

**“True courage comes in enduring...
persevering... and believing in oneself.”**

- Ronald E. McNair

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“How did my summer research go, you ask? Well, I worked long hours, the mice always ran away from me, the animal room was hot, and I was working with too many cell lines. To make a long story short.....I LOVED it!”

- Maricruz Espinoza
Biology

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Conferences

Just a few of the conferences our McNair Scholars took part in this Fall semester:



25th Annual National McNair Research Conference and Graduate Fair Hosted by the Educational Opportunity Association and Sponsored by Marquette University, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at the Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, WI

24th Annual McNair Scholars Research Conference at UMBC. Sponsored by University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Ronald E. McNair Symposium 2016 at the University of California, Berkeley.

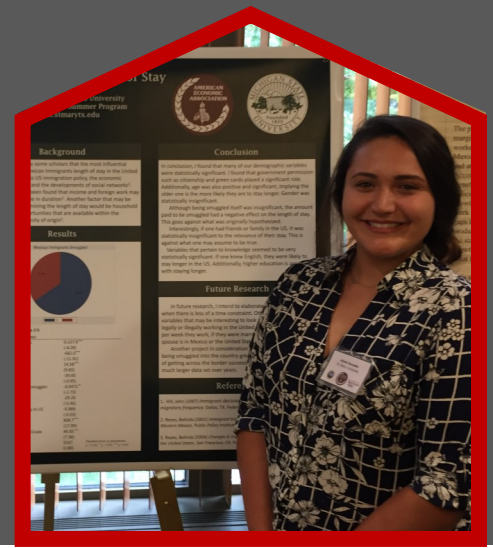
FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference 2016 organized by Florida International University McNair Scholars Program

Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students sponsored by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), Division of Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity (TWD) under award number T36GM073777 and managed by the American Society for Microbiology (ASM).

Summer Research Experience

“Day 1 was exciting and nerve wrenching. Day 2-59 were some of the longest, hottest, hardest-working nights I have experienced. Day 60 is what made the entire experience feel like every day was worth it. I’d do it all over again.”

- Alexis Gonzalez, Math/ Economics





“Favorite quote to live by: Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible: and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”
 -Christa Herrera, Psychology

“Traveling to St. Jude over the summer helped me to realize my passion for patients’ care by transferring bench work to the bedside.”
 -Lauren Garcia, Biology

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Name that scholar!



“Our time and effort was only part of the experience, the other was finding yourself with insanity and sheer passion to keep moving.”
 -Daisy Jordan, Criminal Justice



“Having the chance to fly to Maryland and present my research was a fantastic experience, and I can’t wait to travel to another conference!”
 -Cody Sanders, English/ Philosophy



Raul, Brian, Amira, Ernest, Daisy, Paloma, and Maricruz at the UTSA Grad School Boot Camp



Genne, Vanessa, and Monica in San Francisco



Maricruz, Christa, Paloma, Maggie, and Josh in Austin



Alex doing Summer Research in Harvard Forest

“Traveling to present at UC Berkeley was an amazing experience. We had the opportunity to not only share our research with students from around the nation but also have fun and explore the city.”

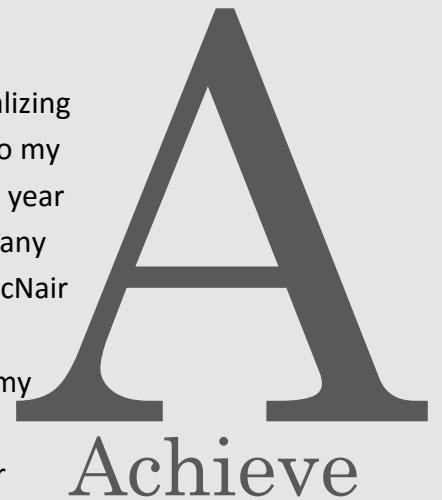
-Monica Perez, Psychology

“I’ve always been terrified of research and the idea of graduate school makes my nervous. But every day I try. I look for research opportunities even if it intimidates me. I work hard every day to increase my chances of acceptance into a program despite my nerves. Every day I find the courage in myself to persevere.”

-Magdalena Banda, Psychology

“One of the most memorable moments of my summer was realizing how far I had come. Compared to my first year of research, my second year was much easier. I learned so many skills throughout my time as a McNair Scholar and I cannot wait to see what else I will acquire through my senior year.”

-McNair Scholar





Monica Perez with mentor, Dr. Jillian Pierucci



**Congratulations
to Monica Perez!
Class of 2016**

End of Semester Celebration

Scholars in Photo: Raul , Christa,
Gisela, Paloma, Lorena, Monica,
Daisy, Maggie, Vanessa, Brian,
Maricruz, Isabella, Lauren



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Rising Scholars

Gisela Reyes

Lorena Perez

Samantha Perez

Isabella Salinas

Ximena Mondragon

Brenda Lopez

Jasmine Perez

Ashley Thomas

Sabrina Olivares

Rebeca Gurrola

Jacqueline Lucero

Iliana DeLaCruz

Congratulations to our newest Rising McNair Scholars! We look forward to what's ahead!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- From the McNair Staff