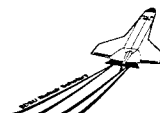


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Linda Jazo graduates with honors and is heading to Harvard.

Off to Harvard...

McNair Scholar, Linda Jazo, is off to Harvard this September to obtain her masters in Education in the Risk and Prevention Program. Her plans are to pursue either a J.D. in law or a Ph.D. in forensics psychology. She graduated from SDSU with a double major in Psychology and Sociology, magna cum laude, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key, Alpha Kappa Delta, Psi Chi, Dean's list, SDSU scholarships, and McNair Scholar. It was difficult for her to decide what she wanted to do because her interest is in learning everything she can. As a result she changed her major 5 times prior to settling for the double major.

Linda is a native San Diegan, attended La Jolla High but decided to attend college later. She is number ten of eleven children. Although Linda's parents have a limited education of their own they have provided a rich supportive environment that allowed their children to pursue their higher educational goals. As a result Linda is not the only high achiever in the family. She is the third of the eleven siblings to go to college but the first to pursue graduate school.

Linda has conducted a variety of research projects including two with the McNair Scholars Program. Her first McNair project was examining how in-group bias or favoring of a particular group affects how people process information and view others. Her mentor was Dr. Hugh E. McDonald, and her paper was titled "The Role Of Group Membership and Résumé Quality In Aptitude Judgments". This summer Linda worked with Dr. Radmilla Prislin. She studied the effects of initial status, change of status, and context on how people perceive themselves as a group. Recently Linda has also conducted research with Dr. Steve Reed on the evaluation of an animation tutor on mathematical estimations.

Since she was little she wanted to pursue a career in law but did not know how she would accomplish it. Today she knows that she would like to work with minority issues to help reduce the financial burdens in court or offer therapy to the families with low incomes. She stated that, "I plan to return to San Diego to contribute to the community that gave me so many opportunities."

Please Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 4, 2000	Labor Day
Sept. 7, 2000	Seminar, featuring Camille Nebeker "Responsible Conduct in Research, Human Subjects"
Sept. 24, 2000	Banquet
Oct. 5, 2000	Seminar, TBA

Please reserve the first Thursday of every month for McNair seminars.

There are two major passions in Linda's life, travel and school. Learning for the sake of learning is an integral part who Linda is. She feels that she will never be done with her education and will always continue to take classes for the rest of her life. Her goal in travel is to see as much of the world she can. Her first experience was a backpacking trip through Europe. She was hooked. Now she travels at every opportunity and is very adept at finding the best bargains.

Linda is now off to Harvard. We wish her the best and we know she will succeed in all she does.

Applying to Graduate School This Fall

For the Scholars that are applying to graduate school next fall you should have your calendar filled with the "Things to do list" for your application process. The hard work you have already accomplished will help you at this time.

*First and foremost GET ORGANIZED! There will be many details that you can easily get lost in. We suggest that you create a file (a box or two) to keep your records, hard copies, diskettes, copies, applications, pamphlets, bulletins/catalogs, and other needed information so that you do not have to go to many sources for each application.

*If you still need to, schedule and take the GRE and subject tests.

*You should have your original list of ten programs you want to apply to. Expand on that list and select the programs you want to apply to. Don't forget the three categories listed in your handouts.

*Send for applications. Although you may apply on-line, hardcopies of applications have information not on-line and can make filling out the application easier and more complete.

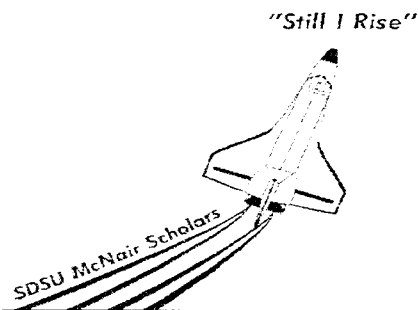
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*The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.*

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Kudos Korner

Congratulations go out to **John Ryan** for his Most Artistic award from the 2000 San Diego Geography Showcase. **Genaro Hernandez** is a recipient of the SDSU 2000/2001 University Scholar Award. **Sinead Younge** was the only undergraduate invited to present her research "Impact of Communicative Patterns on Sexual Behavior" at The Association of Black Psychologists' Convention 2000: The Journey Home in Africa. **Ulla Anderson** presented her poster presentation, "Sex Roles, Cultural Differences, and (MMPI-2) MF Scores of Latinos" at the American Psychological Association conference held in Washington, D.C. in August. **Valita Jones, Shameika Logan, Keyondria Bunch and Lateefah Spires-Maydun** have been accepted to the Minority Access to Research Careers Program (MARCC). **Shameika Logan** has returned from completing the SROP Summer Research Program at the University of Michigan. Her poster presentation of her research findings was titled "Factors Affecting Occupational Aspirations of Female African-American Adolescents". **Felicia Miles** was nominated and accepted to attend the Compact for Faculty Diversity's Institute on Teaching and Mentoring in Orlando, Florida in October, 2000. **Cynthia Lehman** received a scholarship from the local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Applications (continued from page 1)

- *Find out all you can about the programs you are applying to. Some of the information will be on their web site and some you must obtain from the faculty and staff of the program.
- *Visit all of the campuses that you can afford to visit. This will

give you a better idea of how you will fit into the campus life and what facilities you have available to you. See the visitation hand-out for questions you should ask prior, during and after the visit.

*Fine tune your Statement of Purpose. You will need to adjust it for each application, however, all word smithing at this point will save a lot of time later.

*Update your Curriculum Vitae. This will be handy during your conversations (phone, personal, and e-mail) with the faculty and staff of the programs you want to apply to. Don't forget to update your web site.

*Select the faculty you want to write letters of recommendation and ask them if they can write a "good original letter of recommendation" for you. Give them enough time to draft the letters but give them a deadline of at least two weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure the letters are received in time.

*Take the list of scholarships/fellowships you developed and expand on it. Send for applications, note deadlines, and apply.

*Prepare to send transcripts to programs and scholarships/fellowships you are applying to.

*Watch the deadlines carefully. Many campuses are moving deadlines up in the last few years. This means moving up GRE, subject tests, and other deadlines.

*Develop a calendar with a note of deadlines and warnings of deadlines for applications to financial aid and programs. Warnings of deadlines of at least two to three weeks (repeated) will help you stay on track with less scrambling at the end.

Keep organized and stay ahead. Don't forget to do well on your current classes.

GRE Word of the Month

Depredate (DEP ruh dayt) to prey upon; to plunder. To *depredate* is to take what belongs to others, by violence if necessary.

The greedy broker *depredated* his elderly clients, stealing many millions of dollars before he was finally caught and sent to jail.

An act or instance of *depredating* is a *depredation* (dep ruh DAY shun) or *predation* (pri DAY shun).

Despite the frequent *predations* of the enemy soldiers, the villagers rebuilt their homes and went on with their lives.

Note carefully the pronunciation of these words.

Last month's quote was cited incorrectly from "The Lower Depths" (1903). Alexander Bakshy is the translator and Maxim Gorky the author.