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Research Project:
Runaway Slave Communities & Societal Formation on Hispaniola, 1520-1550

“RISE at Rutgers provided me with the unique opportunity to explore my research passions and paths for the future.”

Bresasha Duquaine
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Major: Psychology
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Research Project:
The Campus Climate Sexual Assault Survey and Sexual Minority Student Victimization

“The research challenged me, and helped me keep an open mind as to what I want to do in the future.”

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