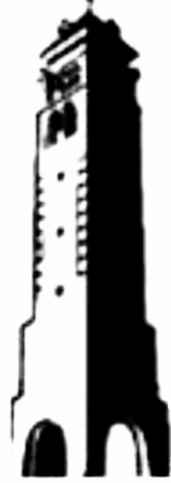


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WELCOME NEW & RISING SCHOLARS!

The beautiful
thing about
learning is that
no one can
take it away
from you

- B. B. King

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Eddie Paniagua
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Biochemistry



**The Secret of
Getting Started
is Getting Ahead
- Mark Twain**

Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs)

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REUs) program provides undergraduate students with educational research opportunities funded by The National Science Foundation (NSF). Each undergraduate student will join researchers and faculty on an appointed project. Students are granted stipends and, in some instances, aid with housing and travel expenses. To enroll in the program, students must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States. All McNair scholars are required to apply for off-campus research opportunities, typically REUs or SROPs. Students must also apply directly to REU sites or NSF-funded investigators who receive REU supplements. Participating in one of these summer programs is an excellent way to get first-hand experience in your discipline and on your prospective graduate school campus. To ensure that the right REU sites, visit the directory of active REU sites at https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm.



Important

Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)

The Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) is essential to an undergraduate's education at the Big Ten Academic Alliance universities. This program aims at expanding the number of underrepresented students that are motivated in pursuing careers in research and graduate studies. With SROP, undergraduates develop skills that prepare them for the graduate study experience by way of research with faculty members and extensive hands on experience. Between November 1 and February 10 of each year, applications are accepted. By submitting your application, you can apply to up to ten summer research programs with one application. Make sure to upload a current transcript to a central location (the Big Ten Academic Alliance universities) and your faculty recommender will submit one online letter of recommendation (TWO LETTERS in total are required). Once your application is complete, your application will be able to be viewed by faculty from all the top ten research universities. To begin the application and registration process, please visit <https://apps.btaa.org/srop/apply>.

All McNair scholars are required to apply for off-campus research opportunities, typically REUs or SROPs. Participating in one of these summer programs is an excellent way to get first-hand experience on your prospective graduate school campus.

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WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING



Fall 2019 Travel



*You're off to great places
Today is your day
Your mountain is waiting
Go, get on your way!"*
- Dr. Seuss



ASHLEY CONTRERAS

Ashley Yates-Contreras (Environmental Science major, Chemistry minor, NOAA EPP/MSI Scholar, peer coach counselor) attended the Wise Conference at Columbia University in New York City, New York in October. The WISE conference celebrates women in Science & Engineering, helping women to connect, learn, & network and gain beneficial information about graduate opportunities at Columbia University supporting women in science.



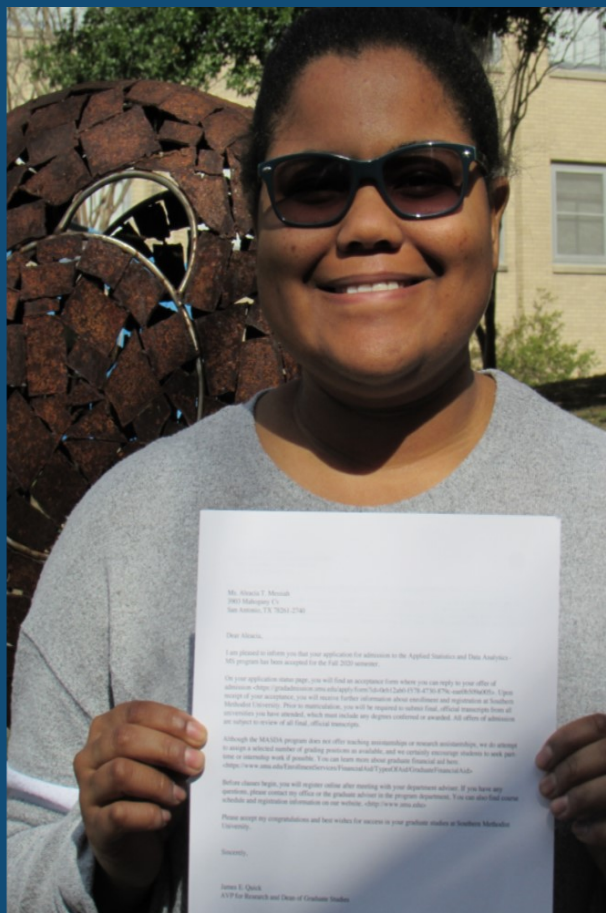
Fun Fact:
While at the Wise Conference, Ashley met a Yorie Oppong (pictured above). A Physics major who is also a published poetry author & artist attending Spelman College.

You Can Do It!



Congratulations to Aleacia Messiah

First Fall 2020 Graduating Scholar to
Receive Graduate School Acceptance!



It's that time when acceptance letters begin to roll in and Aleacia was the first scholar to receive an acceptance letter. We know this is just the first of many for Aleacia and that others will be receiving offers soon. Check out the Spring 2020 Newsletter for more news of where scholars are heading.

Arianna Kennet (Music Performance major), born and raised in Malaysia, is a piano loving enthusiast that has been playing for the past 17 years. She enjoys giving piano lesson and performs gigs off campus. She is responsible for decorating the McNair office for festivities and attends to office duties. Arianna can also help McNair students with any questions that they may have.

Welcome our New Student Worker

