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### McAuley Senior Spends Summer in the Lab

Mother McAuley High School senior Jennipher Miller (Chgo., Gresham) recently attended her third year in the Research Apprentice Program (RAP) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. RAP is a seven-week experience of working in the laboratories and classrooms affiliated with the College of Agriculture, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences (ACES). During her seven-week experience, Jennipher chose to major in food science and human nutrition with a strong background in microbiology. Her project was entitled "The Cloning of A Possible Gene with Delta-6-Desaturase Activity," and at the end of the program she had to submit a paper and poster about her project which was judged by professors at the University of Illinois and at other universities. Also she had to make a presentation, which was judged by graduate students and professors. Jennipher received three awards after her seven, intensive

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weeks, which included outstanding project presentation, and a distinguished scholarship award. At the end of the program Jennipher was 1 of 4 people to be selected for the first advisory committee of the Research Apprentice/Young Scholars Program, a committee that meets at the University of Illinois twice a year to discuss ways to continue the growth of the program. Jennipher plans to attend the Young Scholars Program, a program offered to students entering the College of ACES the summer prior to their freshman year, and shows an interest in getting a head start for college. After graduation Jennipher plans to attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the fall of 2007, studying food science and human nutrition and eventually becoming a pediatrician.

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Photo attached



McAuley senior, Jennipher Miller