2010. Worked as postdoctoral fellow in the University of Rochester School of Medicine between February – June 2010. Relocated to Northern California and accepted a Postdoctoral position in Stanford University in the lab of Dr. Peter Parham on July 1 st , 2010.
Morales, Heidi 2001 (Bigger)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2003, FIU; Cum Laude M.S. Biology, 2006, University of Rochester Medical School, NY PhD Immunology, 2008, University of Rochester Medical School, NY Working as a post-doc in the lab of Dr. Dietmar Schmucker in Versalius Research Center in Leuven Belgium	Graduated from University of Rochester with a PhD in Immunology on October 6 2008. Then worked as a post doctorate fellow with Dr. Dietmar Schmucker who was initially at Harvard Medical School Dept of Developmental Neuroscience in Dana Farber Cancer Institute but in August 2009 the lab, along with Heidi, moved to the Versalius Research Center in Leuven Belgium. Heidi assisted in developing a portion of his lab to the study of axon guidance in vertebrates using the frog <i>Xenopus</i> . Heidi's work involved the use of high resolution confocal imaging, transgenesis and phylogenetics/ evolutionary comparisons between vertebrates and invertebrates for the big picture story of axonal guidance in developing neurons. Despite having switched fields her experience in Comparative Immunology was more than useful in developing the conceptual framework of her project. In fact, it was at a recent visit to FIU that Heidi met Dr. Schmucker and was invited to interview for his lab. Heidi is still working as a post-doctoral fellow with Dr. Schmucker.
Poisson, Jean-Joseph 2001 (Moore)	AA	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, Psychology Minor 2003, FIU; MPH (Specialization: Environmental and Occupational Health) 2006, FIU M.S. Biomedical Sciences, Barry University	Enrolled in Ph.D. Program in Public Health at FIU in August 2005
Ramon, Hilda 2001 (Bigger/ Leng)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. with Honors in Bio 2004, FIU Magna Cum Laude; Member Phi Beta Kappa; Received Marta Montiel de Cuervo Prize, Biological Sciences, April 2004; Received Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Biological Sciences, April 2004	Graduated with Ph.D. in Immunology from the University of Pennsylvania December 2010 Thesis Title: "The role of NDFIP1 in the regulation of T cell-mediated inflammation at mucosal barrier" Thesis Advisor: Paula M. Oliver
Ramos, Damaris 2001 (Mathee)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2002, FIU The Honors College Graduation with Honors Graduated Chiropractic College	Worked in Research Lab at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, FL 2003-05. Enrolled at Palmer Chiropractic College, Florida. Graduated and is currently a practicing chiropractor.
Ruiz, Camilo 2001 (Bone, Landrum)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. with Honors in Biology, 2002, FIU Graduation with Honors	D.O. Nova Southeastern University, Currently OBGYN Resident at Lankenau Hospital, Pennsylvania
Ruiz, Luis M. 2001 (Herrera)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2002, FIU	Sales Representative with CTT Industrial Supplies
Simon, Simone 2001 (Herrera)	W	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2002, FIU	Working as a Research Associate at the University of Miami School of Medicine; Plans to Pursue MPH
Smith, Philippa 2001 (Herrera)	W	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. 2001 Biology, FIU Graduation with High Honors	Was a Ph.D. student at Harvard University from 2002 to 2006; Currently working as a Research Assistant at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Socorro, Alfredo 2001	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2002, FIU	Deceased

(Herrera)					
Crain, Leigh 2002 (Wnuk)	NA	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2003, FIU M.S. Physical Therapy, 2006, FIU	Not reported
Abuchaibe, Eda- Cristina 2002 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. with Honors in Biology, 2004, FIU Cum Laude; Received Outstanding Service Achievement Award, Biological Sciences, April 2004; M.D. USF	Taught Biology at Mater Academy Middle/HS Charter School Starting August 2004. Entered Medical School at the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL fall 2006. Graduated Medical School and is now working at Miami Children's Hospital.
Alvarez-Correa, Cristina 2002 (Bone, Landrum)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2003, FIU PharmD 2007, Nova Southeastern University	Currently Employed as a Pharmacy Manager at Publix Pharmacies
Andreu, Aileen 2002 (Kavallieratos)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2004, FIU; Cum Laude M.D. Temple University School of Medicine, 2009	Taught Science in Coral Park Public High School from 2004-05. Currently completing residency in Internal Medicine at USF in Tampa. Will be finishing up in 2012. Recently submitted a case series on elevated BNP in patients with heme malignancies.
Delarua, Mairim 2002 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Honors in Biology, 2003, FIU Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa	Attending Medical College of Wisconsin since Fall 2003
Loftis, Kathy 2002 (O'Shea)	H	F	Chemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2005, FIU	Currently enrolled in Marine/Environmental Sciences Doctoral Program at the University of Georgia (started Fall 2005)
Piloto, Sarah 2002 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. with Honors in Biology, 2004, FIU Cum Laude PhD, Developmental and Cell Biology, 2010, University of California, Irvine	Received her Ph.D. in Developmental and Cell Biology at UC, Irvine (Schilling's Lab) in 2010 Recipient of NSF Graduate Fellowship Spring 2005) Currently a Post-Doc at the Sanford Burnham Medical Research Institute in La Jolla, CA
Quinones, Katherine 2002 (O'Shea)	H	F	Chemistry	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Nova Southeastern University, 2009 B.S. Chemistry, 2004, FIU Magna Cum Laude	Currently in third year of pediatric residency in Austin TX. Graduated from Nova Southeastern University as a doctor of osteopathic medicine in 2009. Conducted one year as a research fellow in Nova before graduation and presented her research at the AOA Convention.
Rodriguez, Johanna 2002 (Kavallieratos)	H	F	Chemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2003, FIU Magna Cum Laude PhD, Chemistry, 2008, Yale	Received her PhD in Chemistry from Yale University in 2008. Currently employed by Gerson Lehrman Group in New York, New York
Derane, Djenny 2003 (Wnuk)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2006, FIU M.S. Barry University, 2010, FIU	Received M.S degree from Barry University in 2010; Currently working as an event coordinator at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in South Beach, FL
Fernandez, Pedro 2003 (Weeks)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2004, FIU M.D., Boston University, 2009 Residency, Boston Medical Center	Awarded MD Degree from Boston University in 2009; Currently in 3rd year of psychiatric residence program at Boston University. Expected to graduate 2012.
Fonseca, Libia 2003 (Weeks, Herrera)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2005, FIU	Entered Doctoral Program at FIU in 2005 but did not continue after 2006
Garmendia, Craig 2003 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2004, FIU M.S. Chemistry, 2008, Vanderbilt University	Received a Master's degree in Chemistry from Vanderbilt University in 2008; Currently holds the position of Investigator for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Luna, Sergio 2003 (Mathee)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. with Honors in Biology, Chemistry Minor, 2006, FIU Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa M.D. Albert Einstein College of Medicine	Entered M.D./Ph.D. (MSTP) Program at Albert Einstein, New York, NY Fall 2006. Graduated with M.D., dropped out of Ph.D. program, currently completing residency in Chicago.
Munoz, Christine 2003 (Weeks)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2004, FIU	Currently enrolled in Medical School
Roa, Roberto 2003 (O'Shea)	H	M	Chemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2003, FIU M.S. Chemistry, 2006, FIU	Working in Industry
St. Louis, Magdalena	AA	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2005, FIU	Graduated Optometry School from Nova Southeastern University and is currently an

2003 (Bone/Landrum)					Optometrist
Timmons Stokes, Sakeenah 2003 (Weeks)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2005, FIU M.S. Biotechnology, 2009, Johns Hopkins	Currently teaching high school physics in Tampa, FL; Planning on applying to graduate school when her daughter gets a bit older
Yglesias, Ronald 2003 (Weeks)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, Psychology Minor, 2006, FIU M.D. Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, July 2010	Graduated from medical school in July 2010; Planning on taking the medical boards and applying for medical residency training program; Interested in a research position
Adams, Mark 2004 (Bone)	H	M	Computer Engineering, Biomedical Engineering	B.A. Liberal Studies, 2007, FIU	Dismissed from RISE due to GPA; Teaching at Private High School in Miami, FL
Ghetea Brener, Betty 2004 (Bone)	AA	F	Physics, Dietetics and Nutrition	B.A. Physics, B.S. Dietetics and Nutrition, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , FIU, 2005, Phi Beta Kappa 2006 M.S. Physiology & Biophysics, University of Miami, 2008	Entered Ph.D. Program in Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, but opted to get M.S. degree instead of Ph.D., which was awarded in 2008
Haz, Charlie 2004 (Herrera)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2006, FIU	Entered Ph.D. program in Genetics at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC., fall 2007
Perez, Lisette 2004 (Lees)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry.	B.S. Chemistry, 2006, FIU M.S. Chemistry, 2010, Duke	Received the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Grant as an Undergraduate, Entered Ph.D. program in Chemistry at Duke University Fall 2007 and then changed to a Masters in Chemistry and graduated. Currently working at Dow Corning Corporation as a PV Module Reliability Engineer.
Prophete, Gaele 2004 (Bennett)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	Bachelor's of Business Administration (Plan: Marketing), 2008, FIU	Left RISE Program
Robert, Jenay 2004 (Wnuk)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2006, FIU, Graduated with Honors A.A., 2004, Miami-Dade Community College	Entered Ph.D. Program in Chemistry at Pennsylvania State University Fall 2007 and Received Bunton-Waller Graduate Fellowship (2-Year Award)
Rodriguez Lemkau, Luisel 2004 (Leng)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2006, FIU	In Ph.D. Program in Chemical Biology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with December 2011 expected graduation date. (Entered Fall 2006); Recipient of NIH Award as an R01 Supplement
Rodriguez, Manuel 2004 (Rincon)	H	M	Mechanical Engineering	B.S. Mechanical Engineering, 2006, FIU M.S. Mechanical Engineering, 2008, FIU	Upon graduating with a BS degree began working as a Design Engineer at Permasteelisa, Miami, FL; In November of 2009 relocated to Lock Haven, PA to work at a large paper mill as a Project Engineer
Silva, Yenia 2004 (Lees)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. in Chemistry, 2006, FIU Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa; 2010 Pharmacy Degree, Nova	In 2010, received a pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University and is working as a pharmacist at Walgreens.
Smiddy, Robert 2004 (Mathee)	W	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2005, FIU; Awarded Posthumously	Deceased
Aviram, Anat 2005 (McGoron)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S./M.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2008, FIU	Bioinformatics Systems Analyst at Hussman Institute for Human Genomics
Bardowell, Sabrina 2005 (O'Shea)	W	F	Dietetics & Nutrition, Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Dietetics & Nutrition; Chemistry Minor, 2007, FIU; Summa Cum Laude Registered Dietician, 2007	Currently entering 5 th year of the of the Ph.D. Program in Molecular Nutrition at Cornell University (Ithaca Campus), Fall 2007, Doctoral Research is in the area of Molecular Nutrition (or Nutritional Biochemistry); Received 4 years of Full Funding at Cornell; Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Nutritional Sciences Courses (i.e. Method in Nutritional Sciences) at Cornell; Also earning minors in epidemiology and genomics; In January 2010 awarded a NIH training grant for the remainder of her studies at Cornell; Upon graduation will have earned a PhD and RD

Elsayed, Adel 2005 (Crumpler)	AA	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering & Minor Chemistry, 2008, FIU Graduate Certificate in "New Product Development", March 2010, Stanford University	Withdrew from RISE due to interest in medical school; Began working for Genentech, Inc. after the summer of 2008 and currently still employed by them; Obtained a graduate certification in "New Product Development" from Stanford in 2010. Plan is to pursue a medical degree by 2013.
Kwon, Chulhan 2005 (Kos)	A	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences with Honors, 2006, FIU 2006 Phi Beta Kappa	Withdrew from RISE due to personal reasons; Working in family business
Mendez, Susan 2005 (Bennett)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2007, FIU	Working for a local biotech lab
Montes, Lucrecia 2005 (Wnuk)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2006, FIU	High School teacher in Broward County, Florida
Morillo Prado, Jose Rafael 2005 (Herrera, Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. with Honors in Biology, 2005, FIU, The Honors College, Cum Laude	Entered Ph.D. Program in Developmental Biology at Stanford U., CA, fall 2005. Recipient of NSF Graduate Fellowship, spring 2007
Rodríguez, Sandra 2005 (O'Shea)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry, Biology Minor, 2007, FIU, Magna Cum Laude	Attending Ross Medical School Overseas
Alfonso, Abraham 2006 (Bennett)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2008, FIU B.A. Chemistry, 2008, FIU	Not reported
Alonzo, Luis 2006 (Tsoukias)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, FIU, 2008 M.S. Biomedical Engineering, UC Irvine, 2011	Upon graduating from FIU, worked in Industry for ~1year at Sintea Biotech, Inc., an orthopedic device company, as a product specialist; Currently finishing up first year pursuing a Doctorate degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, Irvine, started in fall 2009; Expecting to receive a MS degree at the end of 2011, and finish with the PhD degree in 2013- 2014
Fernandez, Melissa 2006 (Bone, Landrum)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Chemistry with Honors, 2007, FIU, Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Chemistry, April 2007	Entered Master's Program in Chemistry at FIU Fall 2007
Gomez, Christopher 2006 (O'Shea)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry, Biology Minor, 2007, FIU, Magna Cum Laude	Worked as Research Assistant in Dr. O'Shea's Chemistry Lab after graduation from FIU as well as taught laboratory courses at FIU; Currently enrolled in dental school at University of Maryland, Baltimore, started in August 2007
March, Samantha 2006 (Bahrlick)	AA	F	Psychology	B.A. Psychology, Minor Statistics with Honors, 2008, FIU Honors: Phi Beta Kappa	Currently working in the Public Health field as a Research Specialist with University of Delaware's Center for Drug & Alcohol Studies in their Florida Research Centers; In March 2011 will begin Chiropractic Studies at Life University
Morillo, Victor 2006 (Leng)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2007, FIU	Working in Coke Company in Hollywood, Florida
Ordonez, Roxana 2006 (Mathee)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, Minor Mathematical Sciences, FIU, 2008	Enrolled in Ph.D. Program in Bioinformatics at University of California, San Francisco in June 2008; Expected date of graduation 2013
Ramirez, Rosa 2006 (McGoron)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, Minor Mechanical Design, 2008	Enrolled in Master's Program in Mechanical Engineering at FIU in spring 2009
Chirino, Leilani 2007 (O'Shea)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences with Honors, 2009, FIU Honors: Phi Beta Kappa	Currently at MIT working as a Research Technician (started January 2010); Applying to MD/PhD programs in summer of 2011
Concepcion, Stella 2007	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry, Minor Biology with Honor0s, 2009, FIU	Not reported

(Kavallieratos)				Honors: Phi Beta Kappa	
Garcia, Rodrigo 2007 (Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2008, FIU	Enrolled in Ph.D. Program at MIT in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, started fall 2009; Expected date of graduation 2013
Knowles, Genevieve 2007 (McGoron)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, Minor Chemistry, 2008, FIU	Working in Industry at Beckman Coulter as a Production Scientist, since 2008
Lahoud, Valeska 2007 (Weeks)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2009, FIU	Not reported
Miranda, Carlos 2007 (O'Shea)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2008, FIU	Currently enrolled in medical school at NYU, started January 2009
Restrepo, Jorge 2007 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry.	B.A. Chemistry, 2008, FIU	Currently pursuing Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at Texas A&M University, started summer 2008
Rodriguez, Rosa 2007 (Herrera)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Participated in the NIH Academy Post-Baccalaureate Program, completed May 19, 2011 at Dr. Maurice Burg's Lab; Accepted to University of Colorado Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD) start date of June 6 th , 2011 with first rotation at Dr. James DeGregori's Lab
Salazar, Nicole 2007 (Kavallieratos)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry & Minor General Translation Studies, 2008, FIU	Participated in Summer 2008 and 2009 research internships with Procter & Gamble in Research and Design as a Researcher, Chemical & Physical Science; Currently starting 3 rd year in the PhD Program in Biomedical Sciences (PIBS) at University of Miami, started in fall 2009; Joined the Cancer Biology department, under the mentorship of Dr. Bal Lokeshwar; Working on rotation project looking at the effects of chemokine receptors on invasion and metastasis in prostate and breast cancers; Awarded NIH/MSD two-year fellowship the fall when she started UM; in spring 2011 admitted to PhD candidacy.
Sanchez, Ariel 2007 (Bahrlick)	H	M	Psychology	B.A. Psychology, Minor Geography, 2008, FIU	At Barry University pursuing Master's/Doctorate's in Sport Psychology
Villar, Jose 2007 (McGoron)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2008, FIU	Product Quality Engineer at Philips since May 2011. Plans for a Master's degree after two years work experience.
Veronese, Carolina 2007 (Mathee)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology & Minor Chemistry 2008, FIU, Phi Beta Kappa	Medical Student at Harvard
Ceballos, Camila 2008 (Mathee)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering , 2010, FIU	Currently applying to M.D./Ph.D. programs; Working as a lab manager in the lab of Dr. Kalai Mathee, Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology, College of Medicine, FIU; Currently applying to MD/PhD Programs; To date she has been extended interviews at the University of Chicago (on October 4 th and 5 th , 2011) and at Case Western (October 27 th and 28 th , 2011)
Fajardo, Laura 2008 (Mathee)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2011, FIU	Withdrew from RISE Program because needed a higher paying position. Working as Associate Specialist position at Beckman Coulter for call center operations
Romero, Manuel 2008 (McGoron)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2010, FIU	Started working in 2010 at Beckman Coulter, a biotech company, in South Florida as a troubleshooter for hematology analyzers; will be working here for a total of 3 years, then plans on applying to Ph.D. programs in 2013
Gonzalez, Gisela 2008 (Narasimhan)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering; Information Technology	B.S. Biomedical Engineering & B.S. Information Technology, 2010, FIU	Currently serving as a manufacturing engineering intern at Codeman; Currently pursuing an M.S. in Dietetics and Nutrition at FIU
Juarez, Barbara 2008 (Weeks)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU	Accepted to Mount Sinai School of Medicine's Post Baccalaureate Research Enhancement Program in fall 2010 for participation for the next two years
Ramirez, Francesca	H	F	Biological	B.A. Psychology, 2010, FIU	Currently participating in PhD Program at NYU's Center for Neural Science since fall 2010

2008 (Weeks)			Sciences & Psychology	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2010, FIU	
Rodriguez, Carol 2008 (Herrera)	H	F	Psychology	B.A. Psychology, Minor Biology, 2009, FIU Honors: Phi Beta Kappa	Graduated Fall 09 with a BA Psychology & Minor in Biology; Working as a Research Associate II at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine since April 2010 to date; Accepted to MD program at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine (class of 2015)
Donoso, Jennifer 2008 (Kavallieratos)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.A. Chemistry, Minor, Biology, 2009, FIU	Accepted to MS Program in Biomedical Science at Barry University in the fall 2010
Rodezno, Dayana 2008 (Mills)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences, Minor, Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Working as a Lab Technician at USDA/RAS
Scagliati, Vanessa 2008 (McGoron)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2009, FIU	Working as a Lab Technician for a biomedical company, Mako Surgical Corporation, in South Florida
Zayas, Jessica 2008 (Wnuk)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Graduated with a B.A. in Chemistry from FIU. Accepted to Ph.D. Program in Chemistry and Biochemistry at FIU, effective fall 2010
Bautista, Carolina 2008 (Tsoukias)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2010, FIU	Accepted to MD Program in New York Medical College in the fall of 2010
Acosta-Torres, Zenith 2008 (Tsoukias)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2010, FIU	Working as a Lab Technician for a biomedical company since August 2010, Mako Surgical Corporation, in South Florida; Was awarded the Whitaker Foundation Fellowship in 2011 and will be leaving for the Netherlands in fall 2011; Biomedical engineers can use the Whitaker International Fellows and Scholars Program to go overseas to help further their careers, and the field of BME. Zenith will be conducting research at an academic institution, interning at a policy institute, establishing ties between home and host institutions and becoming competitive to pursue post-doctoral research
Chacin, Dinorah 2008 (Bigger)	H	F	Marine Biology	B.S. Marine Biology, 2010, FIU	Withdrew from RISE because career interests shifted away from RISE mission. Accepted to M.S. Program at the University of South Florida in Marine Science, Fall 2011
Abin, Christopher 2009 (Mills)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, Minor Chemistry, 2011, FIU	Graduated FIU with a B.S. in Biology and minor in Chemistry with highest distinction. Will begin a PhD program at the University of Georgia (Athens), Fall 2011
Avello, Monika 2009 (Mills)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, Minor Biology, 2010, FIU	Currently attending MIT's B-cubed (Biology and Biotechnology Bridge) Post baccalaureate Program; Plans on applying to MD/PhD Programs
Barrett, Dianne 2009 (Herrera)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2011, FIU	Graduated with a BS in Biology in May 2011; Accepted to MD Program at Columbia University effective fall 2011
Castaneda, Alejandro 2009 (Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU	Accepted to FIU's College of Medicine in the Fall 2010 term; Currently beginning his second year as a medical school student at FIU
Conde Perez, Alejandro 2009 (Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences; Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU B.A. Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Currently a PhD student at the Institute Curie in France
Gallegos, Juan Carlos 2009 (Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently in the program as an undergraduate majoring in Biology at FIU; Expected to graduate Fall or Spring 2011

Garcia, Janny 2009 (Tsoukias)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2011, FIU	Currently (summer 2011) working for the Ageless Regenerative Institute training doctors around the U.S. to apply stem cell therapies for patients suffering from orthopedic ailments or desiring aesthetic improvements in plastic surgery. Additionally, she is clinical trial manager for a multicenter trial studying a wide variety of conditions with stem cell therapies.
Livia, Christopher 2009 (Mills)	H	M	Biological Sciences; Minor Chemistry	B.S. Biology, Minor Chemistry, 2011, FIU	Received a B.S. in Biology at FIU. Currently attending the Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program at Mayo Clinic (Accepted June 2011)
Guzman, Corina 2009 (Moon)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate majoring in Biology at FIU; Withdrew from RISE because her summer 2009 appointment ended
Benito, Daniel 2009 (Leng)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU	Currently enrolled in an "IMS" (Interdepartmental Medical Science) post-bacc program at Drexel University College of Medicine. Anticipated graduation date: June 2012.
Spaulding, Chrisanne 2009 (Bennett)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2011, FIU	Received her B.S. degree in Biology from FIU on 2011. Exited RISE for personal reasons
Suarez, Merly 2009 (Mills)	H	F	Biological Sciences Minor in Chemistry	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU	Received her B.S. in Biology from FIU 2010. Currently working as an adjunct faculty member at FIU teaching Genetics Lab. Accepted to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy effective fall 2011 (class of 2015 – PharmD)
Vandenberg, Katherine 2009 (Mathee)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering & Minor in Chemistry	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, Minor in Chemistry and Biology, 2010, FIU	Graduated FIU with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering with minor in Chemistry and Biology, 2010; Will be teaching at TERRA Environmental Research Institute (Miami-Dade High School) effective Fall 2011; Plans to apply to medical school, and still remain heavily involved in research
Perez, Pedro 2009 (Stoddard)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently in the program as an undergraduate majoring in Biology at FIU; Plans to pursue PhD in Biological Sciences upon graduation
Chebbi, Yasmin 2010 (Stoddard)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Participated in FIU QBIC Program from fall 2008-spring 2011. Currently in the program as an undergraduate student majoring in Biology at FIU; Participated in University of Connecticut summer program (June 19 - July 30 th , 2011)
Oliva, Yanie 2010 (Mills)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU	Received her B.S. in Biology from FIU 2010. Currently participating in the Kaplan course and studying for the MCAT; Taking examination in September then plans to apply to MD/PhD program
Diaz, Miguel E. 2010 (Noriega)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2010, FIU	Received his B.S. in Biology from FIU 2010. Currently taking a yearlong break before applying to MD/PhD programs, also in the process of completing the project worked on during time in the MBRS RISE program before attempting to publish it.
Escobar, Jacqueline 2010 (Mills)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently in the program as an undergraduate student majoring in Biology at FIU
Pino, Javier 2010 (Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently in the program as an undergraduate majoring in Biology at FIU
Batista, Deannys 2010 (TBA)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently in the program as an undergraduate majoring in Biology at FIU
Furicchia, Gina 2010 (Mathee)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate majoring in Biology at FIU. Withdrew from RISE because career plans shifted from biomedical research

Toribio, Myrdich 2010 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	A.A. 2009, FIU B.A. in Chemistry, 2011, FIU	Graduated with a B.A. in Chemistry. Accepted to participate in the Tri-Institutional Training Program pursuing a PhD in Chemical Biology, effective summer 2011
Ramirez, Lourdes Aug 2010 (Mathee)	H	F	Biological Sciences: Minor Chemistry & Biochemistry and Biomedical Engineering	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently in the program as an undergraduate majoring in Biology and minoring in Biomedical Engineering and Chemistry at FIU
Roche, Rigoberto 2010 (Godavarty)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2011, FIU	Graduated with a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and Minor in Chemistry, May 2011 at FIU; Currently participating in an internship program, WaterSCAPES, at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Building 33, Office C427, Ph: 301 614 5108. Plans to return to FIU to get Master's of Science in Biomedical Engineering and Master's of Engineering Management. Wait-listed for Vanderbilt's graduate program (pending funding) for entry in fall of 2011. If not accepted to Vanderbilt in fall 2011 will plan on re-applying to Ph.D. Programs after M.S. completion in 2012
Gonzalez, Andrea 2011 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biomedical Engineering at FIU
Lawrence, Susan 2011 (Weeks)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU
Lollett, Ivonne 2011 (Mathee)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU. Withdrew from RISE to become MARC U*STAR fellow in May 2011
Luaces, Karina 2011 (Weeks)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU
Martinez, Emanuel 2011 (Herrera)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU
Neukirchner, Giselle 2011 (Agoulnik)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU
Roche, Zahilyn 2011 (Moon)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU
Soler Michael 2011 (Von Wettberg)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biological Sciences at FIU
Van Gulden, Stephanie 2011 (Ramaswamy)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	Currently enrolled as an undergraduate at FIU	Currently an undergraduate majoring in Biomedical Engineering at FIU
Graduate Students					
Bogozi, Albert 2000	W	M	Physics	B.S. Physics 1997, FIU; M.S. Physics 2001, FIU; Ph.D. Elec. Eng., 2005, FIU	Electronics Engineer at Air Force Research Labs, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio Since 2005

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Builes, Janette 2000 (Smith)	H	F	Medical Laboratory Sciences	M.S. Med. Lab. Sciences, 2001, FIU; MBA, 2006, FIU	Marketing Analyst with Noven Pharmaceuticals Since 2004; Prior to that was Res. Assoc. with Altor Bioscience/Sunol Molecular
Companioni, Dania 2000 (Wnuk)	H	F	Chemistry	M.S. Chemistry, 2002, FIU	Miami-Dade County School Teacher
Cortes, Blanca 2000 (Kuhn)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 1994, FIU; M.S. Biology, 1996, FIU; Ph.D. Biology, 2000, FIU	Worked as a post doctoral fellow at FIU upon graduation from FIU; Worked for Industry in California in 2004 & Transferred in 2006 as Microbiology Laboratory Director and General Manager at EMSL Analytical, Inc., Orlando, FL (environmental company); Continuing in Research, Presenting at National Conferences
Dishaw, Larry 2000 (Bigger)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, Chemistry Minor, 1997, FIU; Ph.D. Biology, 2002, FIU	After graduation, served as post doctoral associate at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Currently working as Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida department of Pediatrics.
Erie, Jean- Marie George 2000 (Moore)	AA	M	Chemical Engineering	B.S. Chemical Engineering, 2001, FIU; M.S. Materials Science and Engineering, 2002, University of Florida ; Ph.D. Materials Science and Engineering, 2007, University of Florida	Post-Doctorate Research Scientist at the University of Florida, Gainesville from 2004-2006
Gonzalez, Betzabel 2000 (Smith)	H	F	Medical Laboratory Sciences	A.A. 1993, FIU; Certificate in Immunohaematology, 1998, FIU; M.S. Med. Laboratory Sciences, 2001, FIU	Clinical Field; Supervisory Position in Diagnostic Medicine
Hemmings, Clarence 2000 (Kuhn)	AA	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 1997, FIU	In M.S. Biology Program at FIU 1998-2002 but did not continue; In October 2003 incorporated as a registered agent – Upward Bound Learning Center, Inc.
Lam, Osvaldo 2000 (Tao)	H	M	Physics	M.S. Physics, 2001, FIU	Reliability Analyst With FPL Co., Miami, FL Since 2001
Llerena, Cristina 2000 (Bone)	H	F	Physics	B.S. Mathematics, Physics Minor, 1998, FIU; B.S. Physics, 1999 FIU O.D., Nova Southeastern University	Earned O.D., Nova Southeastern; Worked as Pediatric Optometry Resident at SUNY State College of Optometry; Currently working as a faculty member in SUNY State College of Optometry in the Dept. of Clinical Sciences
Moreno, Michael 2000 (Moore)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Physics Education, 1996, FIU M.S. Sci. Ed., 1997, FIU; M.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2003, FIU Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering, Texas A&M University	Awarded the Gramm Doctoral Fellowship for outstanding scholarly research and teaching. He joined Texas A & M University as a TEES Associate Research Engineer in 2003 and has served as an Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Biomedical Engineering for several years. He has developed and delivered undergraduate courses in Biosolid mechanics and Biofluid mechanics, and seminars in Philosophical Foundations of Science and Engineering. Presently, he has over 15 publications, including textbook chapters in Philosophy of Education and Biomedical Engineering, and 2 issued patents. His research interests include the role of mechanics in cardiovascular disease processes and device based therapies for cardiovascular pathologies. He consults through the company founded with Dr. James E. Moore, Jr., Failure Analysis of Cardiovascular Systems (FACTs), and now serves as Chief Engineer at Corlnnova Inc., a company founded by BME faculty member Dr. John C. Criscione.
Rodriguez, Sonia 2000 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2000, FIU	Worked in Research Lab at Miami Children's Hospital, Miami, FL; Currently Working in University of Miami Cytogenetics Lab
Rojas, Dina 2000 (Herrera)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Dietetics and Nutrition, 2003, FIU	Taught Nutrition 101; Opened a Clinic as a Nutritionist in Honduras after graduation for 5 years; Began working at Vanderbilt University, Department of Research and Health in July 2010
Sierra-Montes, Julie 2000 (Herrera)	H	F	Biological Sciences	Ph.D. Biology, 2004, FIU	Post-Doctoral Research, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Miami. Recipient of Post-doc Fellowship. Taught Earth Space Science & Biology Honors at Miami Southridge Senior High School; Currently working as Biomedical Institute Academy Leader and teacher at TERRA Magnet High School in Miami, FL.
Snyder, Richard 2000	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	Ph.D. Chemistry, 2005, FIU MBA, 2011, New Jersey Institute of Technology	Held Post-Doctoral Position for one Year at the University of Miami; Received Funding from NIEHS (1/2006-12/2007) for Research Supplemental Proposal to Center for Ocean's and

(Rein)					Human Health at the University of Miami/Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences; Held a Position as a Research Associate at the UM/Medical School for 6 Months; Relocated to NJ and Currently Working as a Marketing and Sales Associate for GENEVIZ, Inc. (Company Specializing in DNA Sequencing and Molecular Biology Services)
Borrone, James 2001 (Kuhn)	W	M	Biological Sciences	Ph.D. Biology, 2004, FIU	Worked as a research molecular biologist at USDA, Miami, FL; Currently working as part of the research staff in the Department of Botany at Oklahoma State University
Cruz, Vivian 2001 (O'Shea)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	M.S. Chemistry, 2002, FIU M.B.A, 2005, FIU	Earned MBA 2005, FIU; Employed as a Pharmaceutical Representative
Ladeira, Carlos 2001 (Weeks)	H	M	Biological Sciences	(BSPT, MSPT, EdD, MTC) Did not graduate from FIU	Was in Doctoral Program in Biology at FIU 2000-2002; Completed Doctorate Degree in Health Care Education at Nova Southeastern University; Working as a Physical Therapist & Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at Nova Southeastern University; In 2009 completed a Clinical Fellowship in Orthopedic Manipulative Therapy
Merly, Liza 2001 (Smith/Bigger)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biology, 2005, FIU	Immunology Ph.D. Student at FIU since 2005 with Dr. Smith/Bigger; Clinical Instructor & Laboratory Manager, Dietetics and Nutrition, FIU; Earned PhD in Biological Science 2011 and awaiting review for Clinical Assistant Professor position with FIU.
Reategui, Erika 2001 (Herrera)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biology, 1999, FIU	In Ph.D. Program at FIU from 2000 to 2003 but did not Continue; Worked in Cancer Research at the University of Miami 2003-2007; Worked as a Clinical Research Manager at Allied Research International (since Sept. 2007); Currently working as a Clinical Research Initiation Analyst at University of Miami
Rowold, Diane 2001 (Herrera)	W	F	Biological Sciences	Ph.D. Biology, 2006, FIU	Worked for the FBI as a Visiting Scientist from Sept. '04-March '07; April 2007 to Present, Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California, As a <i>Senior Geneticist</i> , Dr Rowold has been instrumental in the building, operation and management of a molecular biology laboratory for genetic analysis in support of internal programs. Her activities include, but are not limited to optimization of PCR reactions for SNP and STR analysis, development of new biological assay formats, DNA extraction from biological samples as well as optimizing the detection of amplified nucleic acids from biological samples. Her responsibilities also include coordination of on-site training sessions for various technologies: SNP analysis, sequencing, Real-Time PCR, fragment analysis, and Nucleic Acid quantification. During her tenure she has conceived and developed an experimental design strategy for various research projects.
Buendia, Patricia 2002 (Narasimhan)	H	F	Computer Science	Ph.D. Computer Science, 2006, FIU	Dual Appointment as Assistant Professor in the Biology Dept. and as a Research Scientist at the University of Miami Center for Computational Sciences, Miami, FL; Received her first NIH Developmental Grant Award in September 2008; a visiting faculty in the Dept of Biology and a member of the Computational Sciences Center at U Miami
Garcia, Jr., Pedro 2002 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S. Chemistry, 2001, FIU; M.S. Chemistry, 2004, FIU	Full Time Chemistry Instructor/Lecturer at Miami Dade College, Miami, Florida
Lowenstein, Marcia 2002 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Dietetics & Nutrition, 1984, FIU Ph.D. Biological Sciences, 2009, FIU	Awarded PhD in Biology at FIU in December 2009; Received The Academy for the Art of Teaching 2007 TA Excellence-in-Teaching Award for Engineering and Natural Sciences, Spring '07; Worked as Instructor for Quantifying Biology in the Classroom (QBC) Initiative at FIU; In spring 2011 hired by the Biological Sciences Department at FIU as a full-time non-tenured Lecturer/Instructor
Garcia, Roman 2002 (Kos)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Ph.D. Biological Sciences, 2007, FIU	Recipient of FIU Presidential Enhanced Assistantship Award, 2002-2006; 2004 PanAmerican Society for Pigment Cell Research (PASPCR) Young Investigator Award; Worked as Instructor for Quantifying Biology in the Classroom (QBIC) Initiative at FIU; Currently working as Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Biological Sciences at FIU (Teaching Developmental Biology and Anatomy Sections)
Meyers, Jodi 2002 (Almirall)	W	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	M.S. Forensic Science, 2003, FIU Ph.D. Law, 2007, Arizona State University Honors: graduated with Dean's Award for Outstanding Performance, Summa Cum Laude	Graduated with PhD in Law from Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in 2007

Rosenberg, Jay 2002 (Kavallieratos)	W	M	Chemistry & Biochemistry	B.S., 1991, Florida Atlantic University	Withdrew from the Program in Fall 2004 to Teach Full Time and Continue Ph.D. Part Time
Aybar, Lydia 2003 (Smith)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biological Sciences, 2009, FIU	Currently enrolled in PhD Program at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill , effective fall 2007
Goldina, Anna 2003 (Stoddard)	W	F	Biological Sciences	BS Biology, 2003, FIU Cum Laude	Currently enrolled in Doctoral Program in Biological Sciences at FIU under the supervision of Dr. Stoddard; Defending her Doctoral Dissertation Fall 2011 in Biology at FIU
Martinez, Laisel 2003 (Herrera)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biology 2006, FIU	Conducting Research on Lupus and the Effect of U1 snRNA and other Small RNAs as well as their Binding Proteins as Autoantigens in this Disease at the VA Medical Center, Miami, FL
Sautter, Robert 2003 (Mathee)	W	M	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biology, 2005, FIU	Working as a Research Biologist at USDA, Miami, FL and is a Medical Student.
Mendoza Baez, Maria 2003 (Almirall)	H	F	Chemistry & Biochemistry	M.S. Forensic Science, 2004, FIU Ph.D. Chemistry & Biochemistry, 2008, FIU	Currently a Post-Doctoral Fellow at FIU working in the lab of Dr. De Etta Mills in Biological Sciences
Gibert, Jorge 2004 (Bone)	H	M	Physics	M.S. Physics, 2004, FIU PhD Physics, 2008, FIU	Working as a Physics Instructor at FIU teaching science educational theory and practice
Graham, Matt 2004 (Smith)	W	M	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biological Sciences, 2010, FIU Awarded Posthumously	Deceased 10/2008
Jaime, Mark 2004 (Lickliter)	H	M	Psychology	M.S. Psychology, 2005, FIU Ph.D. Psychology, 2007, FIU	Currently an NICHD Postdoctoral Fellow in Autism and Developmental Disorders at the University of Miami, Department of Psychology
Molina-Vaillant, Mariana 2004 (Bahrck)	H	F	Psychology	B.A. Psychology, 2001, FIU M.S. Psychology, 2007, FIU	Withdrew from RISE Program because 5-year time limit of RISE funding for graduate (PhD) fellows ended; Currently pursuing PhD in Psychology at FIU
Munoz, Christine 2004 (Stoddard)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2004, FIU	Currently enrolled in Medical School
Angus, Frederic 2005 (Barreto)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	Undergraduate Education at Florida Atlantic University; M.S. Computer Engineering, 2010, FIU	Withdrew from RISE; Worked in Irving, Texas for Texas Instruments (Position in Medical Applications); Awarded MS degree in Computer Engineering applied to Biomedical systems in June 2010 from FIU
Ramsay, Gita 2005 (Bennett)	W	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biological Sciences, 2006, FIU	Currently teaching biology/botany/environmental science part-time and working from home/childcare part time.
Shuman-Argumosa, Melissa 2005 (Bahrck)	H	F	Psychology	B.A. Psychology, 2001, FIU M.S. Psychology, 2008, FIU PhD. Psychology, 2010, FIU	Dissertation "Development of Face Recognition: Infancy to Childhood"; Received PhD in Psychology from FIU in December of 2010; Working towards license in mental health counseling. Interning at Family Counseling Services of Greater Miami.
Smail, Shamayra 2005 (Herrera)	H	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Biological Sciences, 2006, FIU	Was enrolled in PhD program in Pathobiology Johns Hopkins University (Entered Fall 2006); Awarded the F31 NIH NRSA Ruth L. Kirschstein award for 4 years pending significant progress; Awarded the UNCF-Merck graduate fellowship for two years; Research involved microRNAs that are dysregulated by the HMGA1 (High mobility group protein A1) oncogene; Withdrew from Johns Hopkins University for family reasons in July 2011 (after 5 years of graduate work)
Valdes, James 2005 (Weeks)	H	M	Biological Sciences	A.A. Psychology, 1998, Miami Dade Community College B.A. Psychology, 2001, FIU	Supervisor/Consultant for MARC fellow Peer-to-Peer Workshop, FIU, Department of Biological Sciences Laboratory Manger and Research Assistant, FIU, Department of Biological Sciences; In May

				Ph.D. Biological Sciences, 2009, FIU	2010 received NSF CI-PIRE Award/Fellowship in Barcelona, Spain. Dr. Valdés was awarded a summer 2010 NSF Cyberinfrastructure–Partnership for International Research and Education (CI-PIRE) fellowship. The CI-PIRE fellowship provided an opportunity to collaborate with Professor Victor Guallar at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center. Using Protein Data Bank x-ray crystallography structures of cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzyme-ligand complex during this summer project, James tested the accuracy of protein-docking programs and web-servers after molecular dynamic simulations using the well-established protein modeling platform, Maestro.
Adonizio, Allison 2006 (Mathee)	W	F	Biological Sciences	Ph.D. Biology, 2008, FIU	Served as post doctoral associate with Fred Ausubel at Harvard/Mass General Hospital from 2008-2009; Currently working as a scientific writer in Pennsylvania and pursuing post-doctoral positions
Castellanos, Irina 2006 (Bahrck)	H	F	Psychology	B.A. Psychology, 2004, FIU M.S. Psychology, 2007, FIU	Currently enrolled in Ph.D. Program at FIU in Psychology. Withdrew from RISE 04/29/11 Program because reached maximum time limit (5 yrs) for RISE funding
Doud, Melissa 2006 (Mathee)	W	F	Biological Sciences	M.S. Forensic Science, 2006, FIU Ph.D. Biology, 2010, FIU	Dissertation "A Multi-Faceted Diagnostic Approach to Lung Infections in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis"; graduated with PhD in Biological Sciences from FIU in April 2010; As of May 2011, a postdoctoral fellow at the USDA working on huanglongbing aka citrus greening caused by a bacterium at Fort Pierce, FL.
Espinal, Aura 2006 (Noriega)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences & Minor Chemistry 2002, FIU	Ph.D. Student in Biology at FIU from Summer 2004 to Spring 2007. Teaching at private school in Miami, FL
Rodriguez, Marbelys 2006 (Kim)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2005, FIU	Currently enrolled in the PhD Program in Biology at FIU
Rose, Janna 2006 (Bennett)	W	F	Biological Sciences	B.A. Biology & Anthropology, 2000, Illinois Wesleyan University M.A. Anthropology, Tulane University, 2005 PhD Biological Sciences, FIU 2011	Received a grant to work in Grenoble, France as a post-doc for a year. It begins in January, 2012. It is an Accueil pro grant from the CMIRA--Coopération et Mobilité Internationales Rhône-Alpes, with the Grenoble Ecole de Management, Laboratoire CITE. Writing grants for the NSF and NIH, in order to continue dissertation research with rose galls and bio-active compounds.
Somarelli, Jason 2006 (Herrera)	W	M	Biological Sciences	Ph.D. Biological Sciences, 2009, FIU	Withdrew from RISE after receiving EPA Fellowship; Completed Ph.D. in Biology at FIU in 2009. Currently an American Cancer Society (ACS) post-doctoral fellow in the laboratory of Dr. Mariano Garcia-Blanco within the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at Duke University since July 2009. ACS funding is scheduled to last through December 31st, 2013. Scheduled to remain in that position until at least that date.
Aviram, Anat 2007 (Tsoukias)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	BS/MS Biomedical Engineering, 2008, FIU	Research Associate at Institute of Human Genomics
Fernandez-Fernandez, Alicia 2007 (McGoron)	H	F	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Health Sciences, 2001, FIU; M.S. Physical Therapy, 2002, FIU; B.S. Biomedical Engineering & Minor Chemistry, 2007, FIU	Currently enrolled in the PhD Program in Biomedical Engineering at FIU; Recently accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor at Nova Southeastern University, with a tentative start date of July 25, 2011; As a result, withdrew from RISE program effective July 22, 2011; Plans to continue pursuing PhD in biomedical engineering at FIU
Iyer, Kanchana 2007 (McGoron)	W	F	Biomedical Engineering	Undergraduate Education at University of Iowa	Opted to drop out of the BME department for personal reasons in October 2010. Transferred to graduate program in Civil/Environmental Engineering Dept. effective 10/15/10 under a DOE Fellowship
Perez, Mario 2007 (Noriega)	H	M	Biological Sciences	Associate in Science, Liberal Arts & Science, 2000, College of Staten Island/CUNY BS Biological Sciences, College of Staten Island/CUNY, 2005	Currently enrolled in the PhD Program in Biological Sciences at FIU
Quave, Cassandra 2007 (Bennett)	W (Disabled Student)	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology & B.S. Anthropology and Human Biology, 2000, Emory University Ph.D. Biology, 2008, FIU	Received an NIH Pre-Doctoral Award, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award in November 2007; (2009-Present) Joined University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, College of Medicine, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, as a Postdoctoral Fellow; (2010-Present) Part-time Faculty Lecturer at University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Biology (Biology, Microbiology lecture and lab, Medical Botany
Saldana Tavares, Amy 2007 (Kos)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2007, FIU	Currently enrolled in the PhD Program in Biological Sciences at FIU; Expected to graduate in summer 2011
Vaillant, Jimena	H	F	Psychology	B.S. Psychology Cum Laude 2005, University of	Received MS degree in Psychology at FIU in 2010; Thesis: Detection of Modality-Specific

2007 (Lickliter)				Florida M.S. Psychology, 2010, FIU	Properties in Unimodal and Bimodal Events during Prenatal Development; Currently enrolled in PhD Program in Psychology at FIU, expected graduation date of Summer 2012.
Vaughan, Nichole Hinds 2008 (Smith/ Bigger)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	Academic Certificate 1998, FIU M.S. Medical Laboratory Sciences, 2000, FIU Ph.D. Biology, 2011, FIU	Presented dissertation on "Antibacterial Proteins in Nurse Shark (Ginglymostoma Cirratum) Peripheral Blood Leukocytes" in May 2011; Awarded PhD in Biology at FIU in May 2011; Accepted position in Academia as an Adjunct Professor in Microbiology at Broward Community College
Sacasa, Pablo 2008 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 1997, FIU M.S. Chemistry, 2003, FIU Ph.D. Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Dissertation "Developing of Gernyl/Desulfonylation and Thiodesulfonylation Reactions for the Synthesis of Novel Nucleoside Analogues. Efficient Synthesis of Novel (α -Fluoro) vinyl Sulfides; Graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry in August 2010 at FIU; Currently employed as a Lab Manager/Professor (Chemistry) at Miami-Dade Community College
Alvarez, Diane 2008 (Leng)	H	F	Physics	B.S. Physics & Minor Mathematical Sciences, 2007, FIU	Currently enrolled at Louisiana State University, pursuing a Ph.D. in Physics with a specialization in Medical Physics, Diane's research is focusing on a topic in therapy-related medical physics: <i>High Z-Element radiation treatment using Monochromatic X-rays</i> ; Diane has changed research groups and her new advisor is Dr. Kenneth Hogstrom; Dianne was awarded the NSF BDP (Bridges to the Doctorate) LS-AMP Fellowship upon entering LSU in 2009 as well as a NACME/Sloan Scholarship; Starting in January of 2011, Diane will be funded by the NSF GRFP (Graduate Research Fellowship Program) that she applied and was awarded in June 2009; She participated in the APS March Meeting 2009 conference as well as the NSF JAM (Joint Annual Meeting) 2009 conference.
Sorondo, Barbara 2008 (Bahrck)	H	F	Psychology	B.S. Neuroscience, Minor Chemistry, 2007, University of Miami M.S., Psychology, 2010, FIU	Withdrew from RISE on 08/13/10. The University Graduate School approved her application for a leave of absence for the Fall 2010, Spring 2011, and Summer 2011 semesters in order for her to work on five manuscripts on various studies she has conducted throughout her time at FIU. She plans on returning to Florida International University for the Fall 2011 semester to complete her work in the doctoral program at the Department of Psychology. She has been in the Department of Psychology's Developmental Science Program since August 2007 and in the MBRS RISE program since May 2008, and received a Master of Science in psychology in summer 2010. During her leave of absence, Barbara plans on completing a one-year degree at another institution before proceeding to doctoral candidacy at FIU. As a result of her intended leave of absence, she could not continue in the RISE program during the 2010-2011 academic year. However, she does remain committed to a career in biomedical research and will return to FIU in the fall 2011 semester Currently pursuing an M.S. degree in Library and Information Studies at Florida State University
Zincke, Diansy 2008 (Mathee)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2005, FIU	Currently enrolled in the PhD Biological Sciences Program at FIU
Nelson, Evanne 2008 (Huffman)	AA	F	Public Health	B.S. Health Services Administration, 2004, FIU M.S. Public Health, 2006, FIU Professional Certificate, Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion, 2006, FIU	Withdrew from PhD Program in Public Health at FIU and MBRS RISE Program for medical reasons
Chin, Nikeisha 2009 (Kos)	AA	F	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2006, FIU	Currently enrolled in Ph.D. Program in Biological Sciences at FIU
Leyva, Natalie 2009 (Mils)	H	F	Chemistry	B.S. Biology, 2005, FIU M.S. Forensic Science, 2010, FIU	Graduated with a M.S. in Forensic Science / Chemistry December 2010; Currently working as a Research Associate at the John P. Hussman Institute of Human Genomics at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Mesa, Annia 2009 (Herrera)	H	F	Chemistry	B.S. Biology, 2006, FIU M.S. Forensic Science, 2011, FIU	Obtained MS degree in Forensic Science / Chemistry in August 2011 (Thesis presented on July 21 st , 2011 – U1 snRNP based screening test for discrimination between SLE and MCTD patients; Beginning PhD Program in Biology at FIU effective fall 2011 expected graduation summer 2014
Salinas, Manuel 2010 (Ramaswamy)	H	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Engineering, 2009, FIU	Currently enrolled in MS Program in Biomedical Engineering at FIU

Castillo-Chabeco, Boris 2010 (Kim)	H	M	Biological Sciences	B.S. Biology, 2009, FIU	Currently enrolled in PhD Program in Biological Sciences at FIU
Daniels, Ebony 2010 (Munroe)	AA	F	Mechanical Engineering	B.S. Mechanical Engineering, 2001, Howard University	Currently enrolled in MS Program in Mechanical Engineering at FIU; Decided to withdraw from RISE as she accepted a position as a Quality Engineer at Goode Consulting International, Inc. in Doral, FL effective June 2 nd , 2011. She will continue pursuing her MS degree, under the supervision of Dr. Munroe at FIU
Mendez, Eladio 2010 (Moon)	H	M	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2009, Florida International University	Currently pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at FIU
Persaud, Dharam 2010 (McGoron/Munroe)	AA	M	Biomedical Engineering	B.S. Biomedical Science 2007, USF M.S. Biomedical Engineering 2010, FIU	Currently working towards PhD in Biomedical Engineering at FIU. Awarded grant from the National Brain Aneurysm Foundation in 2011 for his project entitled "Novel Biodegradable Alloys for the Treatment of Cerebral Aneurysms".
Areiza, Maria 2011 (Murray)	H	F	Biological Sciences	B.A. English, 2006, FIU B.S. Biological Sciences, 2009, FIU	Currently enrolled in MS Program in Biological Sciences at FIU
Mendel, Julian 2011 (Mills)	AA	M	Forensic Science	B.S. Zoology, 2008, University of the West Indies (Jamaica)	Currently enrolled in MS Program in Forensic Science / Chemistry at FIU
Pulido, Jesse 2011 (Wnuk)	H	M	Chemistry	B.S. Biological Sciences, 2008, FIU B.A. Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Currently pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at FIU
Zayas, Jessica 2011 (Wnuk)	H	F	Chemistry	B.A. Chemistry, 2010, FIU	Participated in MBRS RISE at FIU as an undergraduate fellow; Currently pursuing a PhD in Chemistry at FIU

All undergraduate students and graduate students, who were, or are, supported by this RISE grant (current grant period) are listed: grouped as undergraduate or graduate students by year of entry into the RISE program and then in alphabetical order.