



"I got involved with the ACSM Leadership & Diversity Training Program (LDTP) three years ago, as a way to influence the field and more specifically, the next generation of scientists. Even though the college has made significant strides to promote diversity, I believe more opportunities are needed for students, and junior faculty of diverse backgrounds. This year, I have the opportunity to mentor Dulce Gomez, who is a doctoral student at Auburn University School of Kinesiology. I am committed to working with students from diverse backgrounds, and specifically those in the LDTP program, as a way to "pay back" the opportunities my mentors provided. As a minority, and a Fellow of the College, I believe I can provide professional and academic insight to many students, especially those from underserved minorities and diverse backgrounds."

Yuri Feito, PhD, FACSM
Associate Professor at Kennesaw State University
ACSM LDTP Mentor

"My mentor has been in my shoes (both as doctoral student and as minority in science) and is now a full-fledged ACSM fellow, involved in multiple ACSM committees, and passionate about the success of his students. Having the opportunity to shadow Dr. Feito during his meetings, networking with his colleagues and students, and listening to his approach to teaching and work ethic have helped me create a support system beyond Auburn University and beyond this 2019 ACSM conference. Since the meeting, I have updated Dr. Feito about my milestones as a PhD student and continue listening to the advice he provides me as I work to follow his footsteps! These opportunities would not have been possible without the assistance of the ACSM Diversity Committee and the LDTP program!"



Dulce H. Gomez
PhD student at Auburn University
ACSM LDTP Protégé

Announcements:

- **Promotion & Tenure Workshop hosted by the Diversity Advancement Network**

Mark your calendar! The DAN Professional Development group will be hosting an interactive workshop using Zoom on Sept. 17, 2019 (time TBD). Drs. Andrea Kriska, Al Gurovich, and Erica Taylor will be discussing how to navigate the promotion and tenure process and available resources. Email Erica Taylor (taylor_eric2@columbusstate.edu) or Brittany Masteller (brittanymasteller@gmail.com) to register, submit questions/topics you would like to see discussed, and to get the final details. The workshop will be recorded and made available for viewing later.

- **ACSM Award Provides International Travel Funding to Early Career Professionals**

The Howard G. "Skip" Knuttgen International Scholar Award provides funding for early career professionals to gain technical expertise and/or scientific knowledge through an international exchange program. Award recipients receive round-trip air transportation to the host institution, a lodging and living stipend, medical health insurance for two months, and complimentary registration & lodging for the 2020 ACSM Annual Meeting. [Complete award details and application materials](#) are available on ACSM's website.

