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**Productive Trainees**

**Accomplishments and Highlights**

Dr. Erica Soltero’s abstract, titled “Comprehensive Lifestyle Intervention Improves Quality of Life in Obese Latino Youth”, was selected as a *top ten abstract* by the Pediatric Obesity Section during the Obesity Society’s annual meeting held on November 3rd in New Orleans. Dr. Soltero is a postdoctoral fellow in ASU’s Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, who is mentored by **Dr. Gabriel Shaibi**.

The National Cancer Institute *awarded supplemental funding* to support **Dr. Francisco Munoz**, a post-doctoral fellow from the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, who is working with **Dr. Linda Larkey**. The 2-year supplement will allow Dr. Munoz to add markers of inflammation and cognitive function to Dr. Larkey’s ongoing R01 titled, “Recovery and Rejuvenation”.

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