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

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Five McNair scholars representing Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi presented at the 14th annual MKN McNair Heartland Conference held Sept. 24-26 in Kansas City, Mo.

During the conference, undergraduates participated in research presentations, a graduate recruitment fair, speaker and panel discussions, and pre-conference workshops for writing graduate admissions essays and the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. They also took a guided tour of the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum and met with graduate school faculty and staff.

The presentations were:

- Megan Crawford-Grime, a senior psychology major, presented on “Recognition Memory and Meditation: Countering the Influence of Stress.” Her mentor was Dr. Miguel Moreno.
- Tabitha Perez, a junior English and history major, presented on “The Study of the South Texas Borderlands as an International Space and the Interaction of Different Cultures in Literature.” Her mentor was Dr. Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak.
- Iza Martinez, a senior English and psychology major, presented “Dora Mirabal: Feminism in South Texas.” Her mentor was Dr. Charles Etheridge.
- Lucinda Rico; a junior theatre major, presented on “Image Theatre and Human Trafficking.” Her mentor was Dr. Terry Lewis.
- CeCe Pillado, a senior environmental science major, presented on “Contamination Level of Fishes in Three Texas Estuaries.” Her mentor was Dr. Greg Stunz.

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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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