

# CUNY Research Scholars Program

## Scholar Profiles

### MALIK ATADZHAROV

#### MAJOR: BIOLOGY

During his time at Kingsborough Community College, Malik served as the Vice President of Fellowship of the Xi Kappa chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, was an active member of the KCC Honors Program and a Presidential Scholar. He has published in the Honors journal "Distinctions" on *Feminism monuments in the 1950s in the U.S. and the USSR* and "Antheon", KCC's Arts Journal, with poetry about the beauty of life.

Malik was raised in Tajikistan right after the end of our post-USSR Civil War. The whole country was in complete chaos, with the economic, education, military, and medical institutions being on the verge of collapse. He was born with staphylococcal bowel disease, 95% of the children who had it in Tajikistan died due to a lack of medical resources. Growing up in a family of doctors, he was amongst the fortunate kids because they had access to the specific antibiotics that were needed to help cure this disease. To this day, Malik is grateful to God and my parents for saving my life. After realizing how access to medicine could save lives, Malik developed a great interest in medicine. Currently, in pursuit of an associate's degree in biology Malik plans to pursue a bachelor's degree majoring biochemistry. Malik plans on attending medical school and completing his residency in order to become a cardiologist within the next ten to twelve years. From personal experience, many people in the world seek medical attention but don't have access to it. Malik is convinced that if people work together constructively, they can make a change. This is why his career goal is to join Doctors Without Borders in order to assist people across the world who do not have proper access to medical help.





## **JAWERIA BAKAR**

### **Major: Biology**

A Kingsborough Community College (KCC) student who has been selected as the Class of 2020 Valedictorian for her impressive academic record and extensive extracurricular activities. Ms. Bakar is President of the Biotech Club and Vice President of Scholarships for the Xi Kappa chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. As a member of the college Honors Program, she set a college record for completing the highest number of honor credits in KCC's history by earning fifty-two honors class credits.

Ms. Bakar has a love of medicine, science, and research which has led her to complete over 600 hours of research through the CUNY Research Scholars Program. Under the guidance of Dr. Sarwar Jahangir, the proposal for her biotechnology research project was accepted for presentation at the 2020 Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Albany, NY. She has also worked on research in linguistics and cognitive science for CRSP and the Kingsborough Collaborative Research Program under the mentorship of Dr. Laura Spinu. Her poster for this research has been accepted for presentation to the 12th International Seminar on Speech

Production (ISSP 2020) that will be held in Providence, RI. She also completed a summer internship at SUNY Downstate College of Medicine. As an occasional writer for Scepter, the KCC newspaper, Ms. Bakar's writings were also published in Distinctions, KCC's Honors Program journal.

Ms. Bakar is also a recipient of the 2020 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship will provide her with up to \$120,000 towards completing a Bachelor's degree over the next three years. After completing her Associate's degree in Biology at Kingsborough Community College, she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in neuroscience at Yale University. She was also accepted to Columbia, NYU, Smith, Mount Holyoke, Amherst, Stony Brook, Adelphi, and Swarthmore. She has chosen to attend Yale due to its unique research environment and commitment to providing its students with experiential learning. Later, she plans to complete an M.D./Ph.D. program that will combine a medical degree with a doctorate focused on genetic engineering, with a further specialization in neurosurgery. Her goal is to push the boundaries of science by using the skills she will learn to find a way to reverse the damage caused by stroke and neurodegenerative diseases.

Ms. Bakar is grateful for the opportunities and experiences she has had while at KCC. She says "I have gained a wealth of knowledge and skills while at KCC and doing research with CRSP. The research experience required intensive lab work, teaching me both ethics and personal responsibility. I have also learned how to write scientific papers, how to analyze data, and how to think critically. Working in groups during lab has taught me how to take criticism constructively and to give credit when it's due. Failure is an expected and essential part of scientific research, and lab experiences trained me how to be persistent. I also learned how to communicate my findings effectively, how to do a statistical and graphical analysis of data, and how to maintain quality and infection control standards while working with pathogens. Other than critical thinking and technical skills, I have learned planning and scheduling. These skills are essential for my career as a neurosurgeon and as a scientist."



## **LEVI BOREVITZ**

**Major:** Mathematics

**KCC Achievements:**

- Phi Theta Kappa treasurer
- Debate Club Vice President (Fall 2019)
- LDEO summer intern program

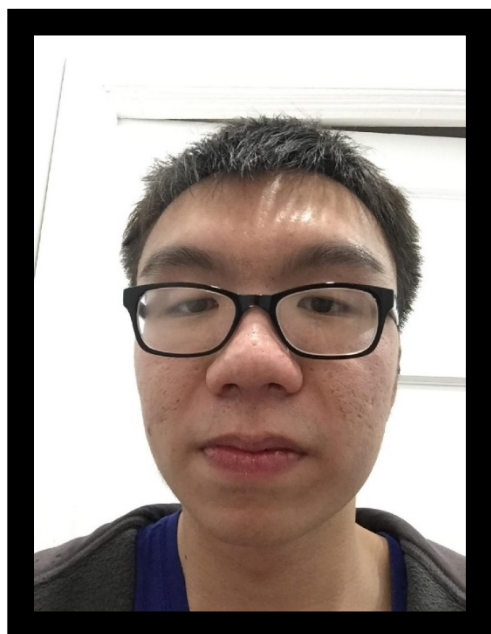
**College Applied and Accepted to** Williams College, Vanderbilt.

**Transfer College:** Williams College

**Future Major:** Double major in math and computer science

**Future Career:** To be determined

CRSP provides an excellent opportunity to experience real research. It prepares well for future graduate school and a career in research.



## **Jun Ye Cai**

**Major:** Chemistry

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

**KCC Achievements:**

- CRSP Researcher.
- Tutor.

**Transfer College:** Brooklyn College.

**Future Major:** Future chemist.

**Future Career:** Future educator.



## NOEL CASTILLO

**Major:** Chemistry

**Academic Accomplishments:**

- Vice Chair of Fiscal Affairs - United Leaders of CUNY
- NSF REU Research at Queensborough Community College
- Volunteer Algebra - Calc Tutor at Men's Resource Center
- Co-President of Philosophy Club
- CRSP Research at Kingsborough Community College
- Dean's List

**I will be attending** Clarkson University as a student in their Chemical Engineering Program. I've been accepted to Brooklyn, City College, and University at Buffalo but Clarkson University's job placement reputation as well as their faculty: student ratio made it difficult to truly consider accepting admission to any other institution.

**Thoughts on CRSP:** Working with CRSP created an opportunity for me to pair up with a mentor that is extremely knowledgeable within their respective field, proving to be an invaluable source of direction and development throughout my research as well as my personal academic studies. Apart from that I've made friends, finding myself recognizing and connecting with my fellow peers outside of CRSP meetings, in total CRSP has enriched my college experience. The opportunity to develop competence within my field is one I cannot forget and as such I thank those that helped to coordinate the research experiences we've had. Thank you!





## **VICTOR HALABANI**

**Major:** Mental Health and Human Services

### **KCC Achievements:**

- CRSP member
- Dean's list

### **Colleges Applied and accepted to:**

- Hunter College
- College of Staten Island
- City College
- Baruch

**Transferring to:** Hunter College

**Future major:** Psychology

**Career:** Psychiatrist

### **Benefits of CRSP:**

- Helps to teach us how to do scientific studies
- Teaches us how to come up with our own experiments
- Looks good on applications to other colleges
- Teaches both teamwork and how to work independently



## **BAHASHANDA HANANIYAEV**

**MAJOR: BIOLOGY**

### **KCC Accomplishments:**

- Dean's List for three semesters
- Gutman Scholarship
- Columbia University Scholarship for general studies.
- LIU University Scholarship
- Member of the Hillel club
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor society member
- Member of the Honors society in Kingsborough Community College
- Metagenomic research

I served in the Israeli army for 2 years and during my military service I volunteer in a hospital with children. I enjoyed helping the children and seeing them getting better. I felt very attached to the children and their families, and till this point I keep in touch with some of them. The military service was the point in my life

when I decided I want to help children and become a Pediatrician.

My research focuses on the annotation of multi drugs resistance in the *Staphylococcus aureus* genes. I am so happy to have the opportunity to help finding a cure for the most popular antibiotic resistant bacteria in the world.



## RAWAN HANINI

### Major: Speech Communication

A Kingsborough Community College (KCC) student, Ms. Hanini, majoring in Speech Communication (with a concentration in Speech Language Pathology) was able to graduate and receive an Associate degree in Applied Science in Fall 2019 with a high academic record and in only three semesters. Ms. Hanini transferred to Brooklyn College (BC) during the Spring 2020 to pursue her Bachelor's degree in Communication, Sciences, and Disorders (CSD), which will enable her to apply for graduate programs in Speech Language Pathology that are highly competitive here in New York. At BC, she is also double majoring in Children and Youth Studies (CHST) to enrich her knowledge and interest in children as her goal is to work as a speech pathologist at clinics, hospitals, and/or with the Department of Education.

Ms. Hanini is a recipient of the Guttman Transfer Scholarship, which offers benefits for outstanding CUNY community college students who transfer to an eligible CUNY senior college until they receive their BA. She is also a recipient of the Marion A. Lipton Award for Excellence in Speech Communication on behalf of the Speech Program for 2019/2020, which supports graduating Speech Communication majors who have achieved academic excellence and plans to continue his/her Speech Communication studies at a four-year college. She also received the Peter F. Vallone Scholarship, and the NYC Council Merit Scholarship. She got on the Dean's List in all her three semesters at KCC, as she is also one of the Dean's List Scholarship Recipients.

Ms. Hanini is grateful and passionate enough about her future goals since her experience at KCC has allowed her to include many professional backgrounds and skills, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities on her resume. During her time at KCC, she served as the secretary and the vice president of the Speech Communication Club and was a member of the Honors Club. She participated in the Participatory Action Research with Wellness Empowerment for Brooklyn by Maimonides Medical Center Internship that was offered

by the campus and has received a Special Congressional Recognition in December 2019 for her community service. Ms. Hanini has also worked as a Student Aide and a program coordinator for K-CORE, a KCC's Undergraduate Collaborative Research Program under the mentorship of Dr. Laura Spinu. She was also a student research scholar at CRSP, CUNY Research Student Program. Her research experience so far has focused on linguistics and cognitive science. She first presented one of her research projects at a professional conference, the 178th meeting of the Acoustical Society of America in San Diego, CA in December 2019. She also presented at the Northwest Linguistics Conference 2020 (NWLC) virtual conference in April 2020. Her upcoming research presentations will be at the Summer Symposium in John Jay College in July 2020, and at the 12th International Seminar on Speech Production in December 2020. Ms. Hanini also has two upcoming publications, one in the Proceedings of Meetings in Acoustics, and another in the Northwest Linguistics Conference 2020 proceedings.

Joining CRSP at KCC has opened many opportunities for Ms. Hanini to network and communicate with people from different backgrounds and fields. CRSP has motivated her to apply to one of the most competitive scholarships here in the U.S., the Barry Goldwater Scholarship. She has never received a supportive system in her professional and educational life more than what she received from the CRSP faculty members, mentors, and students. "The CRSP program has offered much help and benefits for us undergraduate students to shine more and show our abilities to compete next to other students from different senior colleges and universities." Hanini said. CRSP has also enhanced her knowledge on research work and has upgraded her research skills more and more in which she is applying now in real life when presenting and submitting work to professional conferences. Indeed, CRSP was also a nice addition to her resume and has opened many job and volunteer opportunities to her and especially after transferring from KCC. Ms. Hanini would like to thank Frances Samuel, Christina Johnson, Dr. Homar Barcena, Dr. Laura Spinu, Jodie Delsol, and everyone for supporting and believing in her throughout her journey.





## **ASIFA IJAZ**

**Major: Allied Health Biology**

Ms. Ijaz, a Kingsborough Community College student, began her KCC journey in 2018. She served Kingsborough Community College as a Student Ambassador. As a student ambassador, she learned about college life, and it helped to gain confidence and leadership qualities. She joined the CRSP, CUNY Research Scholars Program, in 2019. This program opened the door to more research opportunities for her. This is really an excellent opportunity to research with other CRSP Scholars and Professors. She started research with mentor David Michaelson on Soil Nematodes. Each Semester CRSP provides supplies for research and generous stipend. Every month group meetings with CRSP scholars and staff guided her at Kingsborough. She became a treasurer of the Biotechnology Club. She joined the Honors Society (Phi Theta Kappa) and National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi). Now, she is transferring to CUNY Hunter College in the Fall semester. She also got accepted to Lehman and Brooklyn College. She wants to pursue a career in Nutrition. Thanks to CRSP for all the support, guidance and assistance in building a unique resume.





## **Iryna Ivanuk**

**Major:** Earth and Planetary Science

**Awards:**

- Region NJCAA Women's Tennis Singles 4th Flight Runner-up Medal 2017
- President's Award for Educational Achievement 2017
- Dean's List
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member 2019-Present
- Two Years of Participation in KBCC Women's Tennis Team
- Trophy Scholar-Athlete Award 2018
- Trophy Award for the Longest Tennis Match

**Plan to attend:** Stony Brook University.

**Accepted Colleges:** Stony Brook, Brooklyn College, City Tech, Queens College, York College

**Future Major:** Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences

**Anticipated Career:** Meteorologist

I am glad to be a part of CRSP, there are **many benefits**:

- We get the experience in the field and work in labs on the experiments.
- We love what we do, since we got to choose what we want to work with.
- Always learning something new.
- There is no need to have an experience to join CRSP.
- And of course, we get a free 3 credit course and get the stipend.

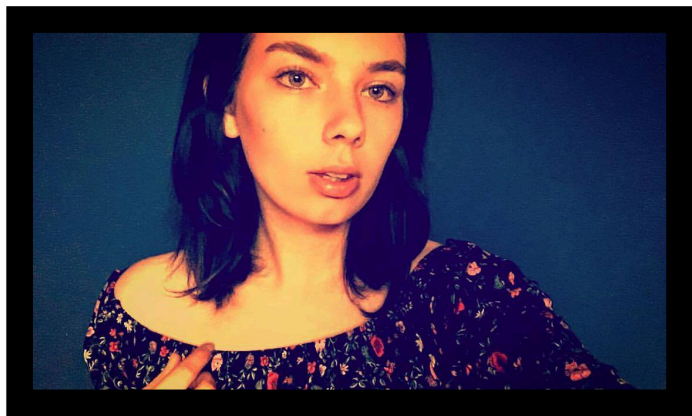


## MASUM MAZID

**Major:** Chemistry

Masum entered Kingsborough Community College in 2019 to begin a new start and explore college life. He was a researcher studying Plasmonic Crystals with Professor Gregory Aizen. The project was about how to produce plasmonic crystals in a more stable manner that would further be used in both nanotechnology and medical screening. He would like to go on and continue to explore the possibilities of terahertz screenings, because they are not only safer than both x-rays and magnetic resonance screening because of their inability to ionize carbonyl groups in organic molecules.

At Kingsborough Community College he was able to graduate on the Dean's list. Furthermore, he plans to go to Stony Brook to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. Masum would like to take his original project and subject matter to real world medical testing centers.



## EMILY MORRISSEY

**Major:** Earth and Planetary Sciences

CUNY Research Scholar, Meteorite Classification

**Future Academic Plans:** CUNY Brooklyn College (Fall 2020) pursuing a degree in Environmental Science

**Thoughts on CUNY Research Scholars Program:** CRSP was an invaluable experience, that not only taught me how to effectively work with a team but how to network in a professional manner. It feels like I was given a crash course on how to navigate the professional world. I would recommend this program to everyone.



## **NATALIE MOSSERI**

**Major: Speech Pathology**

I am transferring to Brooklyn College in the Fall where I will be majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders. I plan to use my major to work in the special education field and specialize in swallowing therapy. Beside from CRSP I am a part of KCORE, another research program here at Kingsborough. The CRSP program and my mentor Professor Spinu have given me a great set of tools that I will take with me after I graduate. I have enjoyed diving into my research project, and I hope to continue researching and learning about more areas in my field after I graduate from Kingsborough.





## JOSE OLIVERA

Major: Engineering Science

I graduated from Kingsborough Community College with my associate's degree in January 2020. I am in the process to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Engineering. During my time at KCC, I was able to join two honor organizations, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society and was an active member of the Honors club. My outstanding GPA earned me a place on the Dean's List for the 2018 Fall Term and 2019 Spring Term and got select as part of the Cohort 13 by the Kaplan Educational Foundation. Additionally, I had the opportunity to be part of the CRSP program which has been of a great academic experience. I had the chance to meet with many other students with brilliant ideas and build a network with professors and advisors. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to work side by side with a professor who guided and helped me to have a better approach when conducting a research project, and who also listened and advised me on my future goals. I would highly encourage many other STEM students to take advantage of this opportunity during college.

### KCC Achievements:

- KCC Dean's List 2018 Fall Term, KCC Dean's List 2019 Spring Term.
- Kaplan Leadership Award, Kaplan Educational Foundation, Cohort 13. 07/08/2019 - Present
- Member Xi Kappa Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. 05/07/2019 - Present
- Member Delta Pi Chapter, Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society. 02/12/2019 - Present
- KCC Honors program member 2018 - Present

**Colleges/Universities I got accepted:** University of Michigan, Clarkson University, Syracuse University, Case Western Reserve University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Trinity University.

**Future College/University:** Undecided

**Future major:** Computer Engineering.

**Benefits of CRSP:** Some of the benefits I got from being part of the CRSP program are the research experience, the chance to build a network, the opportunity to have a mentor that advised throughout the research process, and on my future goals. Additionally, being able to meet many other individuals with brilliant ideas. Lastly, the money as a great support to my current financial situation.



## Elena Oprea

**Major:** Biology

### KCC Achievements:

- 4.0 GPA
- Presidential Scholar
- Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society
- Member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, Sigma Alpha Pi
- Dean's List Fall - 2018, winter 2019, Spring 2019, Summer 2019
- Winner of The Professor James C. Goetz Scholarship, Photo essay Competition
- Winner of the Guttman Scholarship 2020
- Part of CUNY Research Scholars Program
- Recipient of Ada Comstock Scholarship Smith College (accepted)
- Recipient of Francis Perkins Scholarship Mount Holyoke College (declined)

**Applied and Accepted to:** Brooklyn College, Hunter College, Mount Holyoke College and Smith College.

**Transfer College:** Smith College (Northampton, Massachusetts. An incredibly prestigious, diverse, academically rigorous, socially liberal, and well-respected institution)

**Future Major:** Biology

**Anticipated Career:** Medical Doctor, Anesthesiologist

**Benefits of CRSP:** There's no better way to learn science than by doing science, CRSP is a great opportunity to obtain a deeper experience and develop hands-on lab skills. Research also require a project presentation, so this help a lot to develop writing and public speaking skills, that will be very helpful for any future career.



## **JONATHAN PINKHASOV**

**Major:** Biotechnology

Jonathan Allen Pinkhasov, a Kingsborough Community College student majoring in Biotechnology. During his first week of General Biology I, he was accepted as a research assistant in Dr. Sarwar Jahangir's fish lab to further enhance his skillset and interests. In 2012 he was the former President of KCC Debate Club. Later that year he became the Founder and President of KCC Biotech Club. He was among the first group of students to enroll at the start of the CRSP program at KCC. Following that success, his research team received the 2015 KCC Presidents Faculty Innovation Award Grant in the amount of \$5000. Fall 2019, he applied once again to the CRSP program where he was awarded research courses, a \$5000 scholarship, and the chance to work with Dr. Marie McGovern's nematode lab as a research student. He actively attends conventions and seminars such as Interphex and ISPE NJ Chapter to learn about the latest in Biotech and Pharmaceutical developments. He continued to participate in several well-known poster competitions at J&J HQ, BMS HQ, Rutgers

University, NYBIO, CUNY Brooklyn College Science Day, and Hofstra University Marine Biology Consortium, CUNY Queens College Honors Symposium, CUNY Kingsborough Community College Honors Symposium, KCC Ecofest, CUNY Research Scholars Program (CRSP), CUNY John Jay College, MACUB, ABCRMS, IMCC, and the 4th International Marine Conservation Congress held in St. Johns NFL, Canada in June 2015. He has been invited to present his work in China at the 2020 9th World Congress of Aquaculture and Fisheries. He was interviewed by CUNY TV and placed in a segment Earth Day Urban U series that aired on April 2, 2020 highlighting his groundbreaking research. Jonathan seeks to enroll in the Clinical Lab Science program at St. Joseph's college to become a certified Medical Technologist. He anticipates using this opportunity to delve deeper into R&D science and seeks a future career with the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases as a Research Scientist. The CRSP program has opened some of the best doors to opportunity to delve into deep research science. Thanks to that experience, he finds himself on equal footing with Masters and Ph.D. students. The program provides students with prestige, and with each consecutive year continued to improve where now the research we undertake is counted as a graded course, supplies for research and a generous stipend. Thanks to CRSP my resume is now very competitive and unique.



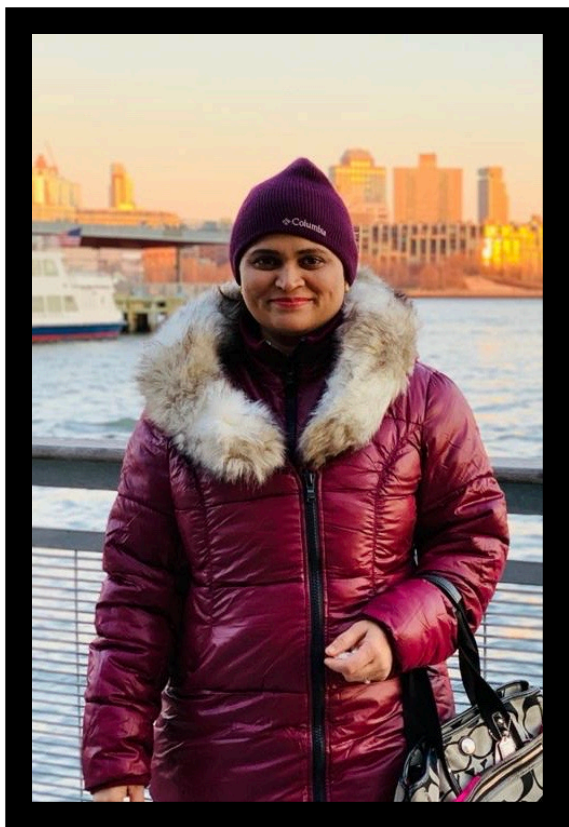


## **DESTINY RAMIREZ**

**Major:** Biology

After graduating Kingsborough Community College with my Associate of Science in Biology, I will be attending City College of New York with the objective of achieving my Bachelor of Science in Biology. While attending Kingsborough, I have made the Dean's list and became a member of the Honors program. Participating in CRSP, CUNY Research Scholars Program, has allowed me to gain confidence, knowledge, and great connections amongst peers and mentors in the science field, something that I will carry with me as I continue to pursue my academic career. My experience with CRSP has led to an acceptance of the Exploring Health Careers internship at SUNY Downstate. After gaining my B.S. in Biology from City College, I plan on pursuing Medical School with the intent of becoming a Gynecologist. If there is one thing that I learned from being a full-time student, Mother and Wife, is that nothing in life comes easy. Overcoming adversity is essential in reaching the pinnacle of one's life.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." - Francis of Assisi



## **GUL RUKH**

**Major:** Allied Health Science

As a Kingsborough Community College student, I am doing my research work with Professors David Michaelson and Marie McGovern since 2018. While assisting in research lab I learned hands on experience, how effectively analyze data and critique the work of others. During my freshman year I got an opportunity to write research paper honor contract. I have a plan to do my master's in public health and work and research for rural communities. My long-term goal is to make health information easy to understand people can take greater control over their wellbeing especially after COVID -19 pandemic. The CSRP program is a platform to enhance my skills, prove a theory and contribute to developing knowledge and for facilitating learning. I am thankful for CRSP program that provide me not only an opportunity to work on research but also generous stipend.



## **ISRA SAQIB**

### **Major: Nursing**

After coming to USA five years ago, Isra started her academic career all over again. After completing her Associate degree from Kingsborough Community College, she plans to go to SUNY Downstate to pursue a Bachelor's degree with the intent on becoming an Anesthetist. In Spring 2019, Ms. Saqib volunteered with Junior Achievement. In Fall 2019, she started her research with David Michaelson on Nematodes. In Spring 2020, Isra was awarded with Ambrose Monell grant for extraordinary performance in clinical. In her free times she sketches and captures what inspires her. Her long-term goal is to spread the awareness of education among girls who have no resources and give a voice to women against any kind of discrimination and injustice. With the help of CRSP she got the opportunity to meet amazing mentors and fellow researchers with their new ideas for the betterment of future Science and technology.



## **SHATEMA SMALL**

### **Major: Biology**

Ms. Small is currently a sophomore at Kingsborough Community College. She plans to pursue her Bachelor's degree at Medgar Evers College. With her love of cooking and reading, her goal is to become a physician with a strong background in research.





## **ANGELIKA SOBOLEWSKA**

### **Major: Mental Health & Human Services**

Early this semester I was accepted into Hunter College, City College, Baruch College, and The College of Staten Island. Although I decided that I would love to pursue my education at Hunter College where I want to get the Bachelor's in Arts in Psychology. After graduating from Hunter College, my goal is to pursue my interests in psychiatry and go to a medical school to earn my medical degree in that field. My plan is to work as a Psychiatrist where I would be able to help others. The biggest and I think the most important benefit that CRSP Program gave me was that I am capable of working in a science field I would have never considered and work closely with others. With

that, I am certain that I would have some experience that I would be able to use in my future internships, fellowships, and other opportunities that my career and major would provide. So, thank you all for that wonderful opportunity to be a part of this encouraging and challenging program.



## **HOLTA STOJKU**

### **Major: Business Administration**

**Holta** is an Honors Presidential Scholar and Student Aide, Vice President of Service for Phi Theta Kappa Xi Kappa Chapter and participates in the CUNY Research Scholars Program. She is completing her Associate's Degree in Business Administration and is looking forward to continuing her studies in Financial Economics at the School of General Studies at Columbia University, where she was recently admitted. As a business major, she is passionate to engage in classroom discussions that involve various financial policies and their effect on the society. The CRSP was a unique experience, a platform that provided and supported critical thinking, argumentation and scientific skills.



## **MARIANA VASILITA**

**Major:** Speech & Language Pathology

**Transfer College:** CUNY Brooklyn College (Fall 2020)

### **KBCC Achievements:**

- President Speech Club
- CUNY Research Scholars Program at KBCC
- Research Assistant at K-CORE Program (a collaborative research program under mentorship Dr. Laura Spinu)
- Member Xi Kappa Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society

### **Conference Attendance:**

- 178th Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America- **San Diego, California December 2-6, 2019**
- NWLC 2020 Northwest Linguistics Conference April 25, 2020-April 26, 2020- Online

### **Future Conferences:**

- The 5th biennial meeting of the CUNY Language, Society and Culture - May 2021 Kingsborough Community College
- 12<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Speech Production (ISSP 2020) -Providence, Rhode Island December 14-17, 2020

CUNY Research Scholars Program opened new doors in the research world. It taught me valuable skills: written and oral communication, professionalism, time management, and learning how to use online research tools. I learned how to analyze data and how to write a scientific paper. I would recommend this program to everyone.

NWLC 2020 Presentation can be viewed here: [https://osf.io/wgjc3/?view\\_only=68a56dc34c8846738e9914d6d2c9a2f3](https://osf.io/wgjc3/?view_only=68a56dc34c8846738e9914d6d2c9a2f3)



## JONNATHAN ZUNA LARGO

Major: Liberal Arts

**KCC Accolades, Scholarships, Clubs:** Phi Theta Kappa President for Fall 2019, Student Ambassador in Student life. Senator in Student Government. Funding (\$800) from the Geological Society of American (GSA) for my research and the opportunity to present my research in the GSA Northeastern Section Meeting 2020.

**Future College:** Undecided

**Colleges Accepted:** Columbia University, Binghamton University, Brooklyn College, Hunter College.

**Future Major:** Neuroscience

**Benefits of CRSP:** The CRSP program gave me the opportunity of having first-hand research experience. Thanks to my mentor, I gained a better understanding of published works which made it easier to understand the rationale of others' research. Through one-on-one mentorship, I developed my own hypothesis while also increasing my understanding of designing research and conceptualizing ideas learned in class. Additionally, the CRSP program provides guidance and resources to create

posters, PowerPoint presentations, public speaking skills, and networking skills. This is one of the best opportunities offered at KCC that will help you develop in your academic and professional life.



