Maria Mercedes Franco*, Queensborough Community College, CUNY, NY. Reflections on diversity and undergraduate research.

The speaker will share insights gained from a wide range of experiences mentoring undergraduate research students. These experiences include roles as GRA, faculty mentor, and program director; working with students from 2- and 4-year colleges/universities; and facilitating or personally engaging them in summer, course-based or academic year research. What these experiences have in common is also what attracted the speaker to them: they all address issues of underrepresentation in the mathematical sciences or, more broadly, in STEM. (Received September 18, 2019)