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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi McNair Scholar Graduates Accepted into Master and Ph.D. Programs

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Thirteen graduates from the McNair Scholars Program at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi were honored May 13 for successfully completing the program requirements.

The graduates received medals representing their participation in the program to wear at the May 14 commencement. All graduates received degrees in spring 2011 unless otherwise noted.

The graduates are:

- Iza Martinez, who graduated in fall 2010 with bachelor's degrees in English and psychology, was accepted into the Master of Arts in Literature Program at Texas State University.
- Meagan Bryand, who graduated from the Master of Communication program, was accepted into the Ph.D. Program in Communication Studies at West Virginia University.
- Amparo Diaz, who will graduate in August with a bachelor's degree in sociology, was accepted into the Master of Arts in Sociology Program at Texas State University.
- Mayra P. Garcia, who graduated with bachelor's degrees in English and psychology, was accepted into the Masters of Arts English Program at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.
- Samantha Hernandez, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science, was accepted into the International Relations Graduate Program at St. Mary's University.
- Stephanie Parker will graduate in August with a bachelor's degree in life science.
- Jonathan Ortiz, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in computer science, was accepted into The Professional Certificate in Digital Game Development Program at The

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Guildhall at Southern Methodist University.

- Maria “Ce Ce” Pillado, who graduated with a bachelor’s in environmental science, was accepted into the Master of Science Program in Marine Biology at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.
- Martha Ruiz graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history.
- Jose Torres, who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, was accepted into the Master of Science Program in Environmental Science at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.
- Laura Villalobos graduated with a bachelor’s degree in nursing.
- Amanda Whitmill, who graduated with her bachelor’s degree in biology, was accepted into the Ph.D. Program in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.
- Christine Sanchez, who graduates in August, was accepted into the Master of Arts Program in Communication and Learning Disorders at Our Lady of the Lake University.

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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