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**Your gifts support academic excellence.** SOU fosters my growth as a student and scientist. I am able to complete relevant research projects, connect with the community, and develop strong academic relationships that will benefit my future. It is important to me to excel academically and take full advantage of this experience. Your support has made my academic journey possible. Thank you.

**Please consider helping another student by making a gift today.**

Sincerely,



Adriana Alexander



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### Pursuing a Dream

Adriana Alexander will be the first in her family to graduate from college. She is completing a Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology with a minor in Chemistry. She plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in cellular and molecular biology, and eventually a MD in obstetrics and gynecology.

### Excellent Student

While maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Adriana, a full-time student and mother, is also a McNair Scholar, has interned at the Bowerman Lab at the University of Oregon, won an award for her research presented at the Annual Biomedical Conference for Minority Students, founded the SOU National Society of Collegiate Scholars chapter, and is currently completing her capstone at the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Genetics.

### Inspired to Give Back

As a Diversity Scholar and recipient of several scholarships, including one from the National Institute of Health Medical Research, Adriana feels it is important to serve the community. She regularly volunteers at the Ashland Community Hospital, the YMCA, and Uncle Foods Diner, and is an assistant water polo coach.

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