Sarira Motaref was the recipient of the 2010 James D. Cooper Student Award presented by the International Bridge Conference sponsored by the Engineer’s Society of Western Pennsylvania and the American Road and Transportation Builders Association.

She presented her paper titled: “Seismic Performance of Precast Bridge Columns with Energy Dissipating Joints” at the conference on June 8, 2010 in Pittsburgh. As part of the award, Sarira received $1000 in addition to travel expenses to the conference. Sarira is the third UNR student receiving this award. The other students were Dr. Ihab Darwish (1996) and Dr. Claudia Pulido (2000). Let us all congratulate Sarira!