Hello EXITO Community,

At this exciting time of the year, we want to take a moment to celebrate some big Scholar successes from the past several months. Below are some (but not all!) of the most recent graduate school acceptances and admission decisions from our EXITO alumni. Please join us in celebrating the hard work and success of these Scholars and feel our collective excitement for their next steps!

We recognize there are many additional successes of our Scholars and can’t wait to let the accolades continue in the coming weeks and months.

Until then, Carole, Megan, Kara, Teala, Kayla, Henry, and Elizabeth....the EXITO community congratulates you and cheers you on as you take this big step!

**CONGRATS TO**

**KAYLA TOWNSLEY**
who gained admission to The University of Illinois at Chicago, Vanderbilt University, OHSU, and is attending the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai PhD program in Neuroscience!

**CONGRATS TO**

**CAROLE SALMO**
who gained admission to the schools of dentistry at OHSU, the University of Washington and Roseman University!

**CONGRATS TO**

**HENRY WU**
who gained admission to Washington State University, Texas A&M, and is attending the Chemistry PhD program at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor!

**CONGRATS TO**

**ELIZABETH PEREZ**
who is attending the Harvard PhD Program in Biological and Biomedical Sciences!
Most of us involved with EXITO are awaiting a response from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) about the future of BUILD EXITO. Below, a note from Carlos.

I wanted to give you a brief update on where the proposal is and our plans for next year (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020). We submitted our renewal proposal to NIH this past summer for the continuation of EXITO. The grant (EXITO 2.0) was reviewed and scored in the fall of 2018 and reviewed by the Advisory Council of the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences. Since all of the BUILD grants are funded out of the NIH Director's fund we are currently awaiting the final approval from the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

Our expected date for final approval is July 1, 2019 but this can sometimes take longer. We
have begun the process to use funds we have not used yet to continue supporting EXITO activities during the year of 2019-2020. This means that we do not foresee any major changes to the EXITO Scholar-related activities for the year 2019-2020 and Scholars should continue to remain engaged with all EXITO program activities as originally planned during the summer and the next academic year.

If you have any questions, please send us an email at exito@pdx.edu.

Sincerely,
Carlos Crespo, PhD