Mikela R. Pryor is the 2019 recipient of the Pharos of Alexandria Scholars of Global Learning award for her kindness, honesty, dedication, and focus on her future career.

Pryor is a student and research assistant in biological systems engineering with a concentration in natural resource conservation at Florida A&M University (FAMU), in Tallahassee. Her research focuses on analyzing water quality trends and determining bioremediation potential at the watershed scale, particularly for the Savannah River Basin and the Ochlockonee River Basin, using the Driver-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) framework. Mikela will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in biological systems engineering with a concentration in natural resources conservation from FAMU in 2019 and plans to pursue a career in research and academia.

At FAMU, Mikela has been a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, social awareness chair of FAMU Green Coalition, secretary of the FAMU Alpha Epsilon chapter, and the president of the FAMU ASABE student chapter. As president of the FAMU ASABE chapter, she developed a professional development series, food drives, and garden volunteering events. She helped win funding from the FAMU Student Government Association to fund the chapter's travel to the 2018 ASABE Southeastern Student Rally. She received recognition for her achievements and activities in the ASABE Resource Magazine in 2018.

Pryor won a poster design competition for sustainability in plastic waste at FAMU. Pryor is a FAMU 2018-2019 sustainability fellow and she also is working with the FAMU Sustainability Institute to use reusable takeout containers at one of the FAMU food courts. She has received several scholarships including the FAMU Distinguished Scholars Award, the USDA 1890 National Scholarship, and the Ernestine B. Bowles Endowed Scholarship.

Pryor is a highly effective technical engineer, working to develop global urban water quality solutions. She has given an invited presentation, via a travel scholarship, at the Annual National Technical Association (NTA) Meeting in Hampton, Virginia on bioremediation potential in the Savannah River Basin.