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Dear Friends,

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2024 National McNair Conference at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

This federal TRIO program, inspired by the work of the late Dr. Ronald E. McNair, provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to prepare themselves for doctoral studies through rigorous training and involvement in research and other scholarly activities. The program was created with a goal of motivating and supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds through an academic pipeline from primary to higher education. The McNair Research Scholars program would not be possible without the dedication and leadership of student scholars as they participate in this rigorous research program.

This conference provides the opportunity for students to experience a professional research event and bolster their research before an interdisciplinary community. The McNair program remains a true asset to the 36<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California as well as to our nation.

Congratulations to all those participating and my best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted W. Lieu".

Ted W. Lieu  
Member of Congress