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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi McNair Scholars Give Presentations at Annual National Conference at the University of Maryland

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Two Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi McNair Scholars presented their research at the 11th annual National Conference for McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research held March 11-14 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.

Norma Martinez, a senior life sciences major mentored by Dr. Greg Stunz, presented her research on “The Effects of Density Dependence on the Growth Rate of Red Drum via RNA: DNA Ration Analysis.”

Laura Villalobos, a senior biology major, mentored by Dr. Lillian Waldbeser, gave her presentation titled “Contribution of Stress Hormone Cortisol to the Pathogenicity of Neisseria Meningitidis.”

The conference, “Global Impact: Achieving Scholarship, Leadership, and Excellence in the 21st Century,” provided students with the opportunity to present their research in a professional environment and for staff to participate in professional development activities. Students were also able to present and discuss their academic profiles with various research university representatives and initiate face-to-face dialogue with prospective graduate school faculty.

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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