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## Welcome Summer Research Interns

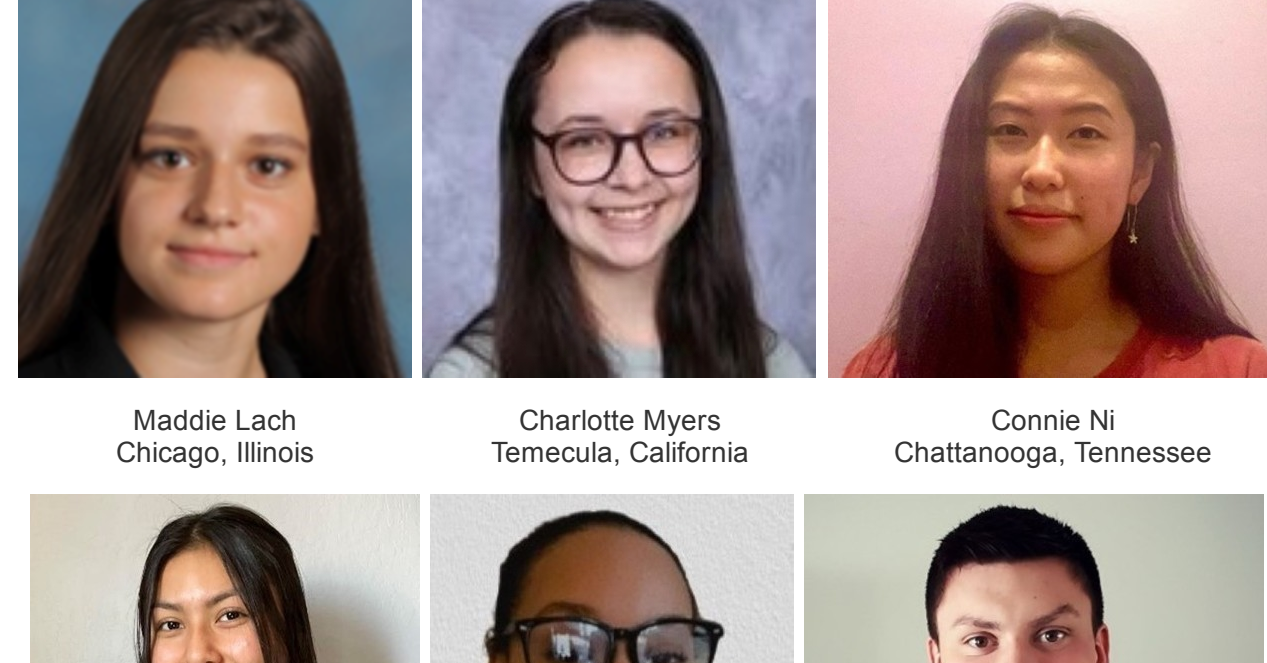
We are thrilled to welcome to campus 9 high school Aspirnaut™ Summer Interns from 7 states and 24 undergraduate interns from 10 states plus Puerto Rico.

Aspirnaut™ is excited to announce the addition of several novel and exciting components to its programming this summer. Aspirnauts start their summer with an introductory **Lab Skills Course**, where participants became familiar with the laboratory environment received training in DNA and protein electrophoresis, cell culture, and microscopy. **Science Communication** is expanded to include sessions by national and international experts on science writing, graphic design, and marketing scientific work.

We continue our focus on matching talent with opportunity. And, we congratulate all who **aspire, seek, and achieve.**

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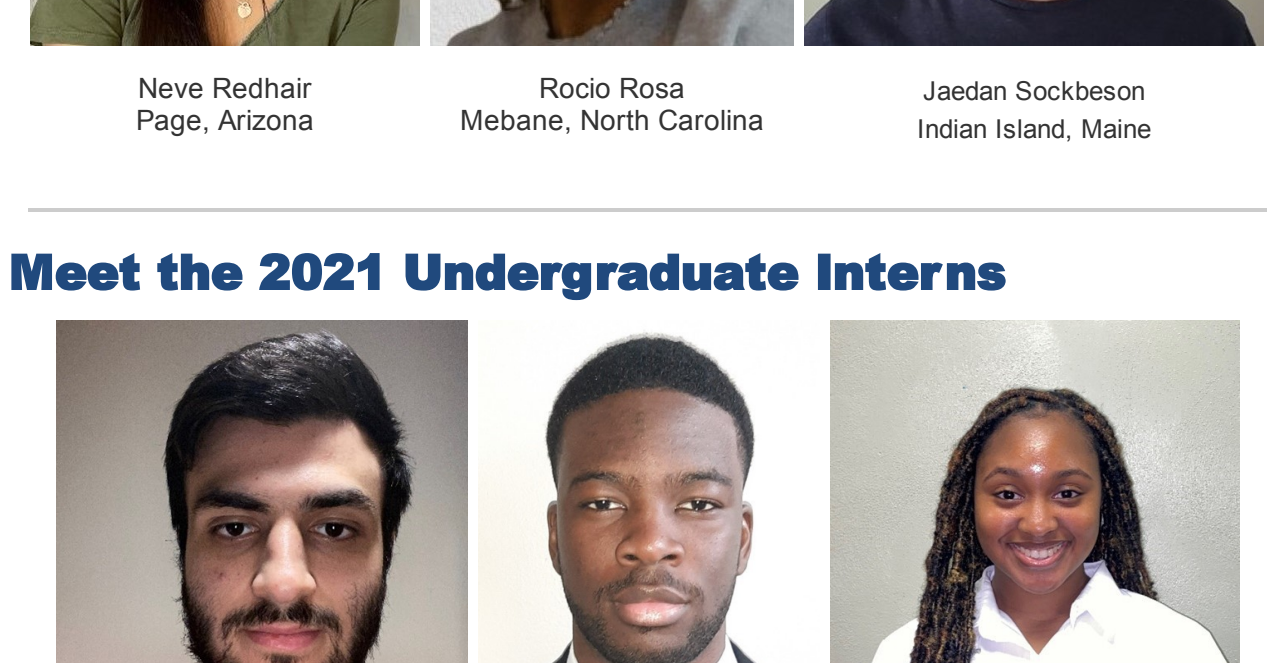
## Meet the 2021 Summer High School Interns



Camryn Cole  
West Helena, Arkansas

D'Andra Edwards  
Helena, Arkansas

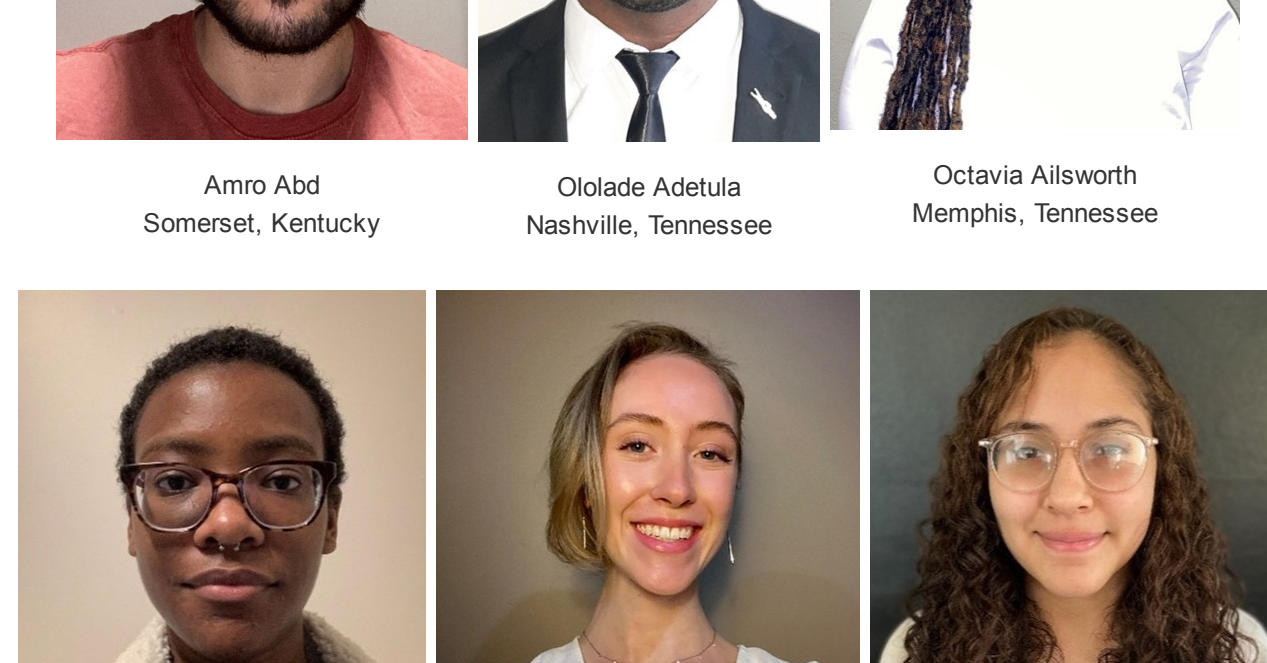
Martina Gergis  
Nashville, Tennessee



Maddie Lach  
Chicago, Illinois

Charlotte Myers  
Temecula, California

Connie Ni  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

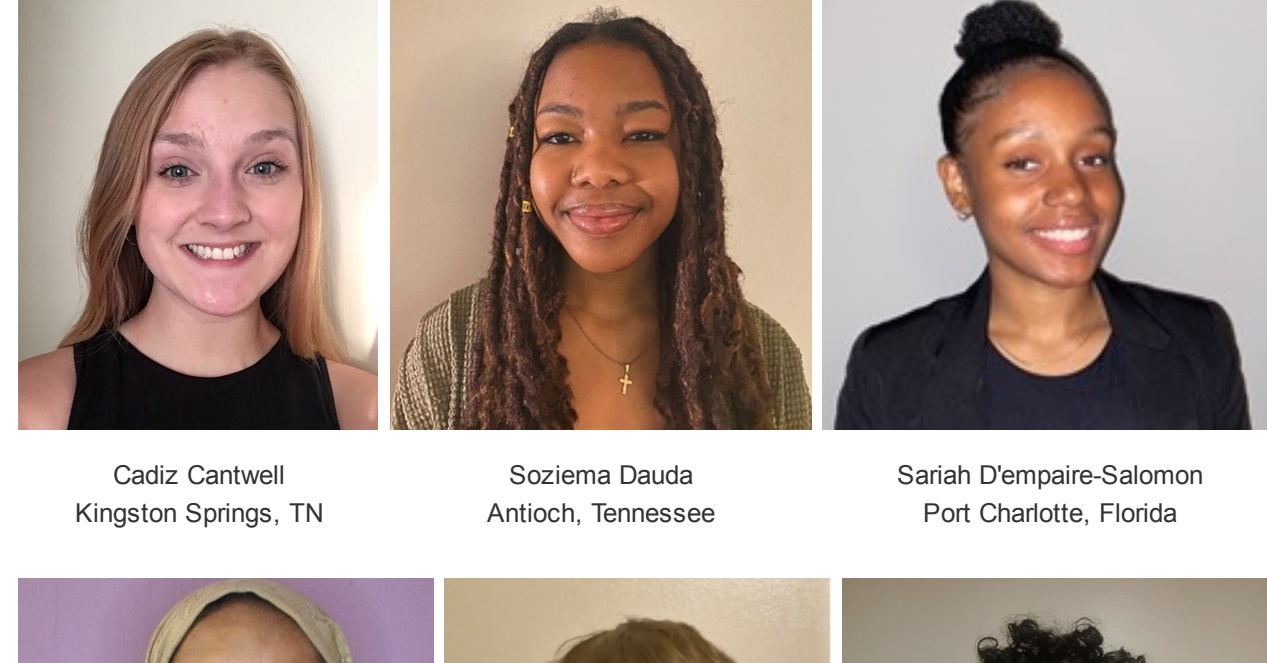


Neve Redhair  
Page, Arizona

Rocío Rosa  
Mebane, North Carolina

Jaedan Sockbeson  
Indian Island, Maine

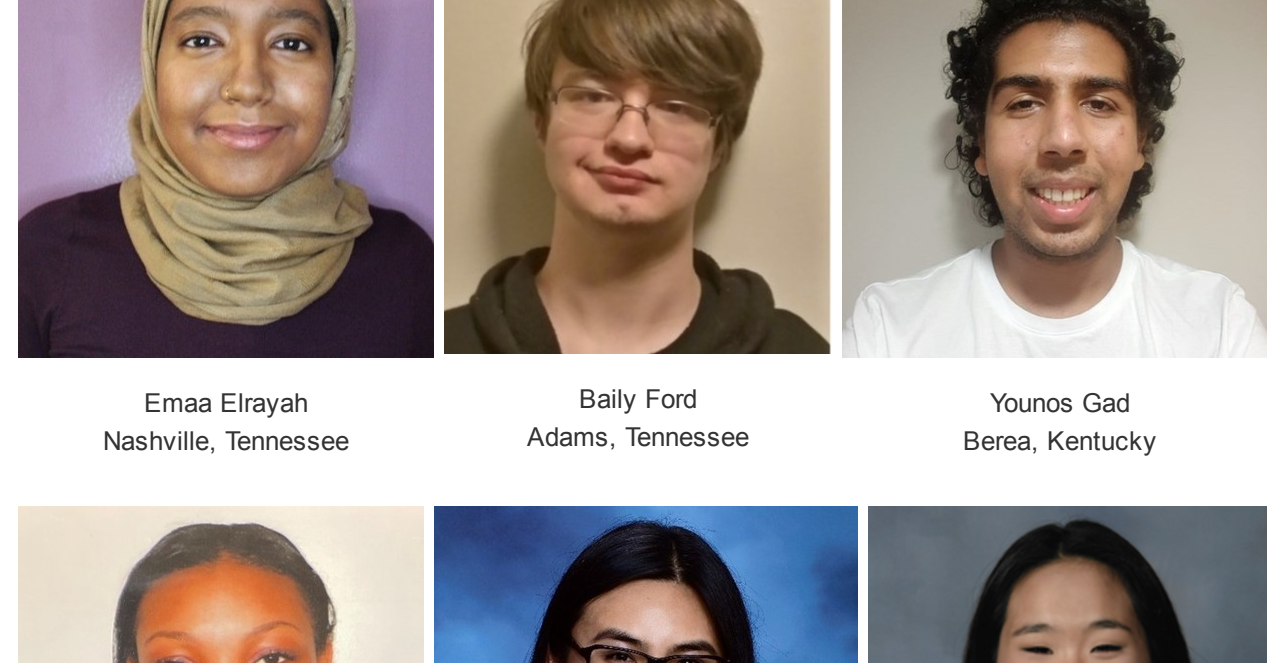
## Meet the 2021 Undergraduate Interns



Amro Abd  
Somerset, Kentucky

Ololade Adetula  
Nashville, Tennessee

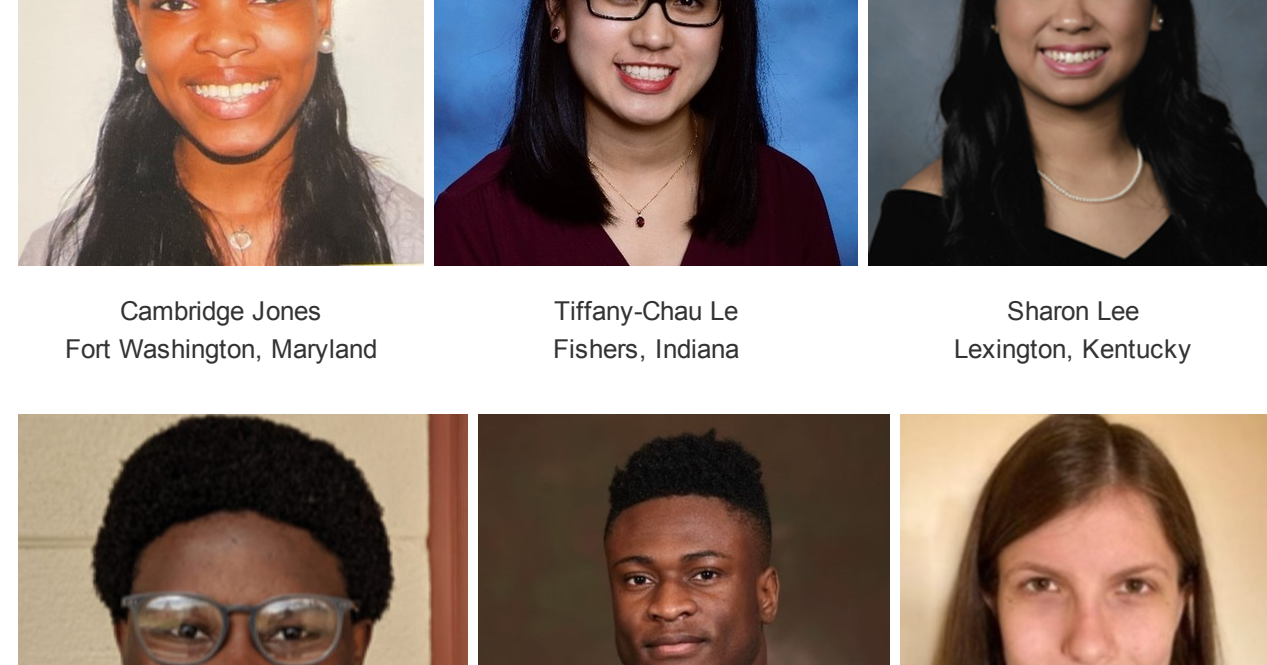
Octavia Ailsworth  
Memphis, Tennessee



Paris Berian  
Powder Spring, Georgia

Ava Brittain  
Pulaski, Tennessee

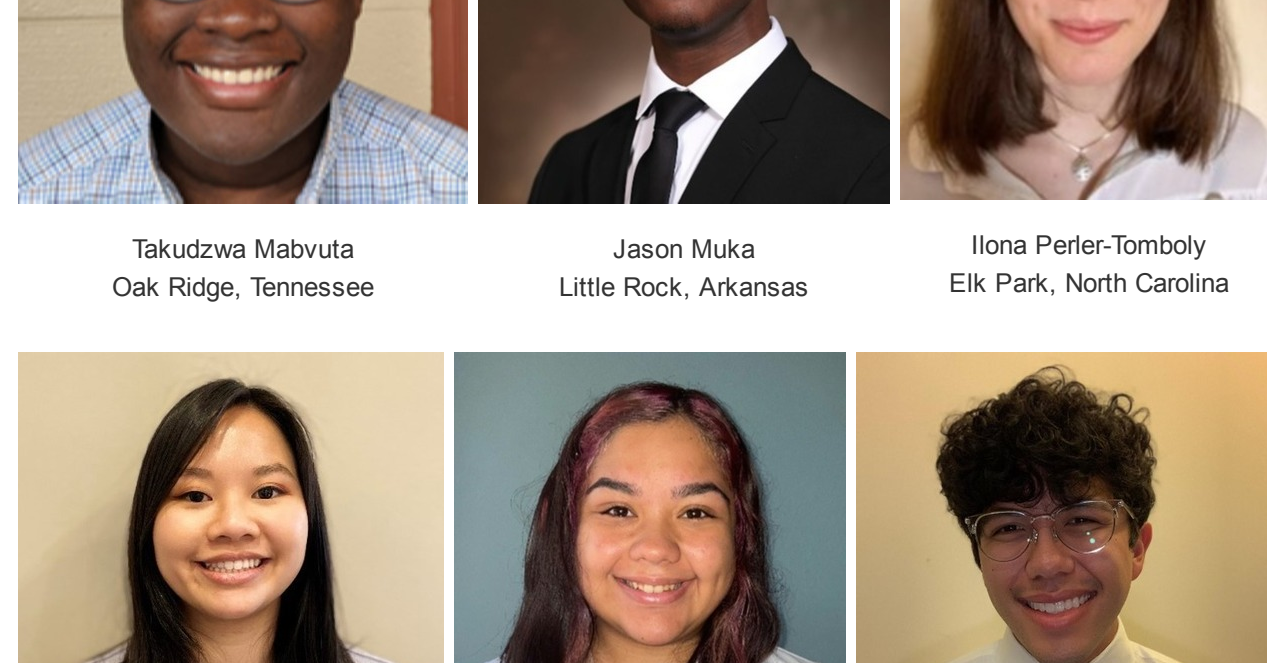
ZaKylah Bryant  
Lexington, Kentucky



Cadiz Cantwell  
Kingston Springs, TN

Soziama Dauda  
Antioch, Tennessee

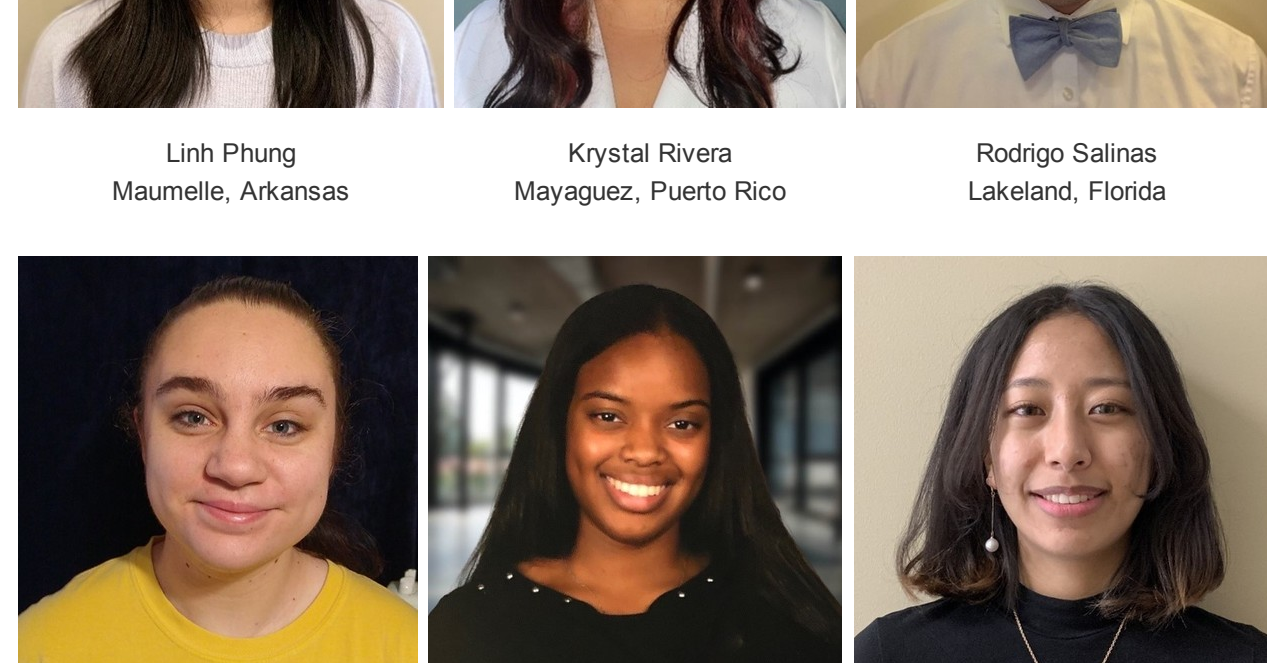
Sariah D'empaire-Salomon  
Port Charlotte, Florida



Emaa Elrayah  
Nashville, Tennessee

Baily Ford  
Adams, Tennessee

Younos Gad  
Berea, Kentucky



Cambridge Jones  
Fort Washington, Maryland

Tiffany-Chau Le  
Fishers, Indiana

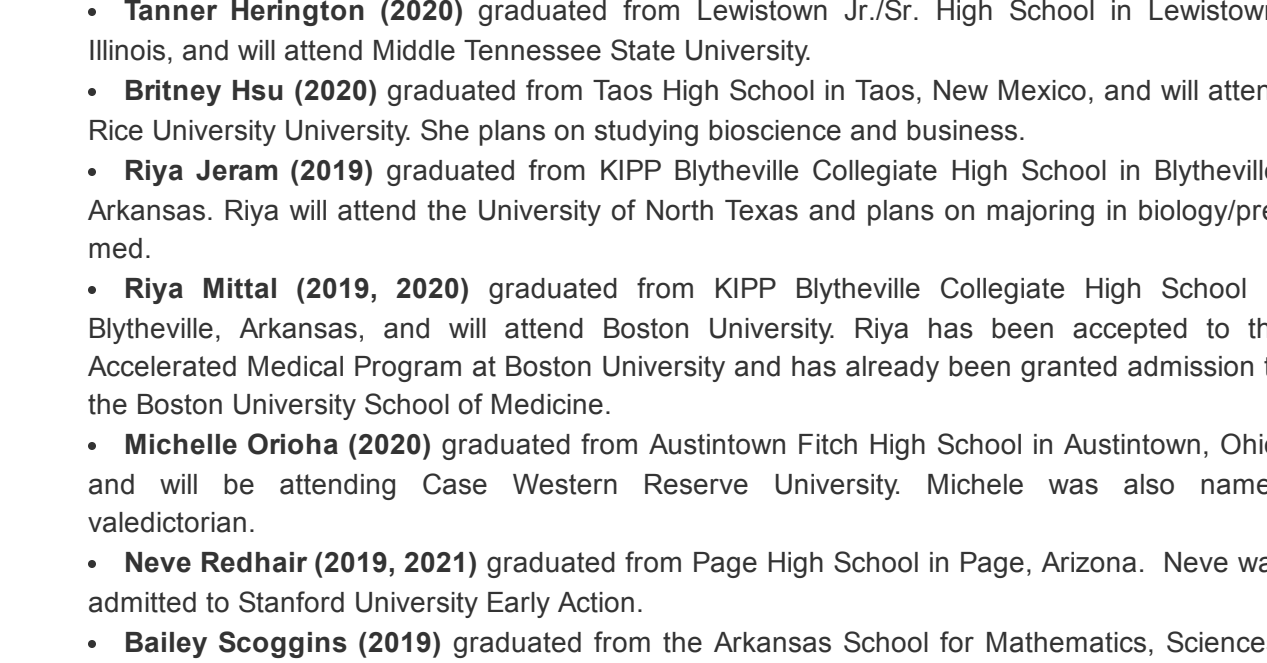
Sharon Lee  
Lexington, Kentucky



Takudzwa Mabvuta  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Jason Muka  
Little Rock, Arkansas

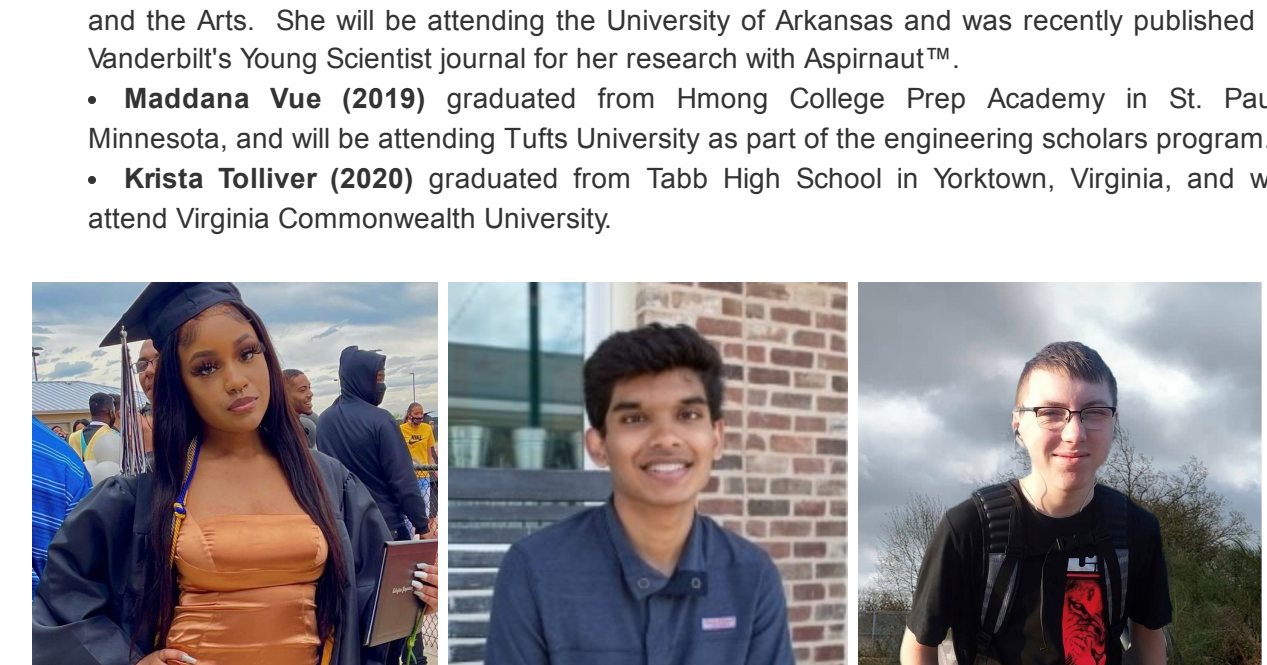
Ilona Perler-Tomboly  
Elk Park, North Carolina



Linh Phung  
Maumelle, Arkansas

Krystal Rivera  
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Rodrigo Salinas  
Lakeland, Florida



Alyssa Stricklin  
Rogersville, Alabama

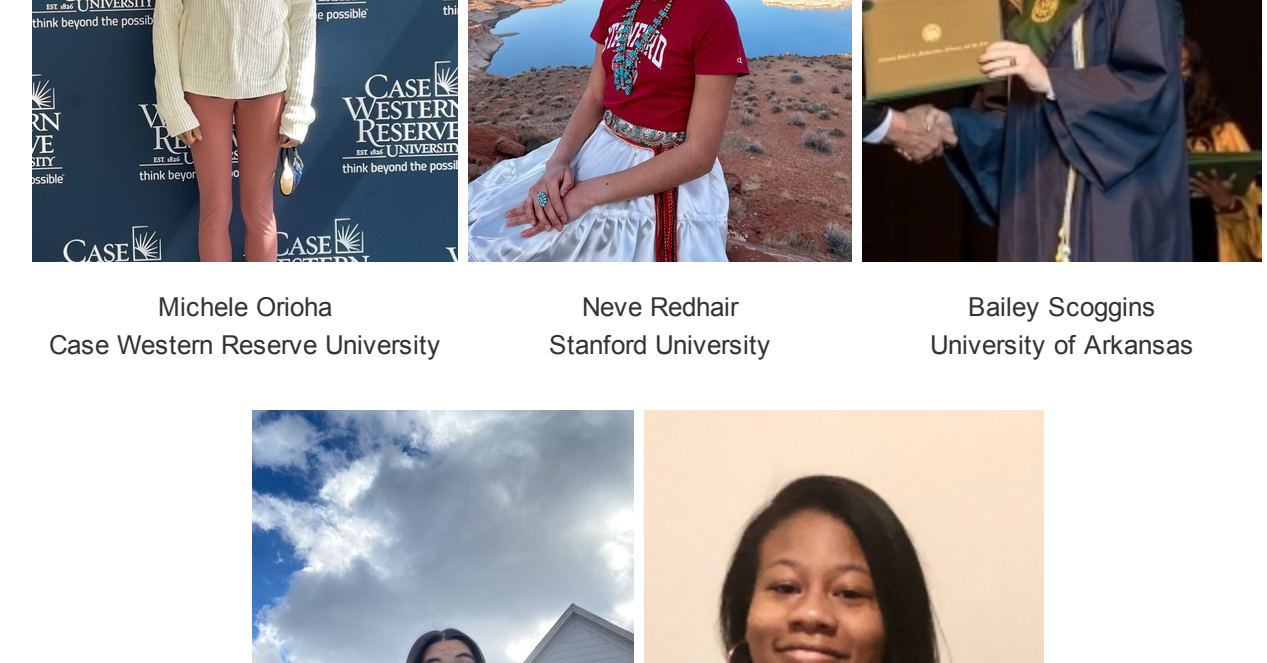
Jazmyrn Wall  
Roseville, Michigan

Tenzin Wangmo  
Berea, Kentucky

## College Bound

**Congratulations High School Class of 2021!** We are proud of your achievements and are excited to share the excitement of your graduation. We can't wait to celebrate your future successes. ( ) indicates year participated in Aspirnaut™

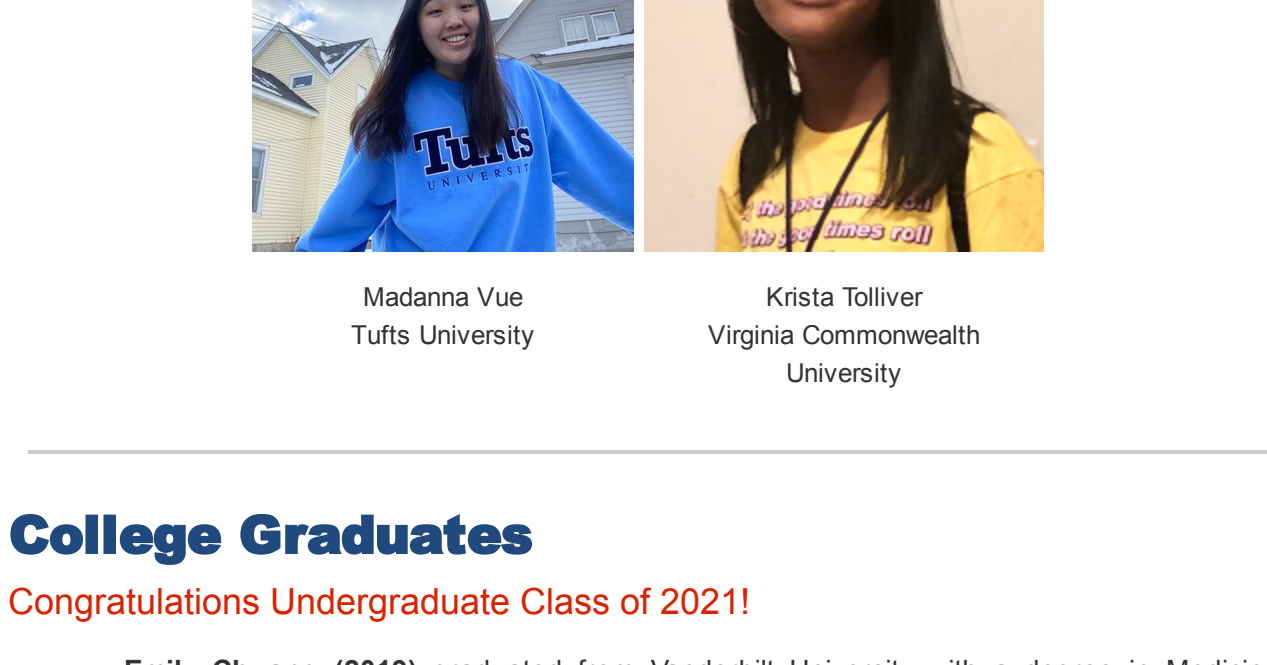
- **Ashanta Currie (2019)** graduated from high school and will attend either the University of Central Arkansas or Southeast Missouri State University
- **Shanay Desai (2020)** graduated from The Mississippi School for Math and Science in Columbus, Mississippi and will be attending Vanderbilt University. Shanay was awarded the Coca-Cola, Bill Gates, Horatio Alger, and Elks Most Valuable Student scholarships.
- **Tanner Herington (2020)** graduated from Lewisiston Jr./Sr. High School in Lewisiston, Illinois, and will attend Middle Tennessee State University.
- **Britney Hsu (2020)** graduated from Taos High School in Taos, New Mexico, and will attend Rice University. She plans on studying bioscience and business.
- **Riya Jeram (2019)** graduated from KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High School in Blytheville, Arkansas. Riya will attend the University of North Texas and plans on majoring in biology/pre-med.
- **Riya Mittal (2019, 2020)** graduated from KIPP Blytheville Collegiate High School in Blytheville, Arkansas, and will attend Boston University. Riya has been accepted to the Accelerated Medical Program at Boston University and has already been granted admission to the Boston University School of Medicine.
- **Michelle Orioha (2020)** graduated from Austintown Fitch High School in Austintown, Ohio, and will be attending Case Western Reserve University. Michele was also named valedictorian.
- **Neve Redhair (2019, 2021)** graduated from Page High School in Page, Arizona. Neve was admitted to Stanford University Early Action.
- **Bailey Scoggins (2019)** graduated from the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts. She will be attending the University of Arkansas and was recently published in Vanderbilt's Young Scientist journal for her research with Aspirnaut™.
- **Maddana Vue (2019)** graduated from Hmong College Prep Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be attending Tufts University as part of the engineering scholars program.
- **Krista Tolliver (2020)** graduated from Tabb High School in Yorktown, Virginia, and will attend Virginia Commonwealth University.



Ashanta Currie  
Undecided

Shanay Desai  
Vanderbilt University

Tanner Herington  
MTSU



Britney Hsu  
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Riya Jeram  
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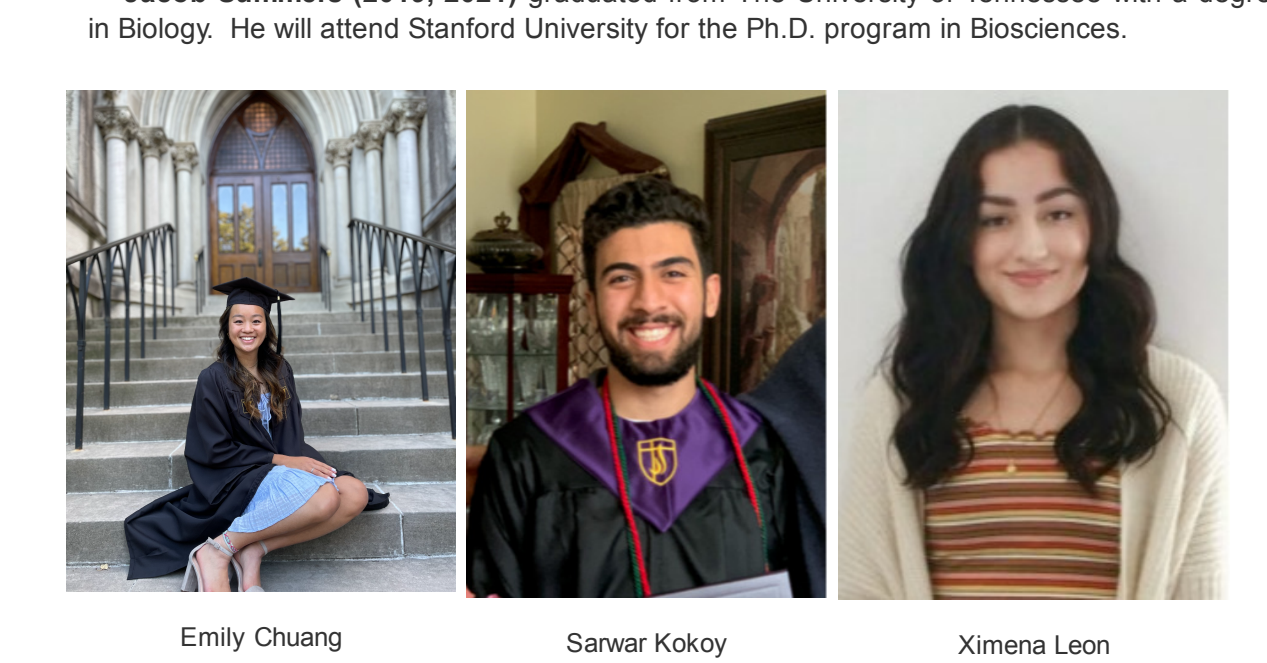
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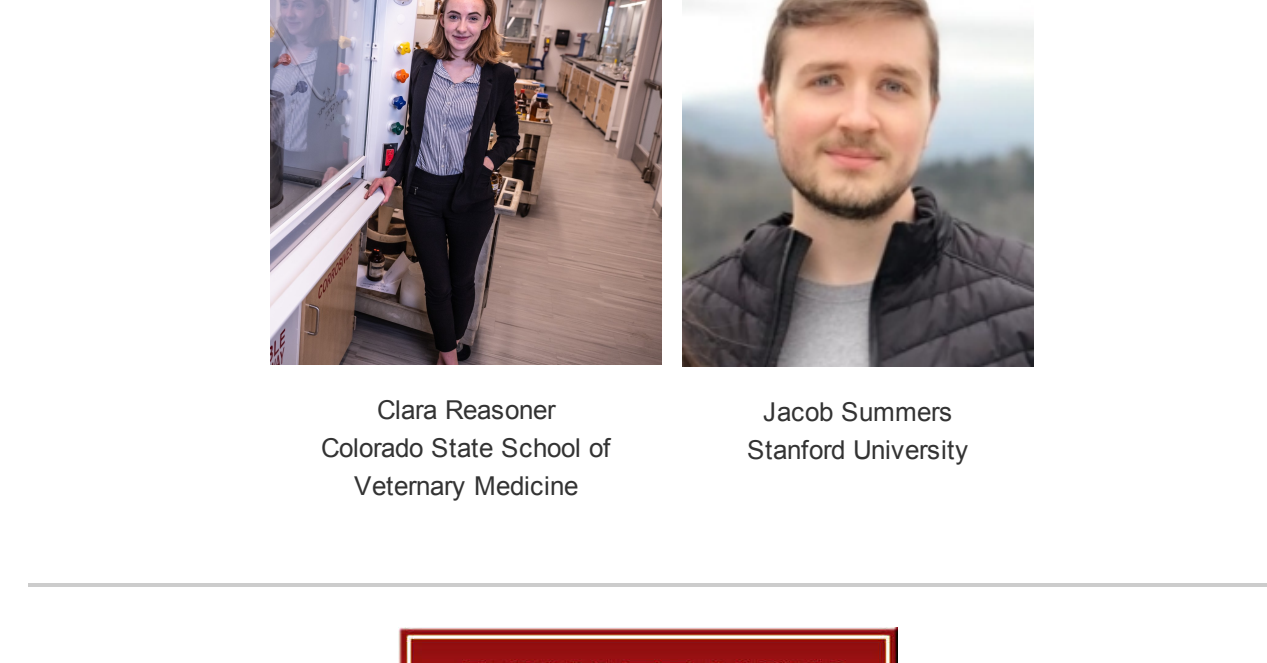
Maddana Vue  
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Krista Tolliver  
Virginia Commonwealth University

## College Graduates

**Congratulations Undergraduate Class of 2021!**

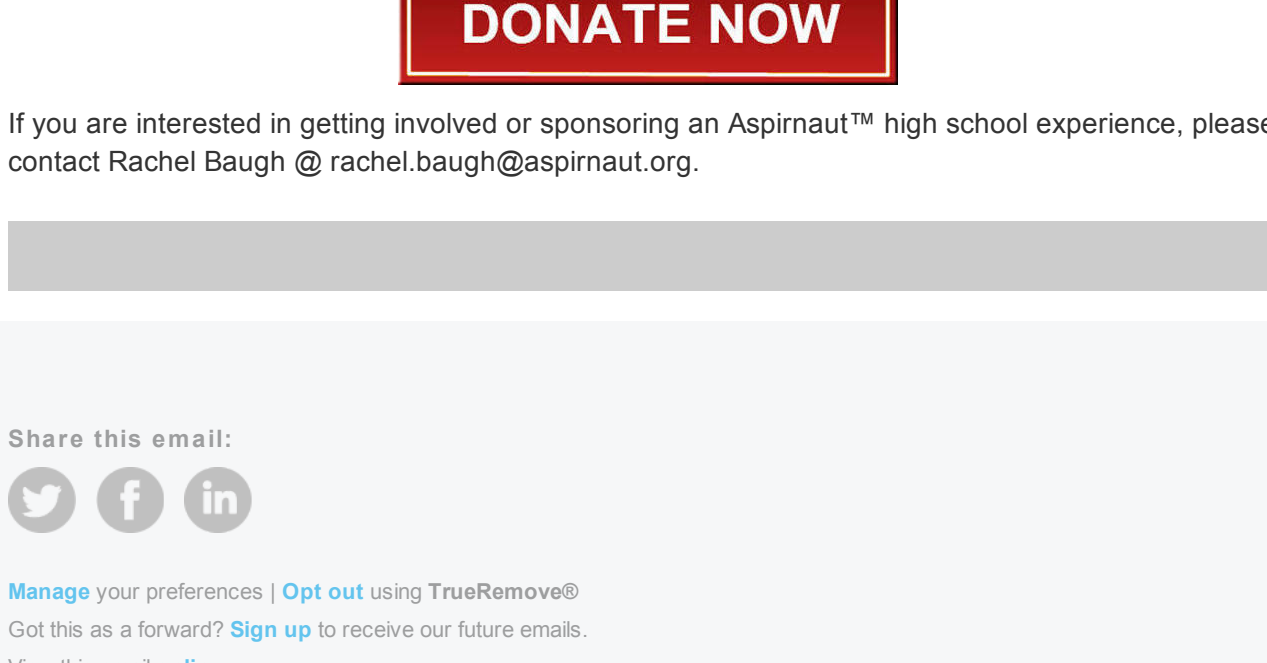
- **Emily Chuang (2019)** graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Medicine, Health, and Society. She will be attending the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.
- **Sarwar Kokoy (2019)** graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology and will attend the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine.
- **Ximena Leon (2019)** graduated from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and will attend Vanderbilt University's Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biological and Biomedical Sciences.
- **Jenny Nguyen (2019)** graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Engineering for Bioengineering and a minor in Chemistry. She will attend The Emory University School of Medicine.
- **Christine Phanbandith (2019)** graduated from Tennessee Tech University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and Bio-Molecular Concentration. She has started her MBA at Tennessee Tech University.
- **Clara Reasoner (2020)** graduated from Berea College with a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and will attend Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in the D.V.M. and Ph.D. combined degree program.
- **Jacob Summers (2019, 2021)** graduated from The University of Tennessee with a degree in Biology. He will attend Stanford University for the Ph.D. program in Biosciences.



Emily Chuang  
University of Illinois in Chicago  
School of Medicine

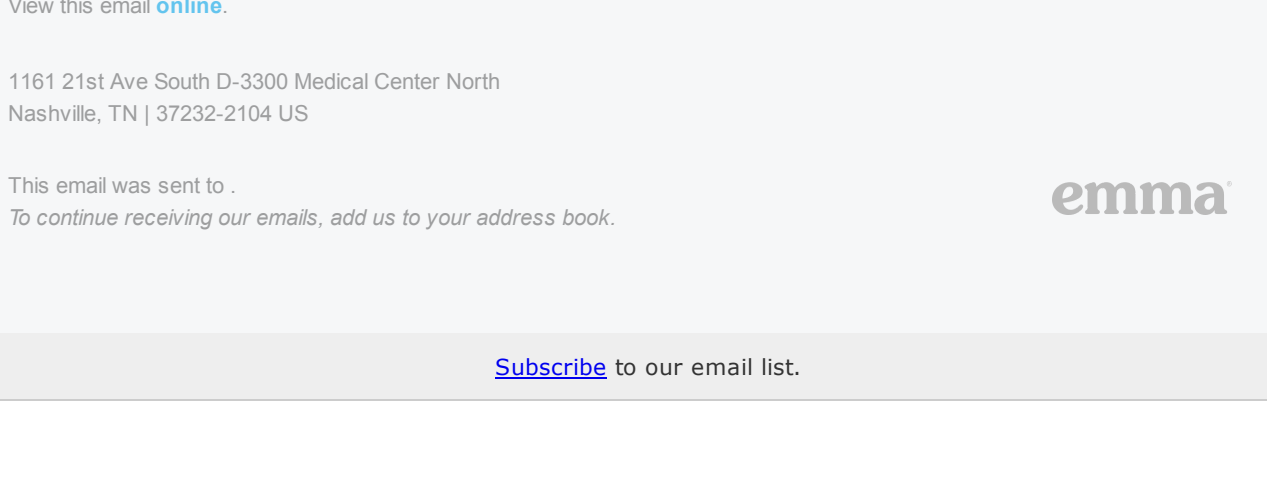
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Clara Reasoner  
Colorado State School of  
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