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Student Grant Awardees since 1990

1990	Wendy Pava, Birgit Wolz, Elaine Hall
1991	Kevin Wilkins, Shan Ming Lee
1992	Meghal Antani, Lynn Hanninen, Mara Frohlinger
1993	David Fass, William Hylton
1995	Chris Tromborg
1996	Anne-Michelle Singleton
1997	Leslie Harper
1998	Maura O'Modhrain
1999	Joseph Barbera, Byunggyoo Kim
2000	Jennifer Last
2001	Cassandra Quave
2002	My Lien Nguyen
2003	Mark Woods
2004	Jessica Mahood
2005	Cheryl Fogle
2007	Melodi King
2008	Ryan McKindles
2009	Emma Sacks
2010	Shaun Kane
2011	Lisa Dunning
2012	Kim Yeoman
2013	Naomi Delventhal
2014	Amy Nichols
2015	Rosemarie Figueroa
2016	Heather Page
2017	Rachel Wiley
2018	Cynthia Bennett
2019	Helen Rottier

Student Grant Awardees, contd.

2020	Lana Frankle
2021	Kyle Grosser
2022	Juan Alarcon
2023	Dana Rubenstein

President's Corner

--Richard Mankin

Welcome back! To many of us, it seems to be a year of recovery. We begin with a discussion of some highlights of recent activities in the disability community, and then move to the Minutes of the 2023 annual meeting, including the treasurer report and the Grant Committee report.

We end with contact information for renewing memberships, etc., and in the side panel on this page we have information about the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Foundation at the AAAS annual meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Speaking of memberships—Our treasurer is Angela Foreman, and I'd like to give her a shoutout for carefully handling our funds for over 10 years. Here is an article that was written about her in 2013.

<https://www.science.org/content/article/leading-way-scientists-disabilities>)

Richard Mankin

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FSD is an
affiliate of the
American
Association for
Advancement of
Science (AAAS)

**The next FSD annual
meeting will be held
February 19 from 2:00-
2:30 PM at the Denver
Convention Center
during the AAAS annual
meeting, February 17-
19, 2024**

Commentary on happenings since the 2022 FSD Newsletter

Richard Mankin

Perhaps presciently, the Association for Undergraduate Education at Research Universities in 2020 posed two fundamental questions in their Boyer 2030 Report:

- 1) How can U.S. research universities embrace the equity/excellence imperative?
- 2) Can we commit to equity as a necessary and defining precondition of excellence?

However, the word “disability” did not occur in the report. Maybe persons with disabilities were included “invisibly” as members of other groups seeking equity.

The problem of “invisibility” extends to the medical arena. The New York Times wrote an article, “These Doctors Admit They Don’t Want Patients With Disabilities, (<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/19/health/doctors-patients-disabilities.html>). Often doctors are busy, and most patients need an extra cheerleader to keep the doctors actively engaged.

Indeed, the Covid pandemic laid bare a world of deeply entrenched inequities between haves and have-nots, including the have-nots with disabilities. Justin and Rachel Yarbury, for example, presented an article in Trends in Neuroscience, “Disabled in academia: to be or not to be, that is the question.” They asked why the percentage of persons with disabilities in the sciences is lower than in the general population and suggested that much of the reason is due to ableism, i. e., the overvaluing of able-bodiedness. My own perspective is that the effect depends somewhat on the kind of contribution. If a scientist with disability develops an idea that expands into a new area of research, for example, it tends to be accepted more readily than an attempt to develop a team of researchers. It is easier for ableists to accept the existence of a new research field than a new research project propounded by a person with disability. The effect may also depend on the kind of disability.

I’ll end on a positive note. A few days ago, Vivian Marx at Nature Methods presented an article about noteworthy achievements of researchers with disabilities. (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-022-01699-6>). One of the recipients was Uri Manor, who had been mentioned in the 2022 FSD newsletter.

Here is the upcoming agenda:

FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISABILITY

Annual Meeting

2:00 PM -2:30 PM, Saturday, February 17, 2024

Denver Convention Center, Denver, Colorado

Minutes – March 5, 2023, Meeting was postponed until this year.

Treasurer’s Report for 2023- Richard Mankin for Angela Foreman, Treasurer

Fund balance on January 1, 2022, was \$12,721.07

For years 22-23, donations received were	1,199.99
Expenses were:	
student grants	2,000.00
Nonprofit fees IRS,	134.99
Final balance on December 31, 2023, was:	\$11,596.07

2024 Science Student Grant Committee Report – Richard Mankin, Chair

Dana Rubenstein in the Department of Medicine at Duke University, Durham, NC, received the 2023 FSD Graduate Student Grant Award for studies on “Nicotine/tobacco use and cessation among persons with disabilities.”

New Business

2025 Science Student Grant Award

Let us again note that FSD and similar organizations should develop activities that help young persons negotiate the on-ramp to scientific careers effectively. So much nowadays seems to depend on individuals with particular scientific interests meeting up with mentors who have some resources and are willing to provide good advice. Other organizations, such as HIARO (<http://deafearsScientists.org>), have been able to do this successfully, and it appears that enthusiasm and perseverance may be two of the keys to FSD bringing more persons with disabilities on board.

Adjournment

There were no minutes from 2023, due to cancellation of the expected meeting.

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The Foundation for Science and Disability (<http://stemd.org>) was founded in 1978 to promote the integration of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of the scientific community. A major focus of FSD has been the removal of barriers that restrict opportunities to develop careers and conduct scientific research. The Foundation also provides grants to students with disabilities who are conducting research in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine.

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