



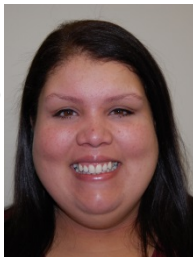
## College of Health Professions

for your information - news for faculty and staff

For Your Information – September 26, 2013

### Shirelle LULAC

Congratulations to Master of Science for being selected the League of (LULAC) Council was honored last



scholarship awardees from central Arkansas, at a banquet at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion. She was accompanied by her mother and step-father from Louisiana.

Shirelle was born in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. When she was 4 years old, her family moved to Florida with hopes of a better life on the U.S. mainland. Born into a low-income family, Shirelle states that "Seeing my parents work hard to provide for our family made me want to get an education."

She earned her bachelor's degree in Biology at Florida State University where she was a member of HOSA and Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society. While enrolled at UAMS, Shirelle has volunteered with the Huntingdon Disease Society and the Arkansas Down Syndrome Association. She is in the last year of her Genetic Counseling degree program.

After graduation, Shirelle plans to work as a genetic counselor, especially with low-income individuals, and to transform the representation of minorities in the genetic counseling profession.

Shirelle was one of 4 UAMS students to be selected for the LULAC Scholarship. The others were **Patricio Montiel**, 4<sup>th</sup> year medical student; **Monique Berumen**, nursing student; and **Jamie DeRusse**, 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student at the UAMS Northwest campus in Fayetteville.

Shirelle learned about the LULAC Scholarship from an email notice sent by **Tom Pilgreen**, associate dean for student success. For more information about LULAC, click [here](#).

### Figueroa selected for scholarship –

**Shirelle Figueroa**, student in the in Genetic Counseling program, for a prestigious scholarship from United Latin American Citizens 750 here in Little Rock. Shirelle evening, along with 35 other

### Timely Matters

**October 3 (Thursday), 3:00-4:30 – Retirement Reception Honoring Beverly Williams**, Genetic Counseling department administrator, Study Garden Courtyard, between Buildings 4 and 5

**October 11 (Friday), 12:00-1:30 – College of Health Professions Fall Faculty Meeting**, 226 I Dodd Wilson Building

**October 9 (Wednesday), 11:030-1:00 – Recess (yes, recess!) and Fall Potluck**; for everyone – students, faculty, and staff; Building 6A; check with your program administrative staff to sign up for food items.

**October 21 (Monday), 11:00-1:00 College of Health Professions Courtyard Carnival**

**October 23 (Wednesday), 10:00-12:00 – College of Health Professions Flu Shot Clinic**, Building 6A; get your mandatory, but free, flu shot close to home



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