

Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center Jackson State University

2016 SCHOLARS



Hannah Scott is a researcher at heart and has been for the past two years at Jackson State University where she began her journey in the Louis Stokes Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation Research Program. She graduated from Jackson State University, with a bachelor's degree in biology concentrated in pre-medicine in the spring of 2016. After graduation she plans to broaden her horizons by continuing her studies on health issues associated with African Americans in Cape Town, Africa for two weeks. She is currently pursuing a Master's of Science in Biology. Excitingly, she awaits her next move on becoming a scientist as a scholar in the profound Daniel Hale William Scholars Program with the Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center. She longs to attend Medical School at University of Mississippi Medical Center in the near future.



Michael Ramsey is a Clinical Psychology student in the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Jackson State University where he has attended since 2015. Michael completed his undergraduate studies at North Carolina A&T State University and worked on his Master's Degree at Virginia State University. His research interests are centered on understanding social determinants of obesity in underserved populations. An area of development for his research is to examine psychosocial determinants of health using big data strategies. He has collaborated with researchers in other disciplines, particularly computational and data-enabled science and engineering on examining social determinants of health using big data. Michael enjoys playing golf, watching Duke basketball, weight-lifting, reading, and hiking with his golden retriever, Duke.



Bianca Pointer is a Clinical Psychology doctoral student. She is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a minor in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies from Southern University A&M College. She then received her Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Alabama A&M University. Her research interests focuses on child behavior, family relationships, and health.



Anupria D. Davenport is a native of Greenville, MS and the daughter of Lucinda Arrington and Andrew Davenport. She graduated summa cum laude from Rust College in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. After graduation, Anupria decided to further her education by going back to school to obtain a Master of Public Health at Jackson State University with a concentration in Epidemiology/Biostatistics. Her interest in public health is driven by finding what causes diseases and how to prevent them from occurring or infecting others, so that individuals can enjoy their health and

promote health effectiveness ways. She has previously conducted research on micro and nano particles disposition inside the human lung with Mississippi INBRE and dictyostelium with NASA. Her hobbies include reading, shopping and spending time with friends and family. Anupria's most cherished scripture is Galatians 1:15 (NLV), "But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him."



Jasmine R. Taylor is a graduate student at the School of Public Health at Jackson State University pursuing a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology. She received her BA in Political Science and Speech Communication from Mississippi Valley State University. Prior to joining JSU's public health program, she completed a 16 week Community Research Fellows Training (Cohort I) with the Mississippi State Department of Health Office of Health Disparity Elimination. This experience increased her interest

in public health. Jasmine began her new journey in the public health sector as the Data Entry Clerk at the MSDH Office of Health Disparity Elimination (OHDE). She had previous experience as a Peer Educator in an undergraduate school program called Peers Against Spreading the Epidemic, which allowed her to be able to give back to her current job. While at the OHDE, she worked on special projects such as coordinating the launch of the Preconception Peer Educator Programs on college campuses in the Mississippi Delta, Mississippi's Sisters United program, and the Community Research Fellows Training Cohort II which she likes to express as a remarkable experience. Jasmine takes pride in inspiring others with the knowledge that she has gained from the phenomenal people that have had an impact on her life.



Taryn Ellis is from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She will begin pursuing a Medical Degree at the University of Mississippi's School of Medicine in August. She is an avid traveler and an enthusiastic Saints and Tar Heel fan.