NSF funding of Bridges to the Doctorate (BD), Cohort III has enabled CSU-LSAMP to host a second cohort of students at California State University, Los Angeles. In 2005-2006, Cal State LA will serve as the site for both CSU-LSAMP BD-Cohort II and BD-Cohort III activities. The existence of the Bridge to the Doctorate programs through the Minority Opportunities in Research (MORE) and the CEA-CREST offices have provided students access to graduate study in a broader array of STEM disciplines. Thirteen talented students have been selected as scholars in the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridges to the Doctorate Cohort III.

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