

13th Annual EXPO 2026



ALUMNA SPEAKER Christina Segura

Licensed Professional Counselor Associate
Founder of Segura Therapy and Wellness, PLLC.
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar

Live Oak Ballroom, Setzer Student Center
May 1 - from 5:00 to 5:15 P.M.

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Christina Segura is a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate and founder of Segura Therapy and Wellness, PLLC. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Corporate Communication from Lamar University and her Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Houston. As a McNair Scholar at Lamar University under the mentorship of Mr. Andre Favors, she developed a strong foundation in research and an ongoing passion for scholarly inquiry that continues to shape her work today. She has contributed to several research projects and publications and currently works in the Division of Geriatric & Palliative Medicine at UTHealth Houston as part of the BEST-LIFE Lab, contributing to projects focused on mental health outcomes in older adults. She is currently co-leading a qualitative study on older adults' experiences with problem-solving therapy and continues to apply the research skills she developed as a McNair Scholar.



ALUMNA SPEAKER Heena Karani

Chemical Engineering Student
Texas A & M University - College Station
Texas Academy Alumna

Live Oak Ballroom, Setzer Student Center
April 30 - from 7:00 to 7:15 P.M.



SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Heena Karani is a 3rd year chemical engineering student at Texas A&M University. She attended the Texas Academy at Lamar University for her junior and senior year of high school. There she was a part of the OUR program, and was awarded a grant to work on physical chemistry research under the guidance of Dr. Sylvestre Twagirayezu. During her 15 months in Dr. T's lab, Heena presented several times at different conferences both within Lamar and externally. At the 2023 OUR conference, her presentation was awarded 3rd place. Her research through Dr. T has recently contributed to the publication: Perfluorooctanoic acid monohydrate (PFOA-H₂O) studied by molecular rotational resonance (MRR) spectroscopy. In her time at Texas A&M, Heena has found a strong passion for volunteering within the Bryan-College Station community, and she regularly visits elementary schools with AIChE to encourage students to consider a career in STEM.