

**National TRIO Achiever Award Recipients
By Year**

2012

Rodelyn Alcidonis

Principal Attorney, Alcidonis Law Office LLC
Philadelphia, PA
Student Support Services, Plattsburgh State
University of New York
SR. IOT Legal Consultant, DJSR Technology

Raquel Aldana

Professor of Law and Director of the Inter-
American Program, McGeorge School of Law
Sacramento, CA
Upward Bound, Arizona State University
Professor of Law, University of California Davis,
School of Law

Alvin Brown

Former Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida
Student Support Services, Jacksonville University
August 2022, Member of the National
Transportation Safety Board, Nominated by
President Joe Biden

Nannette Brown

Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern
District of Louisiana
New Orleans, LA
Upward Bound, University of Southwest Louisiana

Jungmiwha Bullock

Founder & CEO, J. S. Bullock & Associates—The
Brokerage for Dreams and Co-Managing Partner,
The JKBN Group, LLC
Washington, DC
Upward Bound, University of Maryland-Baltimore
County

Stephen D. Perry

Principal and Founder, Capitol Preparatory Magnet
School; Commentator, CNN; Writer and Columnist,
Essence Magazine; and Author
Upward Bound, Wesleyan University
Education Contributor, CNN

2013

Mildred Edwards

Executive Director, Kansas African American
Affairs Commission, Office of the Governor
Topeka, KS
Student Support Services, Wichita State University
Chief of Staff to Mayor/CEO Tyrone Garner,
Unified Government of Wyandotte County and
Kansas City

Cornelius D. Griggs

Senior Project Manager & Lead Estimator, Walsh
Group
Chicago, IL
Talent Search, Introspect Youth Services, Inc.
McNair Program, Chicago State University
President, GMA Construction Group

William Sanchez

CEO & Co-Founder, CoolChip Technologies
Boston, MA
Upward Bound, Bronx Community College
COO, TalkingHeads Wireless

Trinity Thorpe-Lubneuski

Manager, Government Affairs, Reporting &
Analysis, Comcast Corporation
Philadelphia, PA
Upward Bound, University of Wyoming
Executive Director, Partnership Development &
Community Activation

Lois Vosika-Weir

Assistant Principal, American Indian Magnet
School preK-8
St. Paul, MN
Upward Bound, University of Minnesota-Twin
Cities
Assistant Principal, AGAPE High School

Juan Zalapa

Research Geneticist, Assistant Professor of
Horticulture, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI
McNair Program, Texas Tech University

2014

Stephanie Joy Calhoun

Assistant Attorney General, NY Office of the
Attorney General

Buffalo, NY
Student Support Services, Medaille College

Carol Cheatham

Associate Professor of Psychology & Neuroscience,
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Nutrition
Research Institute
Kannapolis, N C
McNair Scholars Program, University of Wyoming

Carlos Colon Ramos

Chancellor and Associate Professor of Education,
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
Barranquitas, Pr
Upward Bound, Inter-American University of
Puerto Rico-Barranquitas

Reynard Eaglin, Jr.

Executive Director, YMCA of Metropolitan
Washington, DC and YMCA of Potomac
Overlook
Washington, DC
Talent Search, Upward Bound, and Student Support
Services, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Dana Hilliard

Mayor, Hilltop City, NH
Upward Bound, University of New Hampshire and
Student Support Services, Keene State University

LaKiesha Tomlin

Project Mechanical Engineer, Northrop Grumman
Corporation
Student Support Services, Saint Louis University
Senior Manager, Software Engineering, Northrop
Grumman

Michael Muse

CEO, Muse Recordings
New York, NY
Upward Bound, Michigan State University

2015

Brian Black

Senior Manager, Level M, Global Diversity and
Corporate Administration, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc.
Wichita, KS
Talent Search, Greenville Urban League/Greenville
Technical College

Thermo Fisher Scientific, Director of Diversity and
Inclusion, Customer Channels and BioProduction
Groups

Molly Clough

Law Partner, Carrothers & Clough PLLC
Ogdensburg, NY
Student Support Services, State University of New
York-Potsdam

Aaron Payment

Tribal Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians
Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Upward Bound, Lake Superior State University

Rene Rosado

Actor
Los Angeles, CA
Upward Bound, Wesleyan University and Student
Support Services, University of Connecticut

Sarah Silvafierro

Executive Director, NM Communities in Action
and Faith
Las Cruces, NM
Upward Bound, New Mexico State University and
Upward Bound Math/Science, Trinidad State Junior
College

2016

José Cruz

Executive Director, Barrio Logan College Institute
McNair Scholars Program, San Diego State
University
Deputy Director, Catalyst Family, Inc.

Marco Davila

Associate Member, Department of Blood and
Marrow Transplantation, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer
Center and Research Institute, and Associate
Professor, Department of Oncologic Sciences,
Morsani College of Medicine, University of South
Florida
McNair Scholars Program, Texas Christian
University
Senior Vice President, Translation Research
Vice Chair, Cellular Therapies, Dept of Medicine

Physician, Transplantation and Cellular Therapies Service

Jacquelyn Elliott

President, Central Arizona College
Upward Bound, Emporia State University

Harry Lee Williams

President, Delaware State University – now
President & CEO of Thurgood Marshall College
Fund
Student Support Services, Appalachian State
University

Victor Woolridge

Vice President, Cornerstone Real Estate and
Chairman, University of Massachusetts Board of
Trustees
Upward Bound, University of Massachusetts-
Amherst
Independent Director, Fallon Health (Self-
Employed)
Owl Rock Capital Corporation, Board Member

2017

Hector Balderas

Attorney General, New Mexico
Upward Bound and Student Support Services, New
Mexico Highlands University
Northern New Mexico College, President

Timothy Granfield

Director and Associate Vice President, Strategy,
Planning & Operations, Corporate Finance, Liberty
Mutual Insurance
Dover, NH
Upward Bound, University of New Hampshire
Liberty Mutual Insurance, Director of Financial
Analysis

Tamara P. Nash

Special Assistant United States Attorney, State of
South Dakota
Talent Search and Student Support Services, Wayne
State College
Director of Experiential Learning and Lecturer,
University of South Dakota

David Pérez Jiménez

Assistant Research Scientist and Associate Director,
Institute for Psychological Research, University of
Puerto Rico

Student Support Services, University of Puerto
Rico-Río Piedras

Simon K. Shannon

Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, 3M Company
McNair Scholars Program, University of
Minnesota-Twin Cities
3M, Director, Business Development-
Transportation & Electronics Business Group

2018

Karletta Chief

Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist-
Hydrology, Department of Soil, Water, and
Environmental Sciences, University of Arizona
Upward Bound, Southern Utah University
Director, Indigenous Resilience Center

Darcel D. Clark

Bronx County District Attorney
Talent Search, Tremont Improvement Program
Neighborhood House (TIP), and Student Support
Services, Boston College
Bronx Attorney General

Charlene Mickens Dukes

President, Prince George's Community College
Upward Bound, Saint Francis University

Everett L. Glenn

Founder & President, ESP Education and
Leadership Institute
Upward Bound, Case Western Reserve University
Of Counsel, AlvaradoSmith APC

Stephanie Peterson

Director, Risk & Compliance – Global Business
Operations, Microsoft Corporation
Upward Bound, University of Nevada-Reno
Senior Director, Product Delivery & Data
Operations, Meta

Patricia Roe

Vice President of Philanthropy, Strada Education
Network
Student Support Services, Indiana University

Christopher J. Rosa
Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, CUNY
Division of Student Affairs
Student Support Services, Queens College
Dr. Christopher Rosa, President & CEO of The
Viscardi Center

Aaron Rahsaan Thomas
Creator & Executive Producer, S.W.A.T., CBS TV
McNair Scholars Program, University of Kansas
Creator of Content/Executive Producer, Viacom

2019

Lacy Durham
Assistant General Counsel – Benefits &
Compensation, Constellation
Upward Bound, Grambling State University

David Estrada
Associate Director, Center for Advanced Energy
Studies and Associate Professor, Micron School of
Materials Science and Engineering, Boise State
University
McNair Scholars, Boise State University
Idaho National Laboratory, Advanced
Manufacturing Deputy Director for Academic
Research

Erica Klampfl
Manager of Global Data Insights and Analytics,
Ford Motor Company
McNair Scholars, Louisiana State University
Ford Motor Company, Director of Operations
Analytics

Awale Osman
Program Officer, Community Innovation Team,
Bush Foundation
Upward Bound, Rochester Community and
Technical College
Student Support Services, North Hennepin
Community College
Best Buy, Associate Manager and Cultivating
Leadership, LLC, Associate Consultant
McNair Scholars Program, Augsburg University

Carlos Mariani Rosa

State Representative, Minnesota House of
Representatives, Executive Director, Minnesota
Educational Equity Partnership, Inc.
Student Support Services, Macalester College

Tobie Smith
Senior Principal Data Scientist, Team Lead, SAIC
Upward Bound Math/Science, Student Support
Services, Morehead State University

2020

Antoinette Danvers
Attending Physician, Montefiore Medical Center
Upward Bound, Bronx Community College
OBGYN Residency Program Director, Montefiore
Health System

Richard Perez
President/CEO, San Antonio Chamber of
Commerce
Educational Talent Search, Project STAY, South
San High School

Leon Venegas
Associate Scientist II, AstraZeneca
McNair, St. Edwards's University
Antibody Discovery Scientist II, MarcoGenics, Inc.

Ashley Doukas
Clinical Psychologist II, Bellevue Hospital
Talent Search, McNair, University of New
Hampshire
Clinical Director, Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai

Marvin Pendarvis
South Carolina State Representative, House District
113, Charleston and Dorchester
Student Support Services, University of South
Carolina
(added) Senior Attorney, Pendarvis Law, LLC

2021

Rabih Najjar
Senior Director of Strategic Projects, Hertz
Corporation
Upward Bound, Montana Tech
Student Support Services, Montana State University

Senior Director of Product Operations

Roberto Padilla

Superintendent, Newburgh Enlarged City School District
McNair, SUNY-Brockport
NYC Department of Education, Superintendent

Lewis Williams

Chief Creative Officer, Burrell Communications Group
Upward Bound, Mercer University
Head of Brand Impact, Weber Shandwick

Nikema Williams

U.S. House Representative for Georgia's 5th Congressional District
Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student Support Services & McNair, Talladega College

2022

Sarah Smarsh

Journalist and Author of Heartland
McNair, University of Kansas

Aaron Ford

Attorney General, Las Vegas, NV
UB, Southern Methodist University

James Monteiro

Executive Director, Reentry Campus Program
Educational Opportunity Center, Community College of Rhode Island

Dr. Kiesha King

Senior National Education Administrator, T-Mobile Education
UB, Arizona University

Marinilda Diaz

Professor/ Social Work/ Public Policy Coordinator
Doctoral Program, University of Puerto Rico
Student Support Services, University of Puerto Rico