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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi McNair Scholars Give Presentations at the MKN Heartland Research Conference

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Four McNair Scholars from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi participated in the 12th annual Ronald E McNair MKN Heartland Research Conference from Friday, Sept. 19, through Sunday, Sept. 21, in Kansas City, Mo.

The following scholars gave presentations.

- **Phillip Levasseur**, senior political science major – “Gauging Whether the Citizenry is Prepared for a Paradigm Shift in Texas Water Policy: A Pilot Study of Public Attitudes and Knowledge of Fresh Water Inflow to Texas Coastal Zones.”
- **Christina Martinez**, senior math major – “Nutrients in the San Antonio River Basin.”
- **Eliana Razo**, senior communications major – “What Are You? Use of the Ethnic Labels Mexican and Hispanic in Talk.”
- **Cristal Renteria**, senior psychology major – “Predictors of Academic Achievement for Mexican American Middle-School Students.”

The McNair Scholars program is a federally-funded program that provides first-generation, low-income, minority college students with paid internships and mentoring to prepare for enrollment in graduate programs and to obtain a Ph.D.

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