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Welcome Summer Research Interns

We are thrilled to welcome to campus 9 high school Aspironaut™ Summer Interns from 7 states and 24 undergraduate interns from 10 states plus Puerto Rico.

Aspironaut™ is excited to announce the addition of several novel and exciting components to its programming this summer. Aspirnauts start their summer with an introductory **Lab Skills Course**, where participants became familiar with the laboratory environment received training in DNA and protein electrophoresis, cell culture, and microscopy. **Science Communication** is expanded to include sessions by national and international experts on science writing, graphic design, and marketing scientific work.

We continue our focus on matching talent with opportunity. And, we congratulate all who **aspire, seek, and achieve.**

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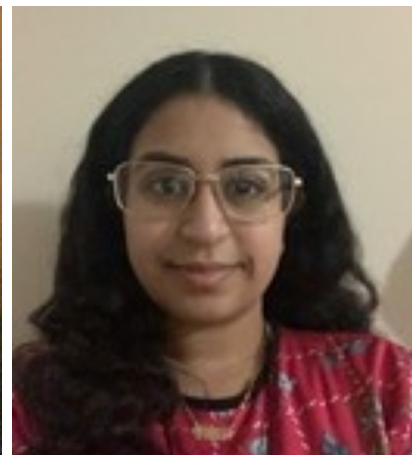
Meet the 2021 Summer High School Interns



Camryn Cole
West Helena, Arkansas



Di'Andra Edwards
Helena, Arkansas



Martina Gergis
Nashville, Tennessee



Maddie Lach
Chicago, Illinois



Charlotte Myers
Temecula, California



Connie Ni
Chattanooga, Tennessee



Neve Redhair
Page, Arizona



Rocio Rosa
Mebane, North Carolina



Jaedan Sockbeson
Indian Island, Maine

Meet the 2021 Undergraduate Interns



Amro Abd
Somerset, Kentucky



Ololade Adetula
Nashville, Tennessee



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Memphis, Tennessee



Paris Berrian
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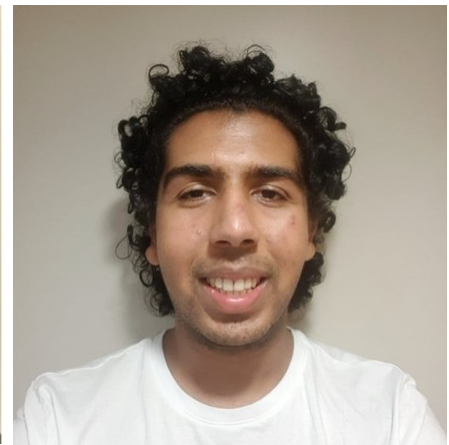
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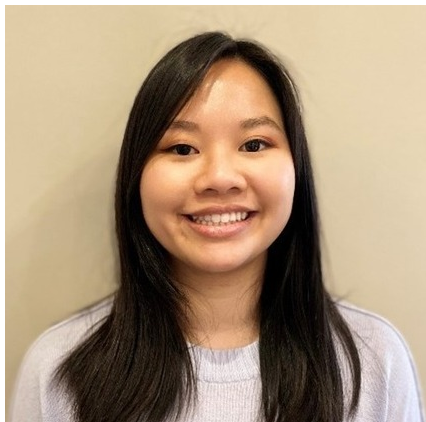
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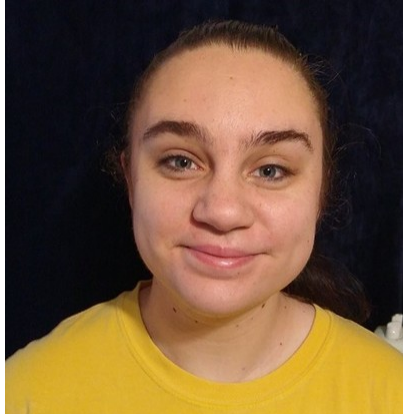
Linh Phung
Maumelle, Arkansas



Krystal Rivera
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico



Rodrigo Salinas
Lakeland, Florida



Alyssa Stricklin
Rogersville, Alabama



Jazmyn Wall
Roseville, Michigan



Tenzin Wangmo
Berea, Kentucky

College Bound

Congratulations High School Class of 2021! We are proud of your achievements and are excited to share the excitement of your graduation. We can't wait to celebrate your future successes. () indicates year participated in Aspirnaut™

- **Ashanta Currie (2019)** graduated from high school and will attend either the University of Central Arkansas or Southeast Missouri State University
- **Shanay Desai (2020)** graduated from The Mississippi School for Math and Science in Columbus, Mississippi and will be attending Vanderbilt University. Shanay was awarded the Coca-Cola, Bill Gates, Horatio Alger, and Elks Most Valuable Student scholarships.
- **Tanner Herington (2020)** graduated from Lewistown Jr./Sr. High School in Lewistown, Illinois, and will attend Middle Tennessee State University.
- **Britney Hsu (2020)** graduated from Taos High School in Taos, New Mexico, and will attend Rice University University. She plans on studying bioscience and business.
- **Riya Jeram (2019)** graduated from KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High School in Blytheville, Arkansas. Riya will attend the University of North Texas and plans on majoring in biology/pre-med.
- **Riya Mittal (2019, 2020)** graduated from KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High School in Blytheville, Arkansas, and will attend Boston University. Riya has been accepted to the Accelerated Medical Program at Boston University and has already been granted admission to the Boston University School of Medicine.
- **Michelle Orioha (2020)** graduated from Austintown Fitch High School in Austintown, Ohio, and will be attending Case Western Reserve University. Michele was also named valedictorian.
- **Neve Redhair (2019, 2021)** graduated from Page High School in Page, Arizona. Neve was admitted to Stanford University Early Action.
- **Bailey Scoggins (2019)** graduated from the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts. She will be attending the University of Arkansas and was recently published in Vanderbilt's Young Scientist journal for her research with Aspirnaut™.
- **Maddana Vue (2019)** graduated from Hmong College Prep Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be attending Tufts University as part of the engineering scholars program.
- **Krista Tolliver (2020)** graduated from Tabb High School in Yorktown, Virginia, and will attend Virginia Commonwealth University.



Ashanta Currie
Undecided



Shanay Desai
Vanderbilt University



Tanner Herington
MTSU



Britney Hsu
Rice University



Riya Jeram
University of North Texas



Riya Mittal
Boston University



Michele Orioha
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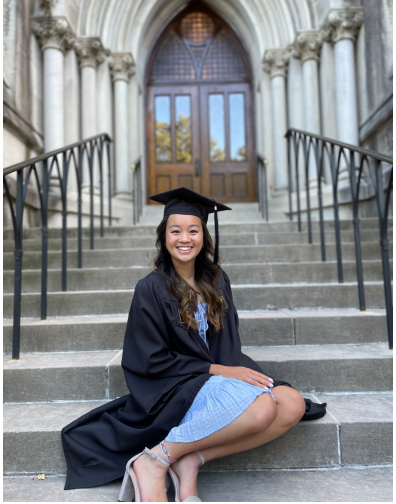


Krista Tolliver
Virginia Commonwealth
University

College Graduates

Congratulations Undergraduate Class of 2021!

- **Emily Chuang (2019)** graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Medicine, Health, and Society. She will be attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.
- **Sarwar Kokoy (2019)** graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology and will attend the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine.
- **Ximena Leon (2019)** graduated from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and will attend Vanderbilt University's Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biological and Biomedical Sciences.
- **Jenny Nguyen (2019)** graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Engineering for Bioengineering and a minor in Chemistry. She will attend The Emory University School of Medicine.
- **Christine Phanbandith (2019)** graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and Bio-Molecular Concentration. She has started her MBA at Tennessee Tech University.
- **Clara Reasoner (2020)** graduated from Berea College with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry. Clara will attend Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in the D.V.M. and Ph.D. combined degree program.
- **Jacob Summers (2019, 2021)** graduated from The University of Tennessee with a degree in Biology. He will attend Stanford University for the Ph.D. program in Biosciences.



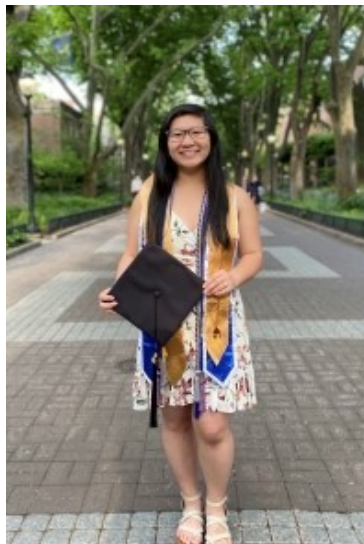
Emily Chuang
University of Illinois in Chicago
School of Medicine



Sarwar Kokoy
University of Tennessee
Health Science Center
College of Medicine



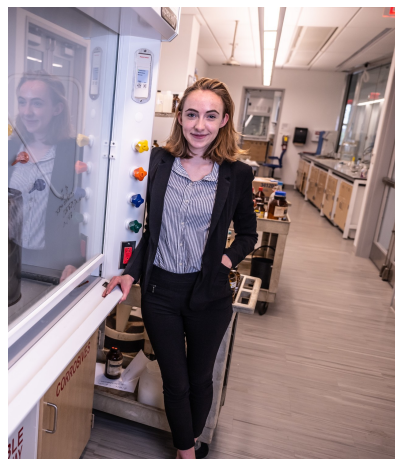
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Veterinary Medicine



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Stanford University

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