



Laura Blanco

Laura Blanco Receives NIST SURF Award

TAMPA, Fla (March 25, 2013) – Laura Byrnes-Blanco, a junior in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, was awarded a prestigious summer undergraduate research fellowship from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) at Gaithersburg, MD. She will participate in a 10-week internship within NIST’s Materials Measurement Science Division.

The program received nearly 600 student applications this year from 136 schools– a record! Every application undergoes three independent reviews and is ranked by NIST research groups (based on students’ 1st choice), and then students are matched with research projects/mentors for possible internship positions. Blanco was recommended for the NIST SURF program by Mechanical Engineering faculty Nathan Gallant, Rasim Guldiken, and Autar Kaw.

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