



New Program for Recent College Graduates

BOCA RATON, Fla. (October 4, 2017) – The FAU Brain Institute welcomes its inaugural class of post-baccalaureate Brain Institute Research Scholars. Students Max Rabil, Sarah Palumbo and Nadia Sial will pursue full-time research in the labs of mentors Drs. Janet Robishaw, Ken Dawson-Scully, and Randy D. Blakely, prior to becoming medical students in the College of Medicine.

The program has been developed in collaboration with the FAU Brain Institute and FAU High School, with the support of Drs. Alan B. Aker, Anne G. Kasten Aker and Patricia Anastasio. Additional support has been provided by the high school for the College of Medicine/FAU High School MD Direct Pipeline Scholarship Fund.

"We plan to grow the Post-Bacc program to provide mentored research experiences for talented college graduates heading into graduate and other professional pathways, as well as medical school, in the coming years," said Blakely, executive director of FAU's Brain Institute and professor of biomedical science in the college.

"We are delighted to partner with the MED DIRECT Program in the Colleges of Medicine and Science and with FAU High to initiate our Post-Bacc program. In future years, we see our program offering research opportunities to talented college graduates heading to graduate school, and other professional programs, as well as to medical school."