

**USC Office of Undergraduate Programs, Gateway/McNair Scholars Program
USC Graduate School, Diversity Outreach & Academic Professional Development**

From: Dr. Richard Andalon, Director

Regarding: 2012 – 2015 Graduate School Admission Offers

We would like to congratulate the following USC Undergraduates that participated in the McNair Scholars Program. These students were admitted to graduate-level programs throughout California and other parts of the country. The years represented here are from 2012 – 2015. In 2014, 10 students were offered admission to a doctoral-level program and 10 students were admitted to a masters-level program, making this a historic year. Typically 4 to 6 students in any given year get into a doctoral program and another 5 – 8 get into a master's program. At the present time, nearly 50 students have received a doctoral degree and at least another 150 have received master's degrees. Currently, there are at least 75 students in the graduate school pipeline that are working on acquiring their advanced degree. We look forward to learning about their ongoing achievements and experiences. Join us in congratulating the following students and in celebrating their incredible accomplishments.

- Karen Arcos admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Psychology with a concentration in cognitive neuroscience at UC Irvine. She also applied to similar programs at Harvard, Stanford, UCLA, UC Davis, University of Oregon, and the University of Rochester.
- Justin Pearce admitted to a Masters Program in Environmental Management at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. He also applied to similar programs Yale, UC Santa Barbara, University of Miami, and the USC Price School of Public Policy.
- Christopher Sandino admitted to a Ph.D. program in Electrical Engineering at Stanford University.
- Takeia Johnson admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Sociology at University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Alexis Sandoval admitted to a progressive degree Masters Program in Global Health at USC Keck School of Medicine.
- Logan Cross admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Computation and Neural Systems at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He was also admitted to similar programs at UT Austin, University of Chicago, Northwestern, University of Michigan, USC, and University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Breanna Morrison admitted to Ph.D. Programs in Policy, Planning, & Urban Studies at UCLA, USC, and UC Irvine.
- Samantha Fousse admitted to a dual doctoral course of study, a Ph.D. Program and D.V.M. Program related to Veterinary Science at UC Davis. She also applied to similar programs at the University of Pennsylvania.
- Mellissa Linton Villafranco admitted to Ph.D. in Ethnic Studies at UC San Diego and University of Minnesota. She was awarded the prestigious UC Cota Robles Fellowship.
- Sean Hernandez admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Economics at UC Santa Barbara and at the London School of Economics & Political Science (in the U.K.).
- Nicole Marcione admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Health, Kinesiology and Gerontology at Purdue University, and to a Masters Program in Gerontology at USC.

- Anneleise Azua admitted to a Ph.D. Program in American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Texas at Austin
- Michael Cox admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Industrial & Organizational Psychology at George Washington University
- Shamell Bell admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Culture and Performance at UCLA.
- Takeia Johnson admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Sociology at University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Marco Lopez admitted to a Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy at USC.
- Monica Valencia admitted to a J.D. (Juris Doctorate) Program at the University of San Francisco, and to a Masters Program in Human Rights Studies at Columbia University's Interdisciplinary Institute for the Study of Human Rights.
- Natalie Parra admitted to a Masters Program in Education (Counseling) at the California State University, Dominguez Hills.
- Baotran Vu admitted to Masters Program in Biomedical Engineering at USC Viterbi School of Engineering.
- Christelle Williams admitted to Masters Program in Communication Management at the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.
- Armando Barajas admitted to a Masters Program in Public Administration at USC.
- Angela Ross admitted to a Masters Program in Urban Planning at UC Berkeley and UCLA.
- Natalie Santizo admitted to a Masters Program in Justice Studies at Arizona State University. She was also accepted to a Master Program at New York University (NYU).
- Jaylyn J. Greer-Jones admitted a Masters Program in Education in Student Personnel Services at Bowling Green State University.
- Yrneh Brown admitted a Masters Program in Communication with the USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism.
- Yiqi Lin admitted to a graduate program at Chamindale University of Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Charnan Williams admitted to Ph.D. Programs in History at the University of Michigan, New York University, University of Chicago, and University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). Charnan was also admitted to a Ph.D. Program in African American Studies at the University of California Berkeley (UCB)
- Jonathan Adame admitted to a Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at the University of Southern California (USC). He was also accepted to the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy for the Master in Health Administration Program.
- Karolyn Sanchez admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Sociology at the University of California Irvine (UCI).

- Susan Guadarrama admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Policy, Planning, and Design at the University of California Irvine (UCI) with the Eugene Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship. Susan was also admitted to a Masters in Public Policy at the University of Southern California with the Dean's Merit Scholarship. Susan was also accepted at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs for Masters of Public Policy and the Claremont Graduate University for the same program.
- Brenton Keller was admitted to the Ph.D. Program in Neuroscience at the University of Southern California (USC). He was also admitted to Ph.D. Programs in Psychology at the University of Chicago and Stanford University.
- Luis Maldonado admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). Luis was also admitted to Masters Programs in Public Health at Yale University, Columbia University, University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), and Emory University.
- Crispin Labayan Collins admitted to a J.D. (Juris Doctorate) Program at the University of Notre Dame, Law School.
- Franklin Caldwell II was admitted to the M.S. Program in Astronautical Engineering at the University of Southern California (USC).
- Sean Hernandez was admitted to the M.A. Program in Economics at the University of Southern California (USC).
- Cymone Lonon was admitted to the M.A. Program in Economics of Education at the Columbia University.
- Armando Barajas was admitted to the M.A. Program in Political Science at the California State University, Long Beach (CSUB).
- Rikiesha Pierce was admitted to the M.A. Program in Education at Fordham University, New York, City. She will also be participating in the "Teach for America Program".
- Ashley Harlow was admitted to the M.A. Program in Education at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. She will also be participating in the "Teach for America Program".
- Juan Espinoza was admitted to the M.A. Program in Communication Studies at Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico, considered among this country's top universities for communication studies.
- Vladimir Medenica admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Political Science at Princeton University, Columbia University, and the University of Chicago
- Shamell Bell admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Ethnic Studies at the University of California, San Diego.
- Nathan Gonzalez admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Sociology at the University of Chicago.

- Abel Delgado admitted to a Ph.D. Program in Medieval History at the University of Minnesota and to a Master's Program in Medieval History at the University of York (located in the United Kingdom).
- Apollo Emeka admitted to a D.P.P.D (doctorate) in Policy, Planning, Development at the University of Southern California.
- Armando Barajas admitted to a Master's Program in Philosophy at Loyola Marymount University.
- Josephine Chou admitted to a Master's Program in Occupational Therapy at the University of Southern California.
- Paul Young admitted to a Master's Program in Social Work at the University of Southern California.
- Christina Wilkerson admitted to a Master's Program in Social Work at Columbia University, University of Michigan, and University of Miami.
- Mariah Gill admitted to a Master's Program in Environmental Management at Yale University.
- Denise Colome admitted to a Master's Program in Social Work at the University of Southern California.
- Erica S. Silva admitted to a Master's Program in Education at Loyola Marymount University.
- Christelle Williams admitted to a Master's Program in Psychology at California State University, Long Beach.
- Roland (Tony) Zapata admitted to a Master's Program in Social Work at the University of Southern California
- Daija Lewis admitted to a Master's Program in Higher Education at Argosy University-Los Angeles

Sincerely,

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