

Below are the comments Cassidy Gutner, Chair of the Awards Committee, used from the ABCT Awards Ceremony script:

### **OUTSTANDING MENTOR – CASSIDY**

Also in alternating years with other awards, ABCT recognizes an outstanding mentor – an ABCT member who has provided significant contributions to the literature advancing our knowledge of behavior therapy. I am pleased to present this award Dr. Ricardo Muñoz, Distinguished Professor of Clinical Psychology Palo Alto University.

Dr. Muñoz's nomination stood out to the committee for his exceptional dedication to mentoring Latinos and members of other minority groups. His long history of mentorship dates back to his initial appointment at the University of California, San Francisco in the Department of Psychiatry and at then San Francisco General Hospital (now Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital). It was there that Dr. Muñoz launched the Depression Prevention Research Program and the Depression Clinic at ZSFGH in the 1980s and began a long history of mentorship of predoctoral and postdoctoral students (35 in total). Dr. Muñoz served as the Director of the Clinical Psychology Training Program (CPTP) in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco for 20 years. The success of this training program and its outcomes are chronicled in a 2015 paper in Training and Education in Professional Psychology. During his tenure, he promoted Latinos and minorities over 35 years by accepting 142 trainees, 32% of whom were minorities and 55% were women. Moreover, these fellows published over 250 articles, chapters, or books with their mentors. One of his mentees who worked with him as an RA, a postdoctoral fellow, and now as a colleague wrote, "Dr. Muñoz is an exceptional mentor. He is one of the truly special individuals who think of mentorship as a lifetime commitment. He cares deeply about his current and former students, both about their career successes as well as their overall wellbeing."

Please join me in congratulating this truly outstanding mentor, Dr. Muñoz.