National TRIO Achiever Award Recipients

By Year

Celebrating the success of TRIO students and the TRIO programs, the Council for Opportunity in Education and members of the college access and success community are proud to honor the National TRIO Achievers. These men and women have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions and are making remarkable contributions to their community. The public recognition of TRIO alumni is an exceptional opportunity to acknowledge that TRIO makes a difference in the lives of thousands of students whose future success depends on their access to higher education. We congratulate this year’s TRIO Achievers and past award winners who continue to inspire both college access and success professionals and current students.

1995

The Late Robert (Bob) Bozarjian
Specialist, Program Quality Assurance Unit, Massachusetts DOE
Educational Opportunity Center and Student Support Services

Stephen C. Emery
Partner, Van Norman & Emery LLP
Student Support Services, University of South Dakota

A.C. Green
A.C. Green Youth Foundation, Athletes for Abstinence
Student Support Services, Oregon State University

Barbara Harmon-Schamberger
Upward Bound, Salem-Teikyo University

Wil Haygood
Author, The Washington Post
Upward Bound, Ohio Dominican College

Donald Lyons
University Endowed Professor, Physics, Hampton University
Upward Bound, Grambling State University

Garry D. Norris
Former Director of Software Strategy & Strategic Relations, IBM

1996

Franklin R. Chang-Diaz
Chairman and CEO of Ad Astra Rocket Company, Director of Cummin Inc.
Student Support Services, University of Connecticut

Judith R. James
Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Special Programs for the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges
Upward Bound, Mills College

The Late John Jenkins
Upward Bound, Princeton Cooperative School Program, Princeton University

Lynda Marie Jordan
Associate Professor, Chemistry, North Carolina A&T State University; Associate Minister, Holy Temple Church; CEO and Founder, A Place to Heal Ministries, Inc. Upward Bound, Brandeis University

Brian Mitchell
Advisory Board Member, BGS Consulting; Co-Host, The BMITCH and Finlay Show, 106.7; Show Host and Sports Analyst, NBC Sports Washington; Former Running Back, Washington Commanders, Centreville, VA
Talent Search and Upward Bound, Southern University A&M

Viet T. Nguyen
Assistant Process and Development Engineer, Noven Pharmaceutical, Inc.
Upward Bound, Jacksonville University

John Quinones
ABC News Correspondent, Reporter for “20/20,” “Nightline,” “ABC World News Tonight,” and “Good Morning America”
Upward Bound, St. Mary’s

Pedro J.C. Rubio
Software Engineer, Intel Corporation
Upward Bound, Arizona State University

Cynthia A. Smith
Student Support Services, University of South Carolina
Senior Advisor to the Director, Indian Health Service
Student Support Services, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks

1997

Bertice B. Berry
Author, Award-Winning Lecturer, Comedian, Talk Show Host, Richmond Hill, GA
Upward Bound, University of Delaware

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd
Senior Executive Search Consultant at AGB Search, LLC; Engineer, Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory; former President of Alabama State University, Laurel, MD
Upward Bound, Alabama State University

Lawrence P. Hernandez
Director, Quality Improvement; Interim CCO, Kindred Hospital Aurora
Upward Bound, University of Southern Colorado

Marcus Mosely
Physician, Meridian Medical Group, College Park, GA
Student Support Services, Langston University

The Late Rev. James L. Nadeau, S.T.I.
Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, ME
Upward Bound, Bowdoin College Brunswick, ME

1998

Michael Baker
Research and Development Engineer, Corvallis, OR
Talent Search and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Florida A&M University

Donnell Collins
Partner and Shareholder of Hall Booth Smith, P.C., and Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the State of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
Upward Bound, Georgia Southern University

Alex Martinez
Attorney, Stamford, CT
Upward Bound, Center for Academic Programs, University of Connecticut

Gwendolynne Moore
U.S. Congresswoman, Wisconsin
Student Support Services, Marquette University

Kevin Shibilski
Madison, WI
Upward Bound, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Melek Zimmer
Founder and Executive Director, PeaceWorks
Student Support Services, University of Connecticut

1999

Guadalupe Cervantes-Ortega
Elementary School Teacher, St. Paul, MN
Student Support Services, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Jose Cervantes
Director, Minneapolis City Hall/Hennepin County Court House, Minneapolis, MN
Students Support Services, Macalester College

Juan A. Cervantes
Multicultural Sales Manager, The St. Paul Companies, St. Paul, MN
Student Support Services, Macalester College

The Late Manuel Cervantes
Referee of District Court, Administrative Law Judge, St. Paul, MN
Upward Bound, Macalester College

Raquel Cervantes-Bethke
Elementary School Social Worker, LEAP High School Social Worker, St. Paul, MN
Upward Bound, Macalester College

Ricardo X. Cervantes
Assistant Supervisor for Housing Inspections, Minneapolis, MN
Upward Bound, Macalester College

Ramona C. Garcia
Educator, Edinburg School District, Edinburg, TX
Upward Bound, Macalester College

Terry L. Miller
Ph.D. candidate, Politics, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Texas Christian University

Virginia Martinez Victorin
Retired Vice President, Senior Community Affairs Regional Manager, Los Angeles, CA
Upward Bound, UCLA

2000

The Late Albert W. Adams, Jr.
Vice President, Human Resources, Lincoln Industrial Inc., St. Louis, MO
Upward Bound, Webster College

Bee Lo
Doctor, Naturopathic Medicine, LaCrosse, WI
Upward Bound and Student Support Services, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

Ed H. Ollie, Jr.
Campus Pastor/Teaching Team Member at Willow Creek Community Church, Chicago, IL
Upward Bound, Central College

Keith W. Reeves
Associate Professor, Political Science at Swarthmore College; Member, American Political Science Association; Member, Midwest Political Science Association; Member, National Eagle Scout Association; Associate Member, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Swarthmore, PA
Upward Bound, Swarthmore College

Lupe Rodriguez
Sales Operations Manager, IBM Corporation, New York TRIO, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

The Late Joseph Rogers
Lieutenant Governor, Colorado, Denver, CO
Upward Bound, Colorado State University

2001

Michael J. Bellamy
Retired
Upward Bound, Tuskegee University

Viola Davis
Actress, Van Nuys, CA
Upward Bound and Student Support Services, Rhode Island College

Julio A. Guridy
City Council and Director, Allentown, the Chair of City’s Budget and Finance Committee, Bethlehem, PA
Upward Bound, East Stroudsburg University

Jose M. Hernandez
President and CEO at Tierra Luna Engineering, LLC
Student Support Services, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

Yvonne McDermott
Pilot and First Officer, Northwest Airlink Oakland, CA
Upward Bound, Holy Names College, Oakland, CA

David Warner
Chiropractor, Warner Family Chiropractic, PC, Dixon, IL
Student Support Services, Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon, IL

2002

Patricia L. Andrade
General Surgeon, Morton Surgical and Saint Anne’s Hospital, Dartmouth, MA
Upward Bound, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

Ranessa L. Cooper
Professor and Chair of Biological Sciences, Western Illinois University Macomb, IL
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Truman State University

The Late Curtis L. Etherly, Jr.
Vice President for Public Affairs, Mid-Atlantic & Eastern Great Lakes Divisions, Coca-Cola Enterprises BottlingCompanies; Director, Federal Affairs & International Stakeholder Relations, The Coca-Cola Company, Columbia, MD
Educational Opportunity Center, The College Board, Washington, DC
Juan C. Gonzalez  
Professor of Practice, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
Upward Bound and Student Support Services, West Texas State University and Texas Tech University

Mary Groda-Lewis  
Family Medicine, Hilo Medical Center; Inspiration for the CBS movie “Love, Mary.”  
Honolulu, HI  
Upward Bound, University of Oregon

Mark E. Klinkenberg  
Transaction Analyst CBRE, Attorney Principal Member, Klinkenberg Law Firm, Kansas City, MO, Raymore, MO  
Veterans Upward Bound, University of Tennessee – Knoxville

2003

Deborah Berry  
Independent Consultant (Public Media/Political Relations), Waterloo, IA  
Educational Opportunity Center, University of Northern Iowa

Francisco Estrada  
Senior Policy Analyst, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Sacramento, CA  
Upward Bound, San Diego State University

Joyce Evans  
News Anchor and Reporter, Fox Philadelphia, WTXF-TV, Philadelphia, PA  
Upward Bound, Howard University

Rob Masri  
President of Family Business Fund, Charlottesville, VA  
Talent Search and Upward Bound, Virginia Tech University

Charles Terrell  
Vice President, Community and Minority Programs, Association of American Medical Colleges, Washington, DC  
Upward Bound, Brandeis University

Richard B. Williams  
Director, American Indian Graduate Center Scholars, Albuquerque, NM  
Student Support Services, University of Nebraska

2004

Sonja Bivins  
U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge, Mobile, Alabama  
Upward Bound, Spring Hill College

Kimarie Engerman  
Associate Professor, Psychology; Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of the Virgin Islands, Washington, DC  
Student Support Services, Bowie State University, and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Howard University

Fred Gainous  
Regent Professor, Florida A&M School of Agriculture, Tallahassee, FL  
Upward Bound, Florida A&M University

Cecilia A. Gutierrez  
Deputy Director, MBKA Network and Partnerships, Obama Foundation  
Upward Bound, North Shore Community College

Gregory Powell  
President and CEO of Fi-Plan Partners, Birmingham, AL  
Talent Search, Bolton High School, Arlington, TN

Leander Russell McDonald  
President, United Tribes Technical College, Bismarck, ND  
Upward Bound, University of North Dakota

2005

The Late Ned Doffoney  
Fresno, CA  
Student Support Services, University of Southwestern Louisiana

Jesse Fenner  
Associate Counsel, MCI WorldCom Network Services, Washington, DC  
Upward Bound, University of Chicago

Jesse Fleming
Captain, U.S. Army, Quality Control Release Lead at Uponor, Rosemount, MN
Upward Bound, Minnesota State University-Mankato

Yava Jones
Associate Professor and Director, Core Histology Laboratory at Texas A&M University CVM, College Station, TX
Upward Bound, Talladega College

Elizabeth Lewin-Fisher
Social Worker, Wasatch Mental Health, Provo, UT
Student Support Services, Utah Valley State College

Jose Guadalupe Valtierra
Extension Educator Purdue Extension Community Development, Consultant Independent Practitioner, Member of the Board of Trustees at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Chicago, IL
Upward Bound, Purdue-University-Calumet

2006

Leah Carpenter
Associate Professor, 3M Chair of Accounting, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
Upward Bound, Bemidji State University

Bridget McCurtis
Founder and CEO of Beyond Measure Coaching and Consulting, LLC
Student Support Services, Marquette University

Rich Niemiec
Chief Innovation Officer, Viscosity North America, Lombard, IL
Upward Bound, Purdue University

Stephen Pemberton
Author of “The Lighthouse Effect,” Chicago, IL
Upward Bound, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

Carlos Sanchez
Professor, Department of Philosophy; Advisor for the Graduate Program in Philosophy; Chair, Committee on Hispanics/Latinx for the American Philosophical Association, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA

Talent Search and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, San Jose State University

Sherry Williams
Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer; Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Houston, TX
Student Support Services, University of Oklahoma

2007

Aberdeen Allen, Jr.
Technical Associate Colgate-Palmolive, Owner of Urban Edge, LLC, Parlin, NJ
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Massachusetts–Boston

Jennifer Michele Alvarez
Assistant Public Defender, 8th Judicial Circuit, West Virginia, Princeton, WV
Student Support Services, West Virginia University Institute of Technology

J. Keith Motley
Key Leadership Roles, University of Massachusetts–Boston, Boston, MA
Upward Bound, University of Pittsburgh

Tara Ruttley
Chief Scientist, Orbital Reef at Blue Origin, Washington, DC
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Colorado State University

Maude Toussaint-Comeau
Economist, Microeconomics Team, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Student Support Services, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign

Carlos Valverde, Jr.
Co-Executive Director, Colorado Progressive Coalition, Agent for Working Families Party, Denver, CO
Upward Bound, Metropolitan State College of Denver

Raphael Warnock
U.S. Senator, Georgia; Senior Pastor, Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
Upward Bound, Savannah State University

2008

Sharnnia Artis
Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Chief Diversity Officer, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Virginia Tech

Jacklyn Chisholm
President and CEO, Step Forward; President and Founder, IT’S WORTH IT CONSULTING, LLC, Cleveland, OH
Student Support Services, Case Western Reserve University

Kenneth Green
State of Connecticut Representative; Social Worker, Capitol Region Education Council, John J. Allison Polaris Education Center, Glastonbury, CT
Upward Bound, University of Connecticut

Joseph Little
Team Leader and Readjustment Counselor, Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix, AZ
Veterans Upward Bound, Arizona State University

Nicolas Rosario Alvarez
Assistant Professor, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Humacao, San Juan, PR
Talent Search, Universidad del Turabo

Maria Vasquez
Director, Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, Center for Equity in Learning
ACT, Atlanta, GA
Upward Bound, Texas Tech University

David Yarlott
President, Little Big Horn College, Crow Agency, MT
Student Support Services, Montana State University-Bozeman

2009

Cynthia Azari
Retired, Fresno, CA
Upward Bound, Huston Tillotson College

David Baxley
Assistant News Director, Birmingham, AL
Talent Search and Upward Bound, Central Alabama Community College

Anthony Chapa
Executive Director, Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, Senior VP of NASTEC Internation, Inc., San Antonio, TX
Upward Bound, St. Mary’s University

Tyrone Flowers
Founder and President, Higher M-Pact, Inc., Kansas City, MO
Educational Opportunity Center, Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley

Anastasia Pittman
State Senator, Oklahoma State Capitol, Oklahoma City, OK
Student Support Services, University of Oklahoma

Cy Thao
Artist; Owner, Sunlight Services, LLC, St. Paul, MN
Upward Bound, University of Minnesota

2010

James Bennett
Area Executive, First Citizens Bank; Board Member, Columbia Urban League Inc., Columbia, SC
Student Support Services, University of South Carolina

D. Antonio Bridges, II
Member of House of Delegates, State of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
Student Support Services & Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Frostburg State University

Krystal Brumfield
Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, Washington, DC
Talent Search, Southern University; Upward Bound, Southeastern Louisiana University; and
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Louisiana State University

James Doughty-Muñoz
News Director, KWES-TV Morgan Murphy Media, Victoria, TX
Upward Bound, Texas Tech University

Mariano Mesngon
Director, Healthcare Business at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, Hagåtña, Guam
Upward Bound, University of Guam, and Upward Bound Math-Science, San Diego State University

Jacqueline Reynoso
Director, Programs and Policy, Cordoba Corporation, San Diego, CA
Upward Bound Math-Science, San Diego State University

2011

Joyce Bell
Associate Professor and the Don E. Martindale Chair of Sociology, University of Minnesota, Pittsburgh, PA
Upward Bound and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Quintin Bullock
President, the Community College of Allegheny County, Allegheny, PA
Upward Bound, Prairie View A&M University

Robert Jackson
Former Councilman, New York City Council, New York, NY
Upward Bound, Union Settlement Association

John MacLean, III
East Coast Communications Liaison for U.S. Department of Homeland Security; U.S. Appointed Civil Emergency Communications Expert to North NATO; Lieutenant Commander Information Professional / Information Warfare Officer (IWO) Knoxville, TN
Veterans Upward Bound, University of Pennsylvania, and Student Support Services, Peirce College

Carolyn Mosley
Retired Dean, College of Health Sciences, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, Fort Smith, AR
Upward Bound, Dillard University

Pedro Santiago
Vice President, ENPULSE Energy Conservation Inc.; Detroit, MI
Upward Bound and Student Support Services, University of Connecticut

2012

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

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

Alvin Brown
Former Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida; Member, National Transportation Safety Board, (Nominated by President Joe Biden in August 2022)
Student Support Services, Jacksonville University

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 and 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; Author; Education Contributor, CNN
Upward Bound, Wesleyan University
2013

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

Cornelius D. Griggs
Senior Project Manager & Lead Estimator, Walsh Group, Chicago, IL; President, GMA Construction Group
Talent Search, Introspect Youth Services, Inc.; Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Chicago State University

William Sanchez
CEO and Co-Founder, CoolChip Technologies, Boston, MA; COO, TalkingHeads Wireless
Upward Bound, Bronx Community College

Trinity Thorpe-Lubneuski
Manager, Government Affairs, Reporting and Analysis, Comcast Corporation, Philadelphia, PA; Executive Director, Partnership Development and Community Activation, Comcast Corporation
Upward Bound, University of Wyoming

Lois Vosika-Weir
Assistant Principal, American Indian Magnet School, St. Paul, MN; Assistant Principal, AGAPE High School
Upward Bound, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Juan Zalapa
Research Geneticist, Assistant Professor, Horticulture, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement 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

2015

Brian Black
Senior Manager, Level M, Global Diversity and Corporate Administration, Spirit AeroSystems, Inc., Wichita, KS; Thermo-Fisher Scientific, Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Customer Channels and BioProduction Groups
Talent Search, Greenville Urban League, Greenville Technical College

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

Aaron Payment
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; Deputy Director, Catalyst Family, Inc.
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, San Diego State University

Marco Davila
Associate Member, Department of Blood and Marrow Transplantation, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Associate Professor, Department of Oncologic Sciences, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida; Senior Vice President, Translation Research; Vice Chair, Cellular Therapies, Department of Medicine; Physician, Transplantation and Cellular Therapies Service
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Texas Christian University

Jacquelyn Elliott
President, Central Arizona College
Upward Bound, Emporia State University

Harry Lee Williams
President, Delaware State University; President and CEO, 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; Independent Director, Fallon Health; Board Member, Owl Rock Capital Corporation
Upward Bound, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

2017

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

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

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

David Pérez Jiménez
Assistant Research Scientist and Associate Director, Institute for Psychological Research, University of Puerto Rico
Student Support Services, University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

Simon K. Shannon
Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, 3M; Director, Business Development, Transportation, Electronics Business Group
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

2018

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

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

Charlene Mickens Dukes  
President, Prince George’s Community College  
Upward Bound, Saint Francis University

Everett L. Glenn  
Founder and President, ESP Education and Leadership Institute; Of Counsel, Alvarado Smith, APC  
Upward Bound, Case Western Reserve University

Stephanie Peterson  
Director, Risk and Compliance, Global Business Operations, Microsoft Corporation; Senior Director, Product Delivery and Data Operations, Meta  
Upward Bound, University of Nevada-Reno

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; President and CEO, The Viscardi Center  
Student Support Services, Queens College

Aaron Rahsaan Thomas  
Creator and Executive Producer, “S.W.A.T.,” CBS; Creator of Content and Executive Producer, Viacom  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Kansas

2019

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

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

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Boise State University

Erica Klampfl  
Manager, Global Data Insights and Analytics, Ford Motor Company; Director, Operations Analytics, Ford Motor Company  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholars, Louisiana State University

Awale Osman  
Associate Manager, Best Buy; Associate Consultant, Cultivating Leadership, LLC  
Upward Bound, Rochester Community and Technical College; Student Support Services, North Hennepin Community College; Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement 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; Program Director, OBGYN Residency, Montefiore Health System  
Upward Bound, Bronx Community College

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

Leon Venegas  
Associate Scientist II, AstraZeneca; Antibody Discovery Scientist II, MarcoGenics, Inc.  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, St. Edwards’s University

Ashley Doukas
Clinical Psychologist II, Bellevue Hospital; Clinical Director, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Talent Search, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of New Hampshire

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

2021

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

Roberto Padilla
Superintendent, Newburgh Enlarged City School District; Superintendent, New York City Department of Education
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, SUNY-Brockport

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

Nikema Williams
U.S. House Representative for Georgia’s 5th Congressional District
Talent Search, Upward Bound, Student Support Services, and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Talladega College

2022

Sarah Smarsh
Journalist and Author of “Heartland”
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Kansas

Aaron Ford
Attorney General, Las Vegas, NV
Upward Bound, 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
Upward Bound, Arizona University

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

2023

Ruben Canedo
Director, Strategic Equity Initiatives
UC Berkeley
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

James Brett
President and CEO, New England Council
Upward Bound, Boston College

Lesia Crumpton-Young
Former President, Texas Southern University
Upward Bound, Texas Southern University

Cheryl Johnson
Radio Free America
Upward Bound, Loyola University – New Orleans; Student Support Services, University of Iowa

Fernando Cardenas
Director, Partnerships Development and Community Relations, Comcast
Upward Bound, Fresno State