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Quick Facts

- Prioleau, who is one of 10 fellows in the United States chosen for the program, will work with Winthrop biology faculty member Heather J. Evans-Anderson. CHOOSE Development! will begin this summer and will continue each summer through 2015.
- A biology major, Prioleau will conduct independent research as a full-time research fellow in Evans-Anderson's laboratory and will be able to present her findings at the society's annual meetings in 2014 and 2015.



Brittany Prioleau, left, and Heather Evans-Anderson

ROCK HILL, S.C. – The [Society for Developmental Biology](#) recently selected **Winthrop junior Brittany Prioleau** to participate in a mentor-student team as part of a new National Science Foundation-funded program called **CHOOSE Development!**

Prioleau, who is one of 10 fellows in the United States chosen for the program, will work with [Winthrop biology faculty member Heather J. Evans-Anderson](#). CHOOSE Development! will begin this summer and will continue each summer through 2015.

A biology major, Prioleau will conduct independent research as a full-time research fellow in Evans-Anderson's laboratory and will be able to present her findings at the society's annual meetings in 2014 and 2015. Evans-Anderson's research interests focus on **heart development** and **cardiac regeneration**.

The goal is to expose students from under-represented minority populations to developmental biology research through mentoring and independent projects. Prioleau's experience will culminate in her application to a graduate program in developmental biology or a related discipline. She wants to become a pediatrician or to earn her Ph.D. in order to conduct research.

The program will kick off April 18-19 with a **Mentors' Workshop** at the [Marine Biological Laboratory](#) in Woods Hole, Mass.

Prioleau graduated from **Timberland High School** in St. Stephen, S.C. The daughter of Bernard and Kathy Prioleau, she is a Winthrop [McNair Scholar](#), which initially led her into research. The program is similar to CHOOSE Development! in encouraging underserved populations but it is open to all majors.

[Cheryl Fortner-Wood](#), director of the McNair program and an associate professor of psychology, says she is proud to see Prioleau's excellence recognized with this prestigious honor and opportunity. "The support of mentors such as Dr. Evans-Anderson plays a critical role in the educational achievements of McNair Scholars," Fortner-Wood added.

Evans-Anderson is an assistant professor in the [Department of Biology](#). She received her Ph.D. in biomedical science from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and completed a post-

doctoral fellowship at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Research Center prior to joining the faculty at Winthrop in January 2008.

She serves as a research mentor for undergraduate and graduate students.

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