Aaron says he joined the McNair Scholars program in hopes of getting a better understanding of himself and to further understand his place as an individual in the world society. He believes doing research and developing relationships with the staff and a cohort of young professionals has helped him figure out the steps needed toward success in graduate school.

His favorite part of the SRI was getting together with his cohort and working on research together. He enjoyed that everyone was able to help one another despite being from different academic backgrounds. Aaron says gaining this strong support system made the overall experience more enjoyable than he anticipated.

Aaron’s plans after graduation include getting his master's in Art Education at a school that emphasizes teaching in schools, museums, and within the community. He eventually wants to get a doctorate degree in either Urban Education or Art Education. He has always felt forced to choose between education and art, but he plans to become a leading artist and educator in both respective fields.

An interesting fact about Aaron is his desire to become fluent in at least 6 languages. He knows English and Spanish and is currently learning Japanese. He eventually wants to pursue Korean, Hmong, and Sign Language. We wish Aaron the best in all of his future endeavors!