

## **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

Student Support Services, University of South  
Carolina

### **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*

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 Bottling Companies; 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

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## 2012

*Rodelyn Alcidonis*

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

*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*

Associate Professor, Psychology and Neuroscience, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Nutrition Research Institute, Kannapolis, N C  
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Wyoming

### *Carlos Colon Ramos*

Chancellor and Associate Professor, Education, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Barranquitas  
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; Senior Manager, Software Engineering, Northrop Grumman  
Student Support Services, Saint Louis University

### *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; 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*



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;  
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-Río 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  
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