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McNair Scholars Program

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To Our Scholars...



Let's Fiesta, Scholars!

Congratulations, class of 2019!



*Gabriela Aquino
BA, Psychology*



*Cristian Buelna
BS, Mechanical
Engineering*



Alejandro Carrillo
BA, Criminology



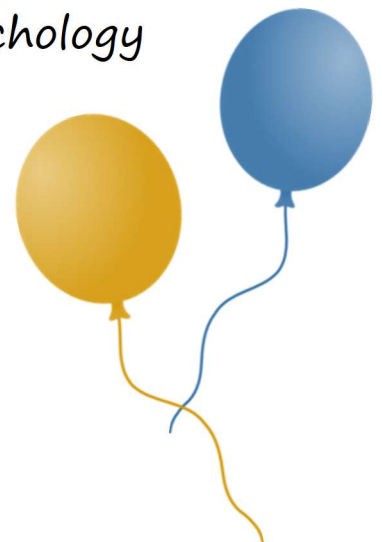
Gonzalo Guerra
BA, Psychology



Rebeca Gurrola
BS, Physics



Jacqueline Lucero
BA, Psychology





Brandon McClellan
BS, Biochemistry



Ashleigh Morales
BA, Philosophy



Jennifer Padron
BA, Criminology



Gisela Reyes
BA, Philosophy



Mariana Sandoval
BA, History



Sadie Villarreal
BA, Theology





Below are some of the universities our scholars were accepted for graduate school!



TEXAS
The University of Texas at Austin



VANDERBILT
UNIVERSITY



Northwestern
University

MICHIGAN STATE

UNIVERSITY

THE 
UNIVERSITY
OF IOWA

Presidential Award Spotlight: Rebeca Gurrola



Each spring, faculty and staff nominate graduating students who have displayed exemplary leadership and selfless service while maintaining academic excellence.

While at St. Mary's, Ms. Gurrola participated in math club, conducted research at other institutions, and won research awards.

Beginning in fall 2019, Ms. Gurrola will attend Texas A&M at College Station for her PhD studies.



TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY®

Congrats, Rebeca!

Cheers, Nicole!

The McNair Scholars Program has been fortunate to have outstanding mathematics tutors. For over two years, Man “Nicole” Xiao has supported our scholars by creating individualized lesson plans, meeting regularly to assess scholar progress, and evaluating practice essays. Nicole has also taught mathematics classes during our summer research sessions.

In addition to Nicole’s duties, she was sought by a faculty member to assist in research and lecture preparation while pursuing her Master of English Literature and Language. Nicole graduated this past spring.

During May, Nicole’s long-time boyfriend, Alvaro, proposed to her, and now the two are planning to marry.

Thank you is not nearly enough to show our appreciation for all that you have done. We wish you the best, and please remember you are part of the McNair Family!



APS RISE Research Award: Monica Perez

McNair Scholar and now PhD student at the University of Notre Dame, Monica Perez was awarded the Association for Psychological Science's RISE Research Award at this year's APS Annual Convention.

This award is given to outstanding student researchers who investigate socially and economically underrepresented populations. Ms. Perez presented her research to convention attendees after receiving her award. Her research interests include adolescent development and how social factors such as cultural differences and income affect development. She also focuses on creating interventions that assist parents to cope with the stressors that occur when raising a child with atypical development.



Your McNair family
is proud of you,
Monica!

To our graduates...

Revel! You've accomplished a feat many from similar backgrounds have not. Share your experiences and knowledge you've gained, so you can inspire and guide other first-generation students to persevere when they face adversity.

Remember those who supported you during your undergraduate journey. Let them know the influence their support has had on your success.

Know you will always have a village. Regardless of time and distance, we'll be around to fill your bellies, support you during hardship, and celebrate your many future successes.

To grad school...and beyond!