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Texas A&M-Corpus Christi McNair Scholar Amparo Diaz Gives Presentation at the XXXI Annual ILASSA Student Conference

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi McNair scholar Amparo Diaz presented her research at the XXXI Annual ILASSA Student Conference held Feb. 3-5 at the University of Texas in Austin, Texas.

The Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association (ILASSA) conference provided students with the opportunity to present research activities, develop presentation skills, exchange ideas and information and meet other scholars from around the world. The conference is the oldest and largest student conference in the field of Latin American Studies.

Diaz, a senior sociology major, presented on “Acculturation and Attitudes toward SB 1070: A Study of Mexican-American College Students.” Her mentor was Dr. Bilaye Benibo.

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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