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Spring Convocation



May 5, 2010

Awards Program

2010 Honor Corps

First Year

Rogelio Acuna	Abir Khan	Teena Thomas	Stephanie Omage
Manuel Aguirre	Jarrett Kitchen	Jose Trejo	Norma Pereida
Amie Albanese	Mitesh Koirala	Tanu Uppal	Reuben Rodriguez
Naeem Ali	Adolfo Lara	Christine Varghese	Jose Trinidad
Nameera Baig	Shitul Maisuria	Rosa Villagomez	Ebelin Vaquiz
Muhammad Bukhari	Sunu Mathew	Jaye Weston	Karina Vazquez
Michael Butterworth	Lisa Matsell	Sara Wilder	Tabitha Ward
Melissa Chan	Mustafa Mehmood	Antoine Williams-Baisy	Desiree Wilson
Jessica Collins	Duc-Trung Nguyen	Maegan Womack	
Erick Cruz	Yuhanna Njeim		
Marlyn Davila	Adetomiwa Oguntuga	Second Year	Third Year
Morgan Dees	Deepak Pandey	Brandy Bell	Seyed Abedi
Michael Giles	Kelly Phillips	Jennifer Carmichael	Betsy Escobar
Abdul Jawad	Samantha Salinas	Kelly Colby	Audrey Gonzalez
Sarah Jennisca	Lassana Samarakoon	Elena Espino	Victor Martinez
Jonathan Jordan	Evelyn Saravia	Russell Kendrick	Wesam Mohamed
	Stephanie Thames	Margie Key Swink	Elda Rueda
		Hung Nguyen	Laura Sanchez
			Irena Sigel

Community Service Awards

Individual Award Christina Wallace
Group Project Award Kelly Colby & Anisa Saleh

Brown Foundation Leadership Awards

Ali Abedi Melissa Chan Marlyn Davila Audrey Gonzalez Laura Sanchez

Spring 2010 Graduating Seniors

Rogelio Acuna	London Flores	Anne Maredia	Catherine Pimentel	Laura Sanchez
Kelly Colby	Edgar Gatica	Mustafa Mehmood	Shawna Placide	Irena Sigel
Jessica Collins	Abdul Jangda	Wesam Mohamed	Marsha Ramesbar	Margie Swink
Erik Cruz	Jonathan Jordan	Jared Mounger	Reuben Rodriguez	Andrew Tran
Morgan Dees	Shitul Maisuria	Kelly Phillips	Samantha Salinas	Victor Trejo
Betsy Escobar				

Scholars Academy Members Spring 2010



Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Mary Jo Parker, Scholars Academy Director

Special Recognition:

Scholars Academy Program Staff

Scholarship Achievements

Joint Admission Medical Program Scholars

Betsy Escobar Michael Giles Ceraira Simmons (PreJAMP) Jose Ventura (PreJAMP)

Red Rose Scholars for 2009-2010

Ali Abedi	Dennis Garcia	Wesam Mohamed	Reuben Rodriguez
Brandy Bell	Micaela Gilbert	Jarod Mounger	Laura Sanchez
Tung Bui	Mustafa Mehmood	Stephanie Omage	Desiree Wilson
Betsy Escobar			

Red Rose Scholars for 2010-2011

Philip Ayazi	Abdul Jawad	Ojeda Matthew	Evelyn Saravia
Nameera Baig	Duc-Trung Nguyen	Stephanie Omage	Tabitha Ward
Brandy Bell			

Peer-Led Team Learning Workshop Leaders

Edgar Gatica	Insook Kim	Stephanie Omage	Anisa Saleh
Audrey Gonzalez	Adolfo Lara	Kamran Safarli	Kulsoom Shah
Walter Huetwohl	Tomy Le		

Computer & Mathematical Sciences Tutors

Ali Abedi	Walter Huetwohl	Mai Nguyen	Reuben Rodriguez
Michael Butterworth	Victor Martinez	Silvia Pejerrey	Jose Trinidad
Edgar Gatica	Hung Nguyen		

Engineering Technology Tutors

Morgan Dees

Natural Science Tutors

Brandy Bell	Betsy Escobar	Jonathan Jordan	Elda Rueda
Kelly Colby	Elena Espino	Jackie Nguyen	Karina Vazquez
Marlyn Davila	Abdul Jangda	Stephanie Omage	Tabitha Ward

“Pay It Forward” Volunteer Challenge

Volunteer Group Project Presentations by Peer Mentors

Student Attendance and Presentations at Student Research Conferences and Professional Meetings

Third Annual Iowa Mathematical Field of Dreams Conference and StatFest Conference, Iowa City, Iowa
Edgar Gatica*

Hispanic Engineering National Achievement Awards Conference, Long Beach, CA

Antonio Acquaaah	Alexander Garza	Jeremy Kemp	Rafael Ortiz
Lilian Antunes	Shatori Harrison	Carlos Lacayo	Tia Pilaroscia
Juan Aviles	Hooman Hemmati	Shitul Maisuria	Victor Trejo
Abraham Flores	Yvonne Hernandez	Yuhanna Njeim	Antoine Williams-Baisy
Loisa Ford	Orlando Huerta		

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science National Conference, Dallas, TX

Nameera Baig*	Preeti Choudhary*	Abdul Jangda*	Mustafa Mehmood*
Melissa Chan*	Marlyn Davila*	Rameswari Korrapati*	Mayra Sanchez*

First Annual Undergraduate Conference at the Interface of Biology and Mathematics, Knoxville, TN

Lilian Antunes *	Russell Kendrick *	Miranda Phan *	Tia Pilaroscia *
Jonathan Jordan *	Marsida Lisi *		

2009 Regional Undergraduate Chemistry Symposium, Houston, TX

Melissa Chan ★	Preeti Choudhary*	Mustafa Mehmood*
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19th Keck Center Annual Research Conference, Houston, TX

Kelly Colby	Helen Morgenstern	Jennifer Shoemaker
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Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), Phoenix, AZ

Frances Acevedo*	Elena Espinosa*	Edgar Gatica*	Desiree Wilson*
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19th Keck Center Annual Research Conference, Houston, TX

Kelly Colby	Helen Morgenstern	Jennifer Shoemaker
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Texas Branch Fall Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology, Tyler, TX

Flor Castro*	Audrey Gonzalez ★
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Texas Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, Huntsville, TX

Rogelio Acuna	Tia Pilaroscia*	Evelyn Saravia	Victor Trejo
Marsida Lisi*			

National Sigma Xi Annual Meeting & International Research Conference, The Woodlands, TX

Nameera Baig*	Abdul Jangda ★	Julio LaTorre*	Christine Varghese*
Melissa Chan*	Jarrett Kitchen*	Mustafa Mehmood*	Desiree Wilson*
Preeti Choudhary*			

Supercomputing Conference 2009, Portland, OR

Jeremy Kemp*

2010 HMC Mathematics Conference on the Mathematics of Environmental Sustainability and Green Technology, Claremont, CA

Glenda Thammavongsa*

Mathematical Association of America (MAA) 2010 Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Francisco, CA

Yvonne Hernandez*

Southwest Regional SACNAS Conference, Lubbock, TX

Melissa Chan*	Jarrett Kitchen*
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113th Texas Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Stephenville, TX

Naeem Ali*	Melissa Chan ★	Teena Thomas*	Christine Varghese*
Nameera Baig*	Preeti Choudhary*		

Computing Alliance for Hispanic-Serving Institutions Annual Meeting, Mountain View, CA

Carlos Lacayo*

Texas Branch of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), New Braunfels, TX

Cindy De Los Santos*	Adolfo Lara*	Kelly Phillips ★	Diana Roman
Russell Kendrick	Karen Martinez*	Mathew Pulakkavan	Karina Vazquez*
Mitesh Koirala*	Matthew Ojeda*	Sheyla Randle*	Tabitha Ward

24th National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Missoula, MT

Nameera Baig*	Preeti Choudhary*	Mustafa Mehmood*	Christine Varghese*
Melissa Chan*	Abdul Jangda*		

American Education Research Association (AERA) 2010 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

Harmon Ye*

Baylor College of Medicine Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Awards (IRACDA) Symposium, Houston, TX

Frances Acevedo*	Justin Dsouza	Jarrett Kitchen*	Teena Thomas*
Naeem Ali*	Cassandra Flores*	Mustafa Mehmood*	Eric Uquillas*
Nameera Baig*	Dennis Garcia*	Wesam Mohamed	Charles Varghese*
Umer Bukhari	Edgar Gatica*	Marsha Ramesar-Babu	Christine Varghese*
Melissa Chan*	Michael Giles	Sheyla Randle*	Karina Vazquez*
Preeti Choudhary*	Abdul Jangda*	Kamran Safarli*	Desiree Wilson*
Cindy De Los Santos*	Nirmal John*	Israel Sierra*	

Beyond BIO2010 Celebration and Opportunities Conference, Washington D.C.

Russell Kendrick*

10th Annual Scholars Academy Graduate School and Internship Fair

22 Student Posters from the UHD College of Sciences and Technology

9th Annual UHD Student Research Conference

60 Student Posters from the UHD College of Sciences and Technology

* Indicates this student presented a scientific research poster or oral presentation at this conference

★ Indicates an award was presented to this student for their scientific research presentation

Brown Foundation Poster Presentation Awards

Melissa Chan (2)	Audrey Gonzalez	Abdul Jangda	Kelly Phillips
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