

McNair Memo

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JOSE SALCEDA TAKES THE RIGHT PATH TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Jose (Pepe) Salceda is the true TRIO student. He participated in Talent Search in junior high through high school, SSS at Napa Community College and McNair at San Diego State. Pepe is graduating this May, summa cum laude and with distinction in Psychology. Pepe is achieving the TRIO dream for a low income, first generation and underrepresented student, as of fall 2003 he will enroll as a doctoral student at Washington State University, Pullman in Counseling. Pepe's first objective is to prepare himself to be an excellent teacher who will positively impact the lives of students from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Additionally, Pepe wishes to become a "change agent" in the community; he wants to learn the skills that are necessary to influence communities in a positive manner by increasing the quality of life, educational access, especially for minorities, work to improve community programs, advance parent-child relationships and the empowerment of individuals.

Pepe's eldest sister is receiving her Masters at Sacramento State this May. His brother received his BA from San Francisco State and his sister, who will be enrolling at UC Davis this fall, was just nominated student of the month for Napa County. Pepe, his older sister and brother have worked as counselors and tutors for Napa Valley Educational Talent Search and Pepe also worked for ETS at SDSU. Others have noticed his family's commitment; his family received a certificate of appreciation from the Napa Valley College President, which reads, "Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Salceda family in recognition by Napa Valley College in appreciation for their leadership and inspiration." Pepe acknowledges that his success is due to the support of several persons in his educational career, especially Ms. Renee Hernandez, Director of Educational Talent Search and Ms. Laura Gustafson,

Director of Student Support Services at Napa Valley College. At San Diego State, Pepe has cultivated many friendships but considers Dr. Roberto Velasquez, a professor, mentor, advisor and friend. Of course, he would not forget to thank the McNair Scholars Program staff and fellow students. The secret of Pepe's success? First he would tell you that his family is the backbone to him and his siblings' success. They have built a cohesive network of



Jose Salceda, formula for success

support between themselves. Most importantly, he learned what could be attained through education when he saw his parents working in the fields and other back-breaking jobs. Then he would tell you, "empowerment—believe in yourself, to continue the journey you need to build a support base". This Fall, Washington State will receive an exceptionally talented, intelligent and motivated person and doctoral candidate. ¡Buena suerte, Pepe!

"Education is the passport to the future for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today" —Malcolm X

Calendar of Events

March 13	Seminar, Provost Nancy Marlin, "Learning About the Structure of the University"
April 10	Seminar, Sara Boquin, "How to Write your Research Proposal"
April 25	Summer McNair Proposal Due
May 1	Seminar, Dr. Lawrence Brunton, "Life as a Graduate Student"
May 17-18	Commencement Ceremony
May 27	First day of Summer 2003 classes

Kudos Korner

Ulla Anderson successfully presented her masters thesis dissertation on March 10, 2003 titled: "*Psychometric Comparability of the English and Spanish versions of the MMPI-2 with Bilingual Latinos*". **Tanisha Foster, Tiffini Buchanan and Nia Price** attended the National Society of Black Engineering in Anaheim, California, in March 2003. **Janet Abou and Steven Jimenez** were two of the ten 2003 Quest for the Best Vice Presidential Student Service Award recipients. **Steven Jimenez** also presented at the California State University research competition, representing SDSU. He also won the first place on level two at the SDSU Calculator Olympics Competition. At the 2003 MEP banquet he received 2002-2003 MEP/MSP Outstanding Junior and the San Diego EEOC \$1000 Scholarship. **Brenda Diaz, Hermila Rendon and Belen Robles** were awarded with the 2003 Sylvia Chavez Memorial Scholarship from San Diego MANA, a National Latina Organization. **Jose (Pepe) Salceda and Belen Robles** received the 2003 Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Alberto Frias received the scholarship and consequently was interviewed by the Spanish Language Network, Univision. **Michelle Harley** presented her research findings at the 23rd Annual Psychology Student Research Conference at SDSU



Hermila Rendon, Brenda Diaz and Belen Robles

on April 15, 2003 and at the 83rd Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association in May in Vancouver, Canada. **Van Nguyen** received the Scholastic Achievement Award from SDSU Mortar Board, inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi Sigma (National Physics Honor Society). She also won the first place in sciences as an undergraduate for the Association of Women in Science (AWIS) at Salk Institute and first place on level two at the SDSU Calculator Olympics Competition. At the 2003 MEP banquet, Van won the outstanding senior of the year 2002-2003 and the R. Lee Van de Wetering Outstanding MEP/MSP Workshop Leader. She is the secretary of education of the SDSU Society of Physics (SPS). On Friday, March 21, 2003 the SDSU College of Sciences hosted the Undergraduate Research Symposium where 11 McNair Scholars participated and 5 McNair Scholars received First Place for their presentations in the competitions: **Jose Cruz** for Psychology oral, **James Martinez** for Psychology poster, **Leticia Sanchez** for Ecology oral, **Genaro Hernandez** for Chemistry oral and **Steven Jimenez** for Math/Physics oral. Second Place went to **Erin Ramage** in the Psychology oral competition. Best wishes to **Jason Bailie and fiancé Jennifer** on their future wedding to be celebrated in Hawaii this month!!

GRE Words of the Month

indolent: 1. Avoiding labor and exertion; habitually idle; lazy; inactive. 2. Conducive to or encouraging laziness or inactivity. 3. Causing little or no pain. 4. Slow to heal, develop, or grow.

"There, people did as much as they chose and few ripples ever disturbed the prevailing atmosphere of **indolent** tranquillity." --Rufina Philby et al., *The Private Life of Kim Philby*

ennui : A feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction; dullness and languor of spirits, arising from lack of interest; boredom.

INDOLENT (IN-duh-luhnt) *adjective*

ennui (on-WEE; ON-wee) *noun*

He was ashamed and unhappy, adrift with a senseless **ennui**. --Brian Moynahan, *Rasputin: The Saint Who Sinned*

These GRE words of the month are some of Dictionary.com's word of the day.

Thank you UC Irvine for your support of McNair

On behalf of the SDSU McNair Scholars Program we would like to thank the University of California, Irvine, for hosting the 2003 McNair Director's Statewide Conference and their hospitality and continuing support of higher education!



UC Irvine McNair Director, Kika Friend, and Staff



Eloisa Johnson, Claremont Graduate School, Sara Boquin, SDSU, Millie Byers, CSU Fresno, Joan Hill, Cal Poly Pomona



UCI Dean Ronald Stern, Faculty Project Director for TRIO McNair and Dr. Juan Francisco Lara, UCI TRIO McNair Principal Investigator

The SDSU McNair Scholars Program honors the graduating seniors of the Class of 2003. Congratulations!

On May 17-18, 2003 San Diego State University hosted its 2003 graduation ceremony. The graduating class of 2003 advanced 21 McNair candidates.

Following is a list of the Class of 2003, including: major, honors and memberships:

Mahasin Abdullah	Biology
John Paul Abenojar	Child Development, Mortarboard
Steven Aguilar	Psychology with Distinction, Psi Chi
Jason Bailie	Psychology, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Psi Chi, with Distinction
Megan Bolla	Biology with Distinction
Leonor Chairez	Psychology
Brenda Diaz	Psychology, Psi Chi
Lauren Filippi	Foods and Nutrition, Summa Cum Laude and Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key
Tanisha Foster	Electrical Engineering, Mortar Board

Below: Antonio Ruiz de Esparza and Veronica Ruiz
Bottom Left: James Martinez with family and friends
Bottom Right: LaVetta Buchanan



Top: Tanisha Foster
Above Left: Dina Galvan and family
Above Right: Aaron Zeigler

Dina Galvan	Psychology, Psi Chi
James Martinez	Psychology
Belen Robles	Psychology, Cum Laude with Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, Golden Key, Psi Chi
Hermila Rendon	Psychology, Psi Chi
Michelle Harley	Psychology, Cum Laude with Distinction, Psi Chi
Erin Ramage	Psychology
Veronica Ruiz	Community Health Sciences
Antonio Ruiz de Esparza	Community Health Sciences
Leticia Sanchez	Biology
Jose Salceda	Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, with Distinction, Psi Chi
Khanichi Tape	Biology
Aaron Zeigler	Psychology

Masters: Ulla Anderson, Psi Chi, received her Masters in Psychology and LaVetta Buchanan was awarded a Masters in Public Health.



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Where are the SDSU McNair Scholars Headed?

The McNair Scholars Program at SDSU is proud to acknowledge the following alumni that have been accepted into graduate programs.



Jason Bailie
Ph.D. Clinical Psychology
University of Cincinnati

Virginia Chaidez
Ph.D. Nutrition
University of California, Davis



Leticia Sanchez
Ph.D. Biology
University of Colorado, Boulder



Megan Bolla
Ph.D. Chemistry
University of California, Irvine



Jose Salceda
Ph.D. Counseling Psychology
Washington State University

Scholars that have been accepted to Master's Programs throughout the country:

Steven Aguilar
Brenda Diaz
Tanisha Foster
James Martinez
Belen Robles

Jamilah Akbar
Lauren Filippi
Dina Galvan
Erin Ramage
Veronica Ruiz