Humble student named a McNair Scholar

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Eleven students at Trinity University have become the latest McNair Scholars as part of a prestigious program that prepares participants for doctoral studies through research and related scholarly activities.

Karina Cabrera from Humble was recently named a McNair Scholar; she graduated from Humble High School in 2013.

Cabrera is a sophomore at Trinity who is currently studying biochemistry and molecular biology.

As a McNair Scholar, Cabrera will participate in research conferences throughout the U.S., a paid summer research experience and visits to graduate research institutions.

Named after the late physicist and Challenger shuttle astronaut Dr. Ronald E. McNair and funded by Trinity and a U.S. Department of Education grant, the McNair Scholars Program offers academic counseling, financial aid assistance, mentoring, research opportunities, seminars, paid summer internships, and graduate admissions guidance.

"Trinity's McNair alumni have achieved success at some of the nation's foremost graduate programs in a wide variety of academic disciplines, and we expect nothing less from our newest Scholars," said Michael Soto, associate professor of English and McNair Scholars director at Trinity.

Since its inception at Trinity in November 2007, the program has served a total of 92 first-generation, low-income, and/or under-represented students.