



BETA SOLE
FOUNDATION
EMERGENT SCHOLAR
RECIPIENTS 2020

Amaya Cornelius

Beta Sole Emergent Scholar 2020

School:

Central Michigan University

Major:

Biochemistry with a minor in business (on a Pre Dental track)

2020 in her words:

Amaya said college is fun so far, and she loves the feel of being on campus and the freedom that comes with it, although with COVID it isn't what she thought her first semester of college would be like, missing out on football games, tailgates, full classrooms and so many other things you look forward to going into your freshman year of college at a University. But, despite everything she enjoyed her first semester and loved how it turned out!



Marijane Morse

Beta Sole Emergent Scholar 2020

School:

Grand Valley State University

Major:

Allied Health Sciences with a minor in Chemistry, with hopes of going to Business or PA school to start a medically oriented non-profit focusing on elderly care.

2020 in her words:

Marijane said that college has had its ups and downs but she truly enjoys GVSU. COVID made an impact on her classes and made those and her labs more challenging because she thrives more learning face to face. But she's managed to stay healthy and close to campus.





Emmah Coker

Beta Sole Emergent Scholar 2020

School:

Michigan State University, James Madison College.

Major:

Undecided as of now but planning to peruse International Relations.

2020 in her words:

Emmah feels that college is a change from high school and being online trying to deal with the adjustment was difficult but she's excited about continuing college and deciding the path of her future. But, given the current circumstances with COVID, this isn't exactly how she imagined her first year to go, however she is optimistic for her next year to be able to live on campus and get the full college experience. This year Emmah lived at home which gave her the opportunity to save money and relieved a lot of stress off her shoulders.



Yadira Aleman

School:

Michigan State University

Major:

Psychology with a minor in Law

2020 in her words:

Yadira says one of the biggest challenges she had this year was with the economy and mental health, due to the impacts of COVID. She was no longer receiving unemployment and that didn't help with the added stress and pressure of professors trying to learn how to teach on an online environment along with her adjusting to the online coursework. Another thing she faced challenges with was being a minority student, she believes that 2020 was the year minorities experienced the biggest challenges, with the election and political parties going against each other. She mentioned racism being a problem, and how being stuck in quarantine she spent a bit of time on social media and watching the negativity unfold, and with her being a minority, it affected her much more because she felt that the nation was being divided.