

# Reggie Research

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## OBJECTIVE:

Marine Biology student seeking acceptance to the McNair Scholars Program at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.

## EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Concentration in Marine Biology, Minor in Environmental Science  
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (TAMUCC)

Expected Graduation May 2023

## RELEVANT CERTIFICATIONS & SOFTWARE:

|   |              |
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| Scuba certification, PADI   | In-Progress  |
| Boating Training, TAMUCC/Laguna Madre Field Station, Jay Tarkington           | May 2021     |
| Ocean Data Software, TAMUCC, Geist Larval Lab                                 | April 2021   |
| Bowline knot, Minorities in Shark Sciences and Field School, Key Biscayne, FL | March 2021   |
| Zen Microscope Software   | October 2019 |
| Cold Stun Training, Padre Island National Seashore                            | March 2019   |

## Shark Research:

September 2021-Current

*Research Student*, LSAMP/NSF, Harte Research Institute, TAMUCC

Conducting LSAMP project under the supervision of Dr. Greg Stunz and Dr. Kesley Banks

- Characterize landing behaviors of recreational shark anglers during land-based shark tournaments
- Extrapolate post-release mortality estimates based on landing behaviors of shark anglers
- Contribute to data analysis and manuscript of development

*Research Student*, Minorities in Shark Sciences (MISS) Workshop/Field School

March 2021

Selected to conduct research in a field-based, week-long, program with U. of Miami, RSMAS

- Implemented long-line techniques to capture shark species for data collection purposes
- Executed workups: tagging, muscle biopsy, fin clip, and length measurements
- Utilized centrifuge to separate blood samples and used pipette to extract plasma

## RELATED EXPERIENCE:

October 2019-2021

*Research DIS Student*, LSAMP/NSF, TAMUCC

Conducted LSAMP project under the supervision of Dr. Simon Geist

- Mapped the abundance and distribution of larval fish in Texas Coastal Bend Bays in the Geist Research laboratory
- Implemented Ocean Data Software to illustrate population densities. Utilized Excel to record, manage, and analyze data

*Volunteer*, Texas Sealife Center

August 2019-Current

- Maintain healthy habitats for a variety of wildlife: sea turtles, snakes, lizards, birds, etc.
- Ensure the sea turtles received proper nutrition based on individualized nutritional plans
- Assist with cleaning sea turtle carapaces and plastrons

*Student*, Marine Science Field Camp, TAMUCC/Laguna Madre Field Station

May 2021

- Collected and processed biotic and abiotic samples
- Evaluated environmental factors, survival of distribution of living organisms, and the structure of biotic communities
- Utilized quantitative analysis of data: water quality, species distribution, etc.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

*Brand Associate*, Old Navy, Corpus Christi, TX

May 2019-Current

- Drive sales by notifying guests of current promotions and explaining perks of membership
- Meet and exceed sale goals per shift for each department where assigned

*Dock Assistant*, Congress Avenue Kayaks, Austin, TX

May 2017-March 2018

- Assisted guests in and out of rentals, adapting to unique needs and skill level
- Organized and racked rentals by size so the dock would run in a more safe and efficient manner

## ACTIVITIES:

Advisory Board, Minorities in Shark Sciences

August 2021-Current

President, American Cetacean Society Student Coalition, TAMUCC

May 2021-Current

Presenter, TAMUCC Marine Science Graduate Student Organization Research Forum

April 2021

Public Relations Officer, Sea Turtle Conservation Club, TAMUCC

August 2019-Current

Student of the First Islanders Scholars Academy, TAMUCC

August 2018-May 2019

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Lead Judge, Coastal Bend Regional Science Fair

February 2020

Volunteer, Big Shell Beach Cleanup, Padre Island National Seashore

February 2019 & 2020