

# Financial Aid Highlights

Financial Aid Highlights is a periodic electronic news update provided by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships for the benefit of prospective and continuing CSUB students and parents, high school and community college counselors, faculty, and staff. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to financial aid and scholarships of relevance to the CSUB community. Past issues are archived on the Financial Aid & Scholarships homepage at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid>. Additional information regarding any given topic may be obtained by calling the office at (661) 654-3016.

## CSUB Scholarship Opportunities through SPARC & MARC U\*STAR - FAH (Vol. 7, No. 6)

Students are advised that Student Preparation for Academic Research Careers (SPARC) is a scholarship program designed to prepare underrepresented minority students for advanced studies in natural sciences and mathematics. Eligible students must be interested in one of the following majors: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, or Mathematics. This is a two-year scholarship for incoming CSUB freshmen worth \$1,200 per academic year.

Students are also advised that Minority Access to Research Careers Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research (MARC U\*STAR) is a scholarship program for underrepresented minority CSUB junior and seniors who are majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science or Mathematics. MARC U\*STAR students participate in extensive research, conference presentations, ethics training, and graduate school preparation. This two-year scholarship is worth \$12,887 per academic year.

Continued funding for these two programs is dependent upon student participation, so it is crucial that all of the scholarships are utilized. Both of these scholarship programs result from grant funds received from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

For more information concerning either of these two scholarships, you may visit <http://www.csub.edu/marc> or you may contact Andrea Medina, Program Coordinator, at (661)654-3006.

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