Outstanding Master’s Student Award
Julia Leclair

Julia Leclair is a master’s student in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology and is the 2020 Outstanding Master’s Student Award Winner.

Described by her faculty nominator, Dr. Jennifer Gerlach, “Julia excels academically; enjoys learning for the sake of learning; and exudes warmth, compassion, and dedication to others – all important qualities in a future counselor.” She is considered a leader in the classroom and amongst her peers in the department. She organizes study groups outside of class, contributes thoughtful and supportive feedback to her peers in class, and lifts up those around her with her positive disposition. She is currently completing her second internship and will graduate in December with her degree in clinical mental health counseling.

Julia serves in multiple formal and informal leadership positions on campus. She is currently an officer in the Chi Sigma Iota counseling honor society, where she is actively involved in planning, organizing, and coordinating various events at TAMU-CC.

Julia also was a graduate assistant with the Suicide Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) grant in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. As part of her work, Julia assisted the Mary and Jeff Bell Library coordinate the “Inspire an Islander” campaign, a public art project that helps end stigma and raise awareness for suicide prevention.

Julia is actively involved in her community and dedicates much of her time to serving others. Of emphasis is her dedication to veterans in our community. She was recently named the Vice Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3904 in Rockport, Texas. As a retired military veteran and as an officer in the Student Veterans Organization (SVO), she strives to raise the profile of veterans and veterans’ issues both on campus and in the community. She is dedicated to service in both the university and the broader community.

Julia LeClair was nominated by Dr. Jennifer Gerlach, Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology.