

2016 Spring Convocation

Scholars Academy

May 13, 2016

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Scholars Academy Staff

Executive Director
Administrative Assistant
Peer Mentor Coordinator
Student Workers

Dr. Mary Jo Parker
Vernon Gonzales
Professor Mitsue Nakamura
Alyssa Smith, Annie Vu,
Mounika Aunugu

Ad Hoc Executive Committee

Dr. Akif Uzman, CST Dean
Dr. Ermelinda DeLaVina, Assoc. Dean

Dr. Kenneth Oberhoff, CSET Chair
Dr. Phil Lyons, NS Chair
Dr. Shishen Xie, MS Chair



Faculty Mentor Team

Dr. Jon Aoki

Dr. Maria Benavides

Dr. Gabreila Bowden

Dr. Weining Feng

Dr. Katarina Jegdic

Dr. Mian Jiang

Dr. Robin Jose

Dr. Hong Lin

Dr. Jeff Martz

Dr. Lisa Morano

Dr. Tim Redl

Dr. Rachna Sadana

Dr. Dvijesh Shastri

Dr. Michael Tobin

Dr Eszter Trufan

Incoming New Faculty
Mentors 2016-17

Dr. Yuchou Chang

Dr. Arash Rahmatian

Dr. Connie Kang

Outgoing Faculty
Mentors

Dr. Vassilios Tzouanas

Dr. Amy Baird

Peer Mentor Team

Senior Peer Mentor

Ilijana Hyseni

Kiara Arroyo

Evelyn Valdez

Doris Amaro

Glaubyne Viani

Ryan Cherian

Eloy Perez

Esmeralda Martinez

Isreal Cervantes

Westley Wrightson

Shamsa Ali

Alice Turchaninova

Kenah Garcia

Robert Jackson

Destiny Trevino

Enes Inam

Isaias Gonzalez

Emilia Caylor



Senior Peer Mentor Recognition



Awards Program

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Mary Jo Parker

Masters of Ceremony

Evelyn Valdez and Robert Jackson, Presenters

Recognitions

Faculty and Staff

Alice Turchaninova

Featured Faculty Mentor Presentation

Esmeralda Martinez, Presenter

Dr. Jon Aoki, Associate Professor of Biology

"My SA Experiences-What I Like Best"

Scholarship Achievements

Destiny Trevino, Presenter

Joint Admissions Medical Program (JAMP) Scholars

Benjamin Pilgrim

Doris Amaro

Dr. Barry Garrett Endowed Scholarship

James McHenry

Dr. Larry Spears Outstanding Research Student Award

Esmeralda Martinez

Dr. Byron Christmas Excellence in Academics Award

Enes Inam

Red Rose Scholars

James McHenry

Glaubyne Viani

Mahesh Basyal

Manuel Reyes-Leon

Ashley Barlow

Yazmin Trujillo

Mohamed Ezz Eldin

Doris Amaro





Peer Leaders Recognitions

Westley Wrightson, Presenter

START Program and Freshman Seminar PLs

- German Villalobos
- Alice Turchaninova
- Karina Torres
- Isreal Cervantes
- Mahesh Basyal

Transfer Seminar PLs

- Ashley Barlow Robert Jackson
- Rene Boriary Linda Rubio
- Shaynah St.Vallier
- Nure Bure
- Duy Hoang
- Ashvanthi Raveenden

SA Tutors

Westley Wrightson, Presenter

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| NS | Ben Pilgrim | Ashlyn Holbert |
| | Asma Aziz | Enes Inam |
| | James McHenry | Doris Amaro |
| | Nguyen Luu | Ilirjana Hyseni |
| | Viktor Akhanov | Trung Nguyen |
| CSET | Scott Patterson | |
| CS | Vikas Kamwal | |
| CLCC | Huy Bui | Isreal Cervantes |
| | Robert Jackson | Eloy Perez |
| | Lucero Priego-Pineda | Fernando Rodarte |
| | Alice Turchanninova | German Villalobos |

Peer Led Team Learning Workshop Leaders

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| PLTL | Mahesh Basyal | Vanessa Cabrera |
| | Anh Dong | Kenah Garcia |
| | Ana Garza | Jose Gonzalez |
| | Sameer Habib | Duy Hoang |
| | Roberto Miranda | Kenny Nguyen |
| | Ngoc Nguyen | Pilar Rodriguez |
| | Destiny Trevino | Juan Valencia |
| | Iride Lazo | |

SA Community Service Hours and Awards

SA Community Hours Generated 1,628



Research Conference Presenters

Enes Inam, Presenter

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos, Native Americans
In Science

Kiara Arroyo-Andrade	Jacqueline Olivera	Fernando Rodarte
Evelyn Vladez	Nguyen Luu	Saima Valliani
Esmeralda Martinez	Lisa Martinez	Sara Vailliani
Irvin Romero	Shebna Cheema	

Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority
Students

Linus Klingler

Texas Academy of Science

Nguyen Luu

American Society of Microbiology—Texas Branch

Asma Aziz

National Center for Undergraduate Research

Enes Inam

American Nuclear Society

Hera Khalil

Texas Society of Mammalogists

Ashlyn Holbert

International Neuropsychological Conference

Ilirjana Hyseni

American Society of Plant Biologists

Evelyn Valdez

RADTECH

Karina Torres

Annual Scientific Symposium

Ilirjana Hyseni

Research Conference Award Recipients

SACNAS

Kiara Arroyo-Andrade \$200

Evelyn Valdez \$200

Texas Society of Mammalogists

Ashlyn Holbert-Bobby Baker Award \$200

International Neuropsychological Conference

Ilirjana Hyseni \$200

Annual International Plant Biology Meeting 2016

Evelyn Valdez \$200

Community Service Individual Awardees

Imnan Hussan \$200

Ashley Barlowe \$150

Ashvanthi Raveendran \$150

Nhi Tran \$150

Crystal Llanas \$100

Jocelyn Valdez \$100

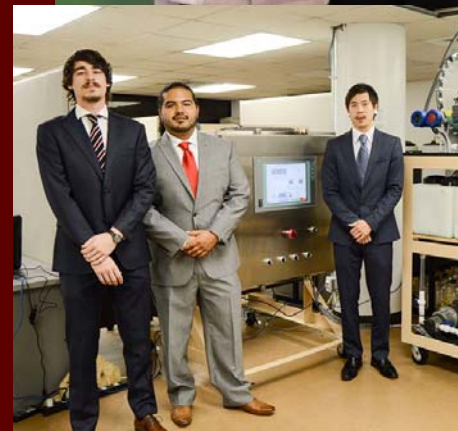
Khada Dulal \$100



Honor Corps—Dean's List

Kiara Arroyo-Andrade, Presenter

Doris Amaro,2	Shamsa Ali,3	Ashley Barlow
Asma Aziz,2	Ryan Cherian,3	Huy Bui,2
Mahesh Basyal,2	Ana Guerrero	Irvin Romero
David Cardenas,4	Fersen Leiva,4	Dania Hasan
Kevin Castillo,3	Alice Solomon,2	Anish Khatiwada,4
Wymond Chan	Jose Gonzalez	Irvin Romero
Alec DeLeon	Precious Awagu	Iliana Barrera
Jesse Gilmore,2	Linda Rubio,2	Kinjal Patel
Gabriella Hines	Moises Perez-Cruz	Sandy Gramajo,4
Ilijana Hyseni,2	Evelyn Valdez,3	
Danial Khan,3	Juangerardo Parra	
Linus Klingler,2	Hera Khalil	
Liang Lin,2	Isreal Cervantes,2	
Jonathan Martin	Shebna Cheema,3	
James McHenry,3	Harit Shah,3	
Ngoc Nguyen	Irisha Suhaimi	
Benjamin Pilgrim ,2	Westley Wrightson	
Raul Rios	Ngan Do,2	
Fernando Rodarte,2	Jonathan Garza,2	
Pilar Rodriguez	Nicholas Marks	
Sushil Shah	William Paul	
Sishir Subedi,2	Yazmin Trujillo,2	
Paul Tran	Kiara Arroyo,3	
Alisa Turchaninova,4	Nuru Bure	
Glaubyane Viana	Esmeralda Martinez,3	
German Villalobos,3	Kristen Brown,3	
Charla Williams	Manuel Reyes-Leon	
Richard Wrangpetch,2	Ashlyn Holbert,2	



Summer Research Experiences/Internships

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory

Alice Turchaninova

Houston Forensic Internship

Linda Rubio

Kevin Vu

Oak Ridge National Laboratories

Raul Rios

Gulf Coast Consortia Undergraduate Research

James McHenry

Houston Prep Program

Remsha Iqbal

Precinct One Leadership, Experience & Employment (LEE Program)

Quintin Jackson

Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine Research Lab-

Dr. Morgan Scott

Ashlyn Holbert

Texas Workforce Commission STEM Research & Training Program

Ashvanthi Raveendran

Sherin John

DOED MSEIP Academic Year Research

Sherin John

UT Institute of Molecular Medicine/UT Health McGovern Medical Sch

Pilar Rodriguez

Scholars Academy Membership Fall 2015

Westley Wrightson	Nuru Bure	Masako Hino	David Alquicira	Wymond Chan	Kristen Brown
Kiara Arroyo-Andrade	Katherine Freeman	Nguyen Luu	Deepika Dhadral	Anthony Galvan	Julio Enriquez
Ilijana Hyseni	Ana Guerrero	James McHenry	Quintin Jackson	Jose Gonzalez	Duy Hoang
Evelyn Valdez	William Paz	Benjamin Pilgrim	Liang Lin	Anish Khatiwada	Benjamin Oquinn
Ryan Cherian	Linda Rubio	Vanessa Cabrera	Taylor Locklear	Carlos Montes	Wendpanga
Esmeralda Martinez	Sara Valliani	Anh Pham	Jonathan Martin	Scott Patterson	Ouedraogo
Destiny Trevino	Richard Wrangpetch	Anh Duong	Raul Rios	Charles Punnathara	William Reyes
Kenah Garcia	Danial Khan	Nikki Nguyen	Rudy Santos	Shushil Shah	Douglas Syzdek
Doris Amaro	Dania Hasan	Boranai Tychhon	Patrick Taveechai	Jesus Prieto	Alma Rivera
Emilia Caylor	Ariel Cruz	Charla Williams	Yuntian Zhang	Juan Valencia	Irisha Suhaimi
Enes Inam	Jeni Braziel	Rafael de la Flor	Alex Luu	Alec DeLeon	Heather Savage
Shamsha Ali	Jesse Gilmore	Gerardo Garcia	Abigail Parra	Allaye Bocoum	Moises Perez-Cruz
Eloy Perez	Ivan Gomez	Jose Gonzalez	Amee Stevenson	Melody Flores	Isabel Cornejo
Alice Turchanninova	Jennifer Herrera	Lisa Martinez	Carla Gonzalez	Damon Ross	Prisilia Cruz
Robert Jackson	Salam Nabulsi	Karina Torres	Ngan Do	Zain Lakhani	Sandy Gramajo
Isreal Cervantes	Pedro Padron	Denisse Velazquez	Jonathan Garza	Milo Falconi-Caceda	Gabriella Hines
Glaubyne Viani	Graham Wilson	Kelsey Ballard	Andreea Julia	Isaac Suniga	Viridiana Monroy
Isaias Gonzalez	Vicente Rodriguez	Viktor Akhanov	Harit Shah	Janeffer Casarez	Jacqueline Olvera
Asma Aziz	Caroline Castro	Zakariya Mahmod	Sishir Subedi	Huy Bui Math	Sherin John
Mahesh Basyal	Roberto Miranda	Kenny Nguyen	Illiana Barrera	Kevin Castillo	Ashley Barlow
Shanna Daniel	Kendall Wilkinson	Jacqueline Rocha	Sumit Rawat	Crystal Llanas	Esmeralda Diaz
Ashlyn Holbert	Ashvanthi Raveendran	Leticia Villalobos	Hira Ayaz	Dorcas Mbaeri	Veronica Gutierrez-
Alice Solomon	Paul Tran	Yuleisy Contreras	Juan DeLa Cruz	Lucero Priego	Ramirez
Princy Thomas	Jocelyn Valdez	Minh Van	Jomarie Dizon	Fernando Rodarte	Daniyah Ahmed
Manuel Reyes-Leon	Leticia Vazquez Ortiz	Jared Carroll	Nicholas Marks	Yazmin Trujillo	Mohamed Ezz Eldin
Amanuel Wonbera	Nancy Zuniga	David Flores	Ana Garza	German Villalobos	Sameer Habib
Semake Sekou	Anima Karmacharya	Judith Gallardo	Shebna Cheema		Ryan Horton
Phuongnhi Tran	Manna Mathew	Linus Klingler	Victoria Chavez		Dennis Ngo
Akhirah Avant	Pilar Rodriguez	Fersen Leiva	Paul Renteria		Juangerardo Parra
Precious Awagu		Yarmilla Reyes	David Cardenas		Saima Valliani
Rajni Dhadral		Irvin Romero			Regina Solomon
Momena Shah		Hera Khalil			Shaynah StVallier
		Phuongnhi Tran			

Scholars Academy Membership Spring 2016

Westley Wrightson	Nuru Bure	Viktor Akhanov	Hira Ayaz	Wymond Chan	Eduardo Abrams
Kiara Arroyo-Andrade	Jeni Braziel	Yuleisy Contreras	Illiana Barrera	Alec DeLeon	Michael Bustamante
Ilijana Hyseni	Ariel Cruz	Zakariya Mahmod	Mahendra Basyal	Anthony Galvan	David Cardenas
Evelyn Valdez	Katherine Freeman	Kenny Nguyen	Juan DeLa Cruz	Jose Gonzalez	Kaleb Duhon
Ryan Cherian	Ana Guerrero	Jacqueline Rocha	Jomarie Dizon	Scott Patterson	Hera Khalil
Esmeralda Martinez	Dania Hasan	Erica Spencer	Ana Garza	William Paul	Linus Klingler
Destiny Trevino	Danial Khan	Minh Van	Yasir Hassan	Charles Punnathara	Gilberto Marmolejo
Kenah Garcia	Jodel Patino	Leticia Villalobos	Hardik Jivanbhai	Shushil Shah	Yarmilla Reyes
Doris Amaro	Linda Rubio	Vanessa Cabrera	Vikas Kamwal	Juan Valencia	Irvin Romero
Emilia Caylor	Anh Duong	Andy Ewohcs	Tuan Anh Le	Khada Dulal	Phuongnhi Tran
Enes Inam	Masako Hino	Carla Gonzalez	Nicholas Marks	Andy Ewoh	Chris Cobo
Shamsha Ali	Nguyen Luu	Imran Hussain	Ashvanthi Raveendran	Milo Falconi-Caceda	Julio Enriquez
Eloy Perez	James McHenry	Quintin Jackson	Quoc Nguyen	Melody Flores	Trung Nguyen
Alice Turchanninova	Nikki Nguyen	Liang Lin	Nhan Nguyen	Duy Hoang	Wendpanga
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Glaubyne Viani	Boranai Tychhon	Jonathan Martin	Caroline Castro	Huy Bui	William Reyes
Isaias Gonzalez	Charla Williams	Abigail Parra	Jesse Gilmore	Crystal Llanas	Alma Rivera
Asma Aziz-	Kelsey Ballard	Raul Rios	Ivan Gomez	Dorcas Mbaeri	Douglas Syzdek
Mahesh Basyal	Gerardo Garcia	Ana Segura	Jennifer Herrera	Lucero Priego	Irisha Suhaimi
Shanna Daniel	Lisa Martinez	Amee Stevenson	Roberto Miranda	Fernando Rodarte	Ashley Barlow
Ashlyn Holbert	Karina Torres	Patrick Taveechai	Ashish Poudel	Yazmin Trujillo	Isabel Cornejo
Manuel Reyes-Leon	Iqbal Remsha	Yuntian Zhang	Vicente Rodriguez	German Villalobos	Prisilia Cruz
Semake Sekou	Denisse Velazquez	Mohamed Ezz Eldin	Carlente Rodriguez	Zahia Charide	Veronica Gutierrez-
Jacqueline Tarang-	Kevin Vu	Sameer Habib	Stuart Kendall	Hyma Kanithi	Ramirez
Amanuel Wonbera	Akhirah Avant	Ryan Horton	Kendall Wilkinson	Anima Karmacharya	Gabriella Hines
Trung Le	Precious Awagu	Chukwuebu Nwobodo	Graham Wilson	Manna Mathew	Sherin John
Sandra Lopez-Lugo	Victoria Chavez	Juangerardo Parra	David Stansberry	Pilar Rodriguez	Viridiana Monroy
Paul Renteria	Rajni Dhadral	Regina Solomon	Shaynah StVallier	Sulaiman Jawal	Jacqueline Olvera
Momena Shah	Kinjal Patel			Asmatullah	Paul Tran
					Jocelyn Valdez



Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 Graduates

Depeeka Dhadral
 Ngan Do
 Jonathan Garza
 Anish Khatiwada
 Salam Nabulsi
 Harit Shah
 Allaye Bocoum
 Kevin Castillo
 Kristen Brown
 Shebna Cheema
 Judith Gallardo
 Sandy Gramajo
 Fersen Leiva
 William Paz
 Pablo Rivera
 Alice Solomon
 Princy Thomas
 Saima Valliani
 Sara Valliani
 Richard Wrangpetch

Former SA

Dulce Guevara
 Nnenna Kpando

Wymond Chan
 Westley Wrightson
 Liang Lin
 Ana Segura
 Cyrstal Llanas
 Shamsa Ali
 Asma Aziz
 David Cardenas
 Ryan Cherian
 Viridiana Mnroy
 Ngoc Nguyen
 Evelyn Valdez
 Viktor Akhanov
 Danial Khan
 Linda Rubio
 Ana Guerrero
 Nguyen Luu
 Esmeralda Martinez

Former SA

Alejandro Giron
 Merlin Herrera
 Reyna Valdez
 Darlen Galicia

What Is the Next Step?

UTMB Graduate School
 UC-Berkley Graduate School
 Employment– BCM Research Labs
 YesPrep Charter School

Tokens of Appreciation

Certificates of Accomplishment
 Princeton Reviews Practice Books
 Drawings for One Conference Registration & Transportation (2)
 GRE Reimbursements (10)
 MCAT Test Fees (2)