



IBT Honors Four Graduate Students

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The Institute of Biosciences and Technology, assisted by benefactors from the community, honored graduate student research at a ceremony conducted at the institute on April 29, 2005. IBT's director Dr. Richard Finnell presided over the event.



Holding their award certificates are IBT graduate students (l-r) Robert Cabrera, Sharon Fernandez, Jennifer Selever, and Brad Bryan. Also shown (l-r) are IBT benefactor James K. B. Nelson, IBT director Dr. Richard Finnell, IBT benefactor Paula Mischer, and IBT benefactor Dan Clinton.

Recipients of Ned "Joe" Wicker Fellowships were Robert Cabrera and Sharon Fernandez.

Established in memory of a research associate in IBT's Margaret M. Alkek Center for Environmental and Genetic Medicine, this award supports the education and training of graduate students working towards their doctorates at IBT. Mr. James K.B. Nelson, a prominent graduate of Texas A&M, is the principle underwriter of this significant fellowship program. Robert studies in the Finnell laboratory where Joe Wicker worked, and Sharon works in the laboratory of Dr. Richard Sinden, which is part of IBT's Center for Genome Research.

The Dan and Barbara Clinton Prize was awarded to Brad Bryan, a member of the laboratory of Dr. Mingyao Liu (see related article). Dr. Liu's lab is part of IBT's Center for Cancer Biology and Nutrition. Underwriting this award were Dan Clinton, a graduate of Texas A&M honored many times by his university, and Barbara Clinton, who is currently president-elect of the Friends of the Sterling C. Evans Library at A&M.

The Mischer Prize was won by Jennifer Selever, a graduate student from Dr. James Martin's lab, part of IBT's Center for Cancer Biology and Nutrition. The Mischer family of Houston—including Walter Mischer, Sr. and his daughter Paula—underwrote this award. They are long-time supporters of Texas A&M.

IBT's Graduate Education Committee oversaw the selection process for these awards. Dr. Frederick Gimble, associate professor in IBT's Center for Genome Research, chairs this committee.

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