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**CERTIFICATION OF MCNAIR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
AND REQUEST FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION FEE WAIVER**

McNair Scholar Name: Joseph Garza

Undergraduate Major: Marine Biology

Institution: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi


McNair Program Dates: October 2023 – Present
College/University where student participated in McNair Program

Research Topic(s): DNA Profiling of Preserved Coral Skeletons: A Novel
Approach to Biodiversity Assessment

Faculty Mentor(s)/Department(s): Dr. Chris Bird/Department of Life Sciences

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