

History of St. Olaf TRiO McNair Scholars

Class of 2011				
McNair Scholar Name		Major	Faculty Mentor	Research Topic
Quyên	Duong	Math		(Summer 2010)
Fisihatsion	Gebreyesus	Chemistry & Math		
Aaron	Harcus	Music Theory		
Zach	Hylton	Poli Sci & Soc/Anth		
Molly	Ladwig	Psych		
Anne	LaRoche	American Studies & History		
Pa Ku	Lee	Social Work		
Fatima	Omar	Social Work & ARMS		
Courtney	Payne	Psych & Family St.		
Dobuol	Ruon	Chemistry		
Isaac	Tut	Physics & Math		

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Polina	Bugayev	ARMS	Chris Pappas	Latino Participation in Twin Cities Hip Hop
Tenzin	Choerap	Math	Steve Soderlind & Robert Entenmann	Chinese Economic Impact on the Tibetan Tenants and Manorial Serfs, 1950-1978
Ian	Gacheru	Math & Economics	Charlie Moore	The Business Side of Medicine
Christina	Hodge	Psych & Exercise Sc.	Dona McMillan	Investigations into Biophilia: A Study of State Park Rangers
Eric	Khuong	Psych	Gary Muir	The Influence of Alcohol on Firing Properties of Head Direction Cells
Tsetan	Lobsang	Nursing	Kevin Crisp	Endogenously-released Biogenic Amines Regulate the Pulse Rate in Dorsal Blood Vessel of Lumbriculus
Daniel	Plunkett	Psych	Clark Ohnesorge, Jr.	The Asymmetry of Action and Inaction

Violet	Thor	Soc/Anth	Grace Cho	Culture and Gender in Hmong and European American Students' Worries
Choua	Vang	Social Work & Fam. St.	Rika Ito	Hmong American Female Vowel Production in the Twin Cities
Mai T	Vang	Social Work	Rika Ito	Hmong American Female Vowel Production in the Twin Cities
Betty	Yang	Social Work & Fam. St.	Sharon Powell	Hunger at Home: Food Security Among Rural Families in Minnesota
Xong	Yang	Nursing	Kevin Crisp	Endogenously-released Biogenic Amines Regulate the Pulse Rate in Dorsal Blood Vessel of Lumbriculus

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Ahmed Ali	Exercise Science	Sean Goldsworthy & Gary Wicks	Selected Differences in Muscle Skeletal Characteristics between Black and White Athletes
Gavin Ancheta	Biology	Mike Swift	Effects of Nutrient Concentrations on Macroinvertebrate Taxa Richness
Brenda Ascencio	Studio Art	Steve Edwins	Green Architecture and the Reuse of the Gehl-Mittlsted House
Bibiche Botembe	Social Work	Diane Angell	The Use of Neighborhood Parks and the Relationship Between Park Access and Home Value in Northfield
Dustin Burgemeister	Exercise Science	Cindy Book	Validity of the Verticle Jump
Jonathan Hernandez	Spanish, Education, & ESL	Heather Campbell	The Technical Adequacy of Passage Copying
Mai Der (Paj Ntaub)	ARMS	Heather Campbell	The Effectiveness of an Urban Immersion Education Course for Pre-service Teachers
Essa Mohamed	Chemistry	Doug Beussman	Identifying Proteins Using MALDI TOF/TOF
Lan Nguyen	Nursing	Kevin Crisp	Microglia Accumulation in Injured Earthworm Nervous Tissue
Dorjee Norbu	Biology	Howard Thorsheim	Investigating Psychophysiology Laboratory Experiences for Community Colleges

Kristina	Poplavska	Exercise Science	Diane Angell	The Use of Neighborhood Parks and the Relationship Between Park Access and Home Value in Northfield
Jose	Ramirez	Biology	Kevin Crisp	Visualizing Microglial Migration in the Earthworm Nervous System
Demaya	Riddley	English	Elizabeth Leer	Improving Educational Opportunity for African-American Students
Nardos	Tesfalidet	Social Work	Sharon Powell	Hunger at Home: Food Security Among Rural Families in Minnesota
Whitney	White	CIS: Native American Studies	Carolyn Anderson	Prairie Island Dakota Oral History
Sandy	Yang	Family Studies	Robert Entenmann	Shamanism and Christianity Among the Hmong in America

Class of 2008

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Tendor Norbu	Soc/Anth	Robert Entenmann	Educating Tibetan Youth: Factors that Contribute to the Pursuit of Higher Education in MN
Mai Nhia Thao	Family Studies	Sharon Powell	Hmong Women's Perspectives: Understanding Divorce within Hmong Families
Ka Zoua Xiong	Asian and Women's Studies	Chris Chiappari	Perspectives of Hmong Women: the St. Olaf College Experience