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Dear Mr. Withrow:

Thank you for all the time and effort you invest in UBSUC! When I was at Clovis West High School (Fresno, CA), I was an active member of UBSUC, and it made a great impact on my personal and academic development. In 1997, I received a scholarship from UBSUC, which helped cover my expenses at UCLA. In 2002, I graduated with a B.S. in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology, *cum laude*, with College Honors and Departmental Honors. Now, I am on a full scholarship at Columbia University's Medical Scientist Training MD-PhD graduate program.

I am writing to share the Ron Brown Scholar Program with you and other members of the UBSUC Advisory Board. Honoring the legacy of the late Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, it provides young African American students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills, and a commitment to service with \$40,000 for college. Moreover, it is a family which offers exceptional guidance, support, and valuable networking opportunities. I am a 1997 Ron Brown Scholar. Please read about us at [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org).

I believe the Ron Brown Scholar Program is an organization that *every* BSU in California should know about. The Program has selected its newest Class of 2007 Scholars, and we are proud to accept UBSUC member, Ms. Fatima B. Loeliger, into our family. I would encourage the UBSUC Advisory Board to spread the word about this special program to all UBSUC students. I hope we receive more applicants from UBSUC students in the years to come. If you would like to talk more, please feel free to contact me or the Program directly at 434-964-1558.

Thank you,

Carmelle T. Norice, '97 Ron Brown Scholar

# Carmelle T. Norice



## EDUCATION

**M.D.-Ph.D. in progress**, Cellular, Molecular, and Biophysical Studies, expected 2010  
Columbia University, New York, NY  
Dissertation Advisor: Aaron P. Mitchell, Ph.D.

**B.S.**, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology, 2002  
University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
*Cum Laude*, College Honors, Departmental Honors

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student** Aug 05 – present  
Department of Microbiology  
Molecular pathogenesis of *Candida albicans*  
Aaron P. Mitchell, Ph.D.
- Postbaccalaureate Research Fellow** Aug 02 – Jul 03  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NIH  
Adrenergic receptor biochemistry; biochemical assay development  
Peter H. Fishman, Ph.D.
- Undergraduate Research Assistant** Aug 00 – Jul 02  
Department of Neurobiology, UCLA School of Medicine  
Neurotransmission and circuitry in retina  
Nicholas C. Brecha, Ph.D.
- Undergraduate Research Assistant** Oct 99 – Jul 00  
Department of Physiology, UCLA School of Medicine  
Molecular physiology of neuroendocrine cell function  
Nancy L. Wayne, Ph.D.

## **POSTER PRESENTATION**

Norice, C.T., Smith, F.J., Mitchell, A.P. Identification of *Candida albicans* cell wall-associated proteins involved in caspofungin susceptibility. ASM 8<sup>th</sup> Candida and Candidiasis Meeting, March 13-17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Denver, CO.

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Medical Scientist Training Program, Columbia University  
NIH Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award  
Ron Brown Scholar  
MARC-U\*STAR Scholar  
UCLA Department of Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology Honors  
UCLA College of Letters and Science Honors  
APA-NIGMS Scholar  
Wasserman Research Scholar  
National Council on Undergraduate Research Nominee  
UCLA CARE Research Scholar  
UCLA Chancellor's Award for Leadership and Academic Excellence  
UCLA Academic Advancement Program Scholar  
National Society for Collegiate Scholars  
United Black Student Unions of California Scholar

## **REFERENCES**

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