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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi McNair Scholar Gives Presentations at Annual Pastoral Counseling Conference

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi McNair Scholar Mayra Garcia presented her research at the eighth annual Mid-Year Conference on Religion and Spirituality held March 26-28 at the Loyola Columbia Graduate Center at Loyola University Maryland in Columbia, Md.

Garcia, a junior English and psychology double major mentored by Dr. Mark Hartlaub, conducted a poster presentation on “Faith Maturity in Two Ethnically Diverse Universities.” McNair Scholar Iza Martinez, a junior English and psychology double major, also attended the conference.

The conference represents a joint partnership between Division 36 (Psychology of Religion) of the American Psychological Association and Loyola University’s Pastoral Counseling Department. Students are provided with a supportive academic forum to discuss latest research findings and scientific advances with professionals.

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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