

2023 Current UTEC Scholar Highlights

- ❖ UTEC Junior Scholar Monia Zein moderated the JHS UTEC/GTEC Scholar Panel at the JHS Community Engagement Center's Annual Community Partnership Consortium Event on Saturday, February 18, 2023. Senior UTEC Scholars Christopher Buie and Zechariah Davis were panelists and spoke about the training and educational opportunities they were afforded through the Jackson Heart Study.
- ❖ Christopher Buie ('23) was offered the Bardsley Scholarship in the amount of \$25,000 by Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine.
- ❖ Kaldrian Moore ('23) was awarded a scholarship under the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program from the United States Department of Defense.
- ❖ On April 27, 2023, several UTEC Senior Scholars were recognized during the School of Natural Sciences Awards Program.
 - Valeria Brown received the Tougaloo College Presidential Scholars Award for having a cumulative grade point average of 4.00.
 - Tyler Hickman received the Tougaloo College Mathematics/Computer Science Academic Award.
 - Valeria Brown, Christopher Buie, and Kaldrian Moore received the Srinivasan Excellence in Biological Research Academic Award. This award recognizes students with the most conference/symposium presentations.
 - Olive Cooper received the Dr. Asoka Srinivasan/Jackson Heart Study Award. This award recognized the JHS Scholar with the most conference/symposium presentations *and* scholarly publications.
 - The following Scholars were recognized with Latin honors:
 - ❖ *Summa Cum Laude* (GPA between 3.80 and 4.00)
Valeria Brown, Christopher Buie, and Olive Cooper
 - ❖ *Magna Cum Laude* (GPA between 3.50 and 3.79)
Chandler Cleveland and Destiny Grisby
 - ❖ *Cum Laude* (GPA between 3.20 and 3.49)
Zechariah Davis, Natalie Hampton, Tyler Hickman, and Kaldrian Moore
 - Allyson McGowan and Monia Zein (Junior JHS Scholars) received the B.D. Mehrotra Biochemistry Academic Award.
- ❖ Andrea Tall was selected to serve as the student ambassador for the *All of Us* Research Program & Delta Research and Educational Foundation HBCU Research Accelerates Progress (RAP) Session Initiative for the 2023-2024 academic year.