Meet UARA Scholarship Recipients

Lauren Holmes is studying biochemistry and expects to graduate in May 2023. After graduation, she aspires to attend graduate school and become a physician assistant. Outside of her studies, her interests are hiking, volunteering and camping.

Chidinma Ogbonnaya is a sophomore majoring in pre-pharmaceutical sciences and minoring in Spanish. Her educational goal is to gain a doctorate in pharmacy. Her career goal is to become a pharmacist and use her platform to help those less fortunate. Chidinma writes that being a pharmacist also offers her an opportunity to break down barriers, not only in her life but also for others. She writes that attending the university represents freedom to her.

Lourdes Ixtzai Castillo Silva is pursuing a degree in psychological science. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2021. Lourdes writes that after graduation she aspires to continue researching methods to combat prejudice. When she is not studying, she enjoys playing ukulele, painting and volunteering.

Emily Van Etten is a third-year student in the clinical psychology Ph.D. program. Her career goal is to become a university professor and continue conducting research examining the effects of health on brain structure and function in healthy aging. Outside of academics, she writes that her interests include cooking and baking for her friends and family.