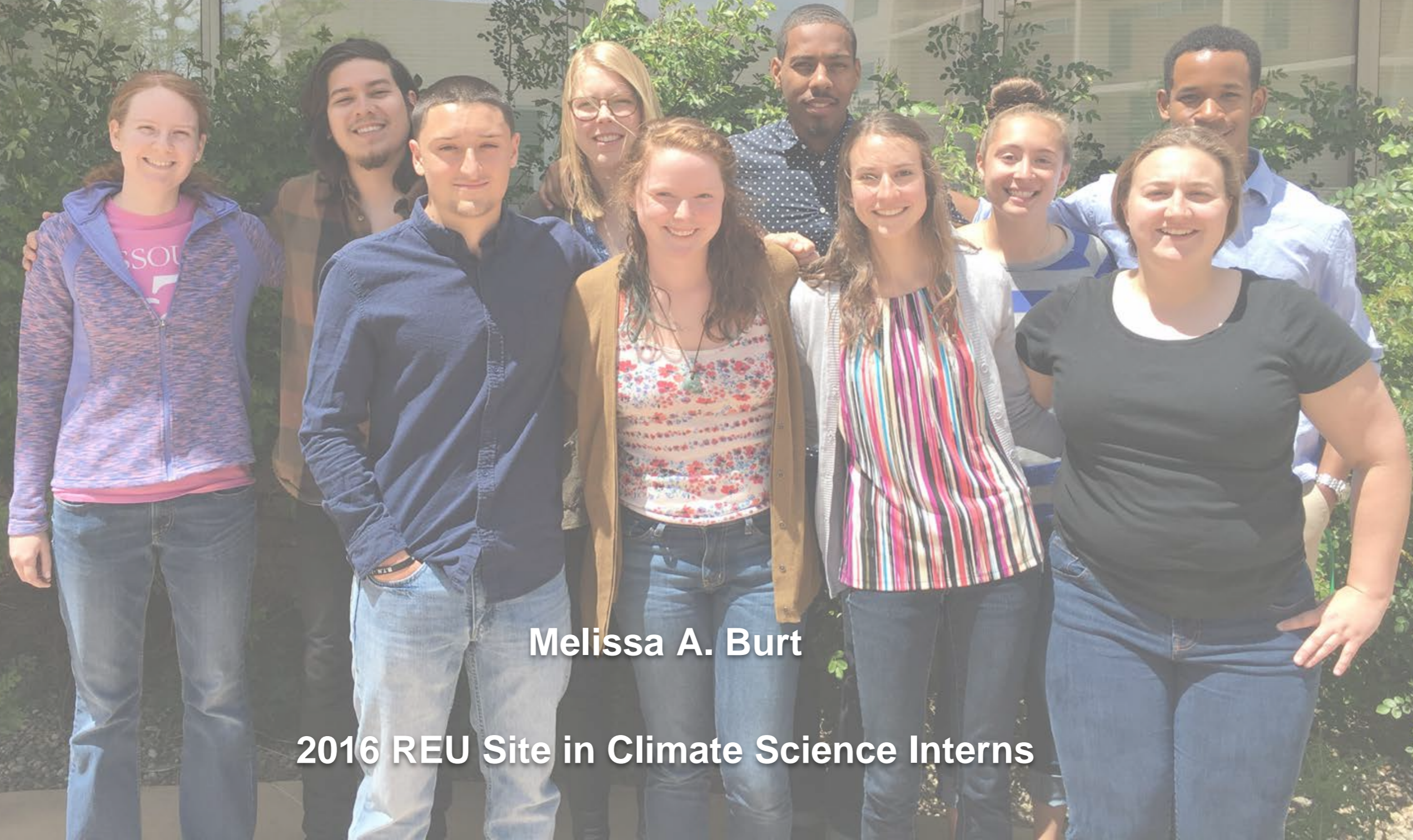


# Challenges REU Students Face (and how we can help!)



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**CHALLENGES  
AHEAD**

## Research Challenges

- **Adjusting to a new environment (town, institution, culture, etc.).**
- **Developing the appropriate time management skills to work in a flexible work environment.**
- **Acknowledging that the research process can be frustrating.**
- **Not meeting expectations of mentors.**

## Personal Challenges

- **Overwhelmed**
- **Family stress**

How can we support our REU students...

Role Models

Strong support network

Collaboration

Sense of belonging

Open conversation

Respectful communities

Trust

Be Aware

***“Challenges are not the issue.  
It’s how we respond to them that matters.”***

***Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner***